

Ayla Rubenstein (right) assists Kaycie Ebert with a paper at the UND Writing Center in Merrifield Hall.

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You pay \$612.24 in fees each semester – where does it go?

Andrès Marquis Washington

Dakota Student

liberal university? question posed randomly more to than 300 UND students. For some, the answer is obvious. But for most UND students, the look of puzzlement on their face revealed their confusion. What was even more puzzling was their answer to the followup question: "Every semester you pay tuition and fees. Where do you think your student fees go?"

Total mind-boggler. It was made clear that most UND students have no idea where their student fees go. If a student wants to know where their money goes, they could ask someone like Cindy Fetsch, Budget Manager of UND.

"Student fees support costs that are associated with services, activities, facilities and infrastructure that support students outside the classroom," Fetsch said. But let's get a bit more specific with the allocation of student fees.

Let's say, combined, roughly 1 percent of all student fees goes to the Writing Center, Women's Center and Multicultural Student Services. If you do not know whether that is a sufficient amount, no-

tice the new and limited hours of operation for the Writing Center and then try to locate the Women's Center and its staff.

"Groups that do not continue to innovate or use fees more efficiently may see a reduction to their fees, while groups that perform well and show need for increased funding received more

student fees," Cole Bachmeier, gym at your own expense." UND Student Body President said. Apparently, the Is UND a research in- Center and Women's Center were not performing well. UND's newest restaurant located UND is an institution of higher learning where the best and brightest come to be educated and properly equipped with the

> Therefore, it may seem questionable that UND's Student Success Center and Career Services are allocated about 6 percent of student fees. Maybe the Student Success

tools for success in the real world.

Center and Career Services have not been innovative enough. For some students, the trials and tribulations of college life can be dazzling, daunting, exotic, erotic, calm or crazy. But that is okay because the UND's Counseling Center (UCC) has been consistent with their annual allocation of around 11 percent of student fees.

"I can say that our services continue to increase here at the UCC as it has been nationally as well," Dr. Ken Carlson, UND Counseling Center Director said.

Many students are aware of the notorious "freshman 15" curse. It is the amount of pounds put on during a student's first year in college.

Considering that something like 13 percent of student fees is given to the UND's nationally ranked Wellness Center, no UND student should ever be confronted with freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or super senior 5, 10 or 15.

All enrolled UND students are automatically eligible for what most students think is free gym

membership. It is not free; student fees cover that gym membership. The Wellness Center is bequite literal when they

post cautionary signs: "Use the

After leaving a "free" aerobics

Writing class at the Wellness Center, famished students may head over to in Memorial Union, Little Bangkok.

> are likely to encounter some perfect post-gym food: free pizza or Chic-fil-la brought to campus by Student Involvement and disseminated in the Loading Dock.

In the Memorial Union, students

While chillaxing, chit-chatting or reading the Dakota Student in the Memorial Union, students may catch themselves in the midst of a Student Body President or

Vice-President debate session. Inclusively, that's Memo-Union, Student Involvement, Student Government and

about 15 percent of student fees. And there is another 25 percent of student fees allocated to other student amenities.

about 70 percent of student fees. Students may be curious to know what is the money-maker, or rather money-taker of UND student fees.

Added up so far, that equals

The \$3.5-million-dollar swer to such inquiry is UND Athletics, which receives most 30 percent of student fees.

"The allocation to Athletics may seem like a large dollar amount, however it is a very small percent of Athletics overall budget. Students do not have to pay to go to athletic events or if they do the ticket price is reduced from face value," Fetsch said. If you are a UND student and

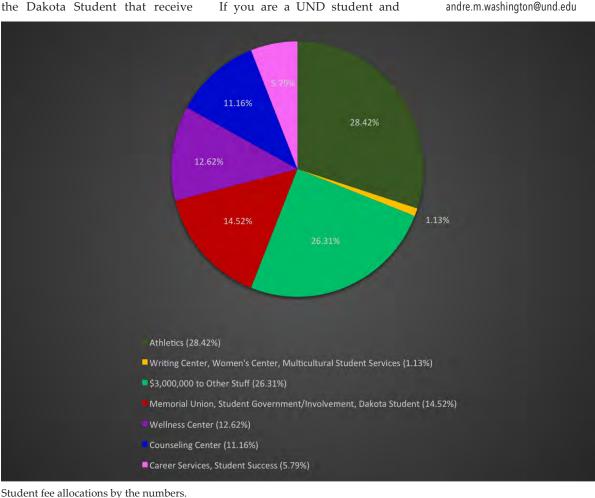
you are unsatisfied with how and where your student fees are allocated, there is some-

thing that can be done about it. "It's important that students communicate with leadership about the services and resources they value and that have enhanced their experience as students and learners," Anna Kinney, Coordi-

nator of the Writing Center, said. If you really want to have some say-so on the allocation of your student fees, organize your campaign posse and run for Student Body President 2019. mouth your UND's money

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Student fee allocations by the numbers.

NEWS



National bar passage rates drop; ND grads weigh law school options

How does UND measure up?

Diane Newberry

Dakota Student

Sheilan Hamasoor has had an interest in law since high school, but it wasn't until the news of the Trump administration's immigration ban broke last year that she was sure she had found her purpose.

The UND School of Law on campus.

"I saw all of these immigrants trying to get into the country and denied whether or not they had visas or not and at that moment I knew I wanted to be one of those lawyers at the airport helping them," Hamasoor, a child of Kurdish immigrants, said.

Law is attractive to students who have spent their undergrad years immersed in liberal arts classes geared toward critical thinking and communication skills, but the law school application process can be grueling and there are many factors to consider.

UND's law school is one of the smallest nationally ranked law schools in the country, and its bar passage rate in 2017 was 72 percent. The Dean of the Law School, Kathryn Rand, said this number has been relatively consistent over the years, with a passage rate of 73 percent in 2016 and 76 percent in 2015.

Bar passage rates have been trending downward nationally, particularly in the multiple-choice portion of the exam. Hamasoor said that a school's bar passage rate was one of her "main concerns" when deciding where to apply. This is a view Steven Miller, former UND undergrad and current law student at the University of Michigan, didn't share.

"It's not something that mattered that much to me," Miller said. "You either pass it or you don't."

Of course, the University of Michigan Law School's passage rate consistently hovers in the low 90's.

For Miller, a more important consideration was the clinical positions available to students at the universities he applied to. Clinics at law schools provide benefits to two parties: law students looking to gain field experience and people who would typically not be able to afford quality legal assistance. The University of Michigan's clinic focuses on juvenile criminal charges, and Hamasoor's top choices all have immigration law clinics.

The UND Law School's Clinical Education Program, which has fought for housing rights for domestic violence victims in the past, is currently on hiatus and is scheduled to continue that hiatus into the 2018-2019 school year.

"We've needed to do a little juggling to make sure we maintain quality with fewer resources, but I'm confident that we've done a good job with that," Rand said, explaining how the School of Law has been handling recent budget cuts.

Perhaps the most unique thing about the UND law school is that it is situated in a unique place facing a variety of legal challenges in 2018.

"We have one of the lowest rates of attorneys per capita," Rand said. "But also our state is largely rural so we have a lot of communities that are in need of lawyers and we're working with the State Bar Association and the state courts to help encourage students to seek career paths in our rural communities."

The law school's Rural Justice Program rewards financial support to students who take on summer jobs and internships outside of North Dakota's four largest cities.

Hamasoor, active in UND's relatively new Mock Trial organization, has had the chance to interact with a wide network of prospective and current law students, most of whom have advised her to look at schools in areas she would genuinely be inter-

ested in living in long-term. "When you go to law school, you're going to

live in that city for the

rest of your life," Ha-

masoor said. "That's what they usually advise you."

Lisa Edison-Smith, currently practicing with Vogel Law Firm in North Dakota, said that when she was giving her son advice about where to go to law school, she suggested that he stay in-state if this is where he wanted to practice. Edison-Smith herself found it difficult to break into North Dakota law, even though she went to law school in Minnesota.

"If you're a new attorney who's trying to start a practice you don't automatically have that peer Edison-Smith group," said. "You just don't have that network of connections. That was something that took me a longer time to cultivate."

The law school was last accredited in 2014 after successful completion of renovations to their building. Though the next accreditation hasn't been scheduled yet, it will likely be 2021. Rand has announced that she will be stepping down as Dean in August. After nine years in the position, she is one of the longest serving law deans in the nation. Rand said that she has aimed to leave the school "in very good shape for new leadership."

"The university hasn't yet announced how it will handle the dean search," Rand said. "But I very much hope they will launch a national search as quickly as possible."

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Athletes are celebrities

Jill Morton

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North Dakota is a great state in many ways, but for sports fans the state disappoints because of the lack of professional sports. We don't have the opportunity to get disappointed year after year about not making it to the Super Bowl, like our neighbors to the East. Sorry to all the Vikings fans out there... too soon? On the bright side, not having any professional sports works out really well for the college teams. According to UND Sports, men's hockey averages over eleven thousand fans for every home game. According to Gopher Sports, the University of Minnesota men's hockey team averages less than ten thousand per game. This might not seem like a significant difference except when you think about how many more people live in the Twin Cities than in Grand Forks. There

are over fifty times

more people in the cit-

ies than in Grand Forks

and yet we still get

more fans. Part of the

reason this happens at

our college games is be-

cause unlike Minnesota,

there aren't as many

games for us to attend.

Hockey isn't the only

popular sport in North Dakota. We get a lot of fans for many sports at UND. It's a great environment. From personal experience, I'd say it's even better than professional games at times. I haven't been to a ton of professional sports games, but I have been to a couple Minnesota Twins games and Lynx games. The games were fun to watch, but the environment didn't have nearly as much team spirit as there is at UND. The Lynx and Twins fans weren't nearly as engaged in the game

as the UND fans are. Let's use the Betty as an example. When that gym gets packed for big games, there's nothing like it. I remember watching the volleyball team take on NDSU this past fall. The Betty was sold out and you could just feel the energy coursing through the gym.

As a basketball player for UND, there's nothing quite like playing in that special kind of atmosphere. Our fan base is amazing and there are tons of season ticket holders who have been loyal fans for decades. As a UND athlete, it feels like we have the That's when you know most loyal fans in the you've met a true fan. country. These people know us. There have to dinner with friends been multiple times



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Fighting Hawks forward Fallyn Freije signs her autograph for a young fan during Fan Fest at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center this past fall.

up to me at a restaurant to talk to me about my game and they even tell me my own stats.

Once, while I was out after a win at the Betwhen a stranger comes ty, someone came up to

our table to congratulate me on the win and talk about the game. My friend turned to me after they left and told me she felt like she was eating with a celebrity. In town, it really feels like that to me too some- ly doubt that that is as

and about in town makes me feel like the LeBron kind of Grand Forks. That's a bit of an exaggeration, but it's a really cool feeling knowing that people care that much about your sport. I hightimes. Being known out common in bigger cities.

You don't get that supportive fan base everywhere. UND is a pretty special place for that reason.

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Before becoming a professor, learn to teach

Bilal Suleiman

Dakota Student

life in the classroom is woefully inadequate. We can't expect someone who studied in a lab for eight years, looking at petri dishes and memorizing formulas, to get that piece of paper that says "Ph.D." and magically become a skilled teacher. That is unreasonable.

Universities need to acknowledge this fact and incorporate some sort of training during the hiring process before a professor can teach. I don't know if something like that already exists. What I do know is that I pay a lot of money to go to college far too much money to be okay with bad teaching. As a communications

to be around and chat with.

Maybe it is because they are in the field, but my professors generally have charisma and are top notch public speakers. I am grateful for all that they have taught me, and once I graduate and go off into the working world, I will not hesitate to email or call my old professors for advice.

That being said, I have had some awful professors as well. Not only do they have none of the good qualities I mentioned before, but they usually have at least one really bad quality. Some of the bad qualities include but are not limited to: talking down to students, in-

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Don't get me wrong, there are far more good professors than bad ones. However, when you're paying thousands of dollars a semester to attend college, a bad professor becomes a big problem. Students

frequently complain that they cannot understand their professor's accent. There is no doubt that those professors in question are experts in their given field. Anyone who holds a Ph.D.

major, I have been blessed adequate explanation of is clearly knowledgeable pert in sharing that knowl- Having an independent you, what good does your expertise do me?

> This brings me to my main point: there are good professors and good teachers, and the two are not mutually exclusive.

> In Latin, a professor is "a person who professes to be an expert in some art or science," according to the Online Etymology Dictionary.

> Ideally, a professor should be an expert in their field as well as an ex-

with some excellent pro- topics, too much reliance and has put in much ef- edge with others. The evaluator who randomly fessors. They are not only on textbook curriculum fort to get that degree. But Latin definition also em- attends classes would be The way we pre-knowledgeable in their and poor public speaking if your accent is so thick phasizes that a professor a way to solve the probpare professors for field but are genuinely fun skills just to name a few. that I can't understand is a "teacher of the highest lem. The evaluator would rank." How can we expect professors to be teachers of the highest rank without learning the skills required to be a good teacher?

> During my freshman year I ended up taking a chemistry and a math class. Wow, what a mistake. Not only did I learn nothing from these professors, but I was so appalled by the instruction of classes that I literally changed my major. I have a solution to this.

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Aimee Coons

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I felt as if I were stepping into an alternate universe as the hum of lightsabers met my ears. I watched the lightsabers glow and dance as I waited for my first lesson in lightsaber combat to start. My son Liam, an avid Star Wars fan dressed up as Darth Vader, jumped into the fray with his blue lightsaber.

Liam was full of confidence and excitement. I was also filled with excitement but was extremely nervous. Then, I remembered the wise words of Master Yoda: "Fear is the path to the dark

. Liam Coons spars with a lightsaber combat instructor at LudoSport Grand Forks on Friday, February Hate leads to suffering."

I have no time for such things in life, so I put any fear or worry aside and put my best foot forward, beginning my lesson at the Grand Forks Lightsaber Academy.

I had no idea what a Lightsaber Academy would be like and expected it to be all fun and games. But, as we began with stretches and a safety talk, I quickly reassessed my expectations. Lightsaber combat is much more than just waving lightsabers around at your opponent. This was serious training for real sport combat...with lightsabers.

Ludosport lightsaber

grown into an international sport. A hybrid form of martial arts and fencing, Ludosport was created to fit the same style of lightsaber combat as the Jedi and Sith in the Star Wars universe.

Thomas Arntzen and Jennifer Hoffman run the Grand Forks Lightsaber Academy and teach the lightsaber training. They were extremely welcoming and the class was excited to have someone new join them.

Although Liam was not interested in learning the techniques of a Jedi, I was attempting to contain my excitement of having a "real" lightsaber in my hands and with practicing on his own, occasionally sparring with some of the other students in the class.

Arntezen started the class by walking everyone through the blocks and attacks for Form 1: Shii-cho. Hoffman stood next to me, correcting my form and giving encouragement. My classmates pitched in with tips and created a fun atmosphere, despite the seriousness of the training. Training was taken seriously, with safety coming first and preparing students for future competitions.

After learning the different positions for blocks and attacks, we moved

the faint of heart and is a lot harder than it looks.

Learning the positions was not hard and I thought I had things down pretty well. I was wrong. Putting everything together and having to move my feet at the same time was harder than I expected. Ludosport takes a lot of practice and dedication to master. My training was quite the workout but was a lot

of fun. I felt a little odd when we first started, as a person normally does when trying something new but I quickly become comfortable. Liam and I had a wonderful time, fulfilling our dreams of training with lightsabers If anyone is interest

in learning lightsaber training, I highly suggest the free class offered on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. The instructors and students are extremely welcoming and nice.

The Grand Forks Lightsaber Academy is an excellent addition to the Grand Forks community. They are excited to welcome all who are interested in Ludosport. Thank you to the Grand Forks Lightsaber Academy for the amazing training. May the Force be with you!

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ARTS & COMMUNITY



Little Bangkok recently opened in the former Terrace Dining Center space in the Memorial Union basement.

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Little Bangkok

A welcome addition to UND

Maddie Ardelean

Dakota Student

Little Bangkok is a well known part of the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks downtown, and recently they expanded to a new location in the basement of the Memorial Union. This new addition to our community called for a taste test so I, along with a cohort of review assistants, went to check it out.

My friend Katherine and I ordered the same thing: a Philadelphia sushi roll and a soda. The taste was everything our community has come to expect from Little Bangkok. The salmon had a strong, but not overpowering smoky flavor, and the avocado was the freshest I've ever tasted

in a Philadelphia roll. The sushi was well portioned. For someone with a small appetite, you can definitely score leftovers from a single roll, as I did. I was also pleased to leave satisfied, but feeling energized by the healthy meal. Katherine was also impressed. She commented on the overall quality of the house made sushi and the wide selection of soda. We were both content with the atmosphere.

You could tell the restaurant was a former dining center from its appearance, but the atmosphere was that of a restaurant: a few groups of people chatting quietly and enjoying their food, delicious smells wafting from the kitchen. There was a kind of calm and quiet there that you just can't find in a dining center, but with no less convenience. Katherine and I had our food in under a minute, possibly faster than you would get food in a dining center.

Our core team was assisted by three others, Seongeun, Justin and Hyebin, who had gone there a bit earlier in the day. They had different entrees, and all were first and foremost impressed with the value. All of their meals were inexpensive, and all three were taking leftovers home with them. The only concern they voiced was that compared to the downtown location, the menu was limited.

The Memorial Union satellite location had four entree choices, a number of side dishes and four sushi roll choices. It is, at least for the moment, a more limited menu than the downtown location offers, but still complete enough for everyone to find something to their liking. Vegetarian options were available too.

If you need a break from the dining center or packed lunches, Little Bangkok is a good option for a quick, healthy meal. The prices are reasonable, and the selection is adequate to satisfy anyone. The quality of the food is excellent, and the atmosphere is a welcome alternative to the chaos of the dining centers. Overall, I can rec-

ommend Little Bangkok in the Union, and would give it 3.5 stars. It's not anything fancy, but it's affordable, satisfying, healthy and convenient.

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Our writer Maddie gave Little Bangkok 3 1/2 out of 5 sushi rolls.





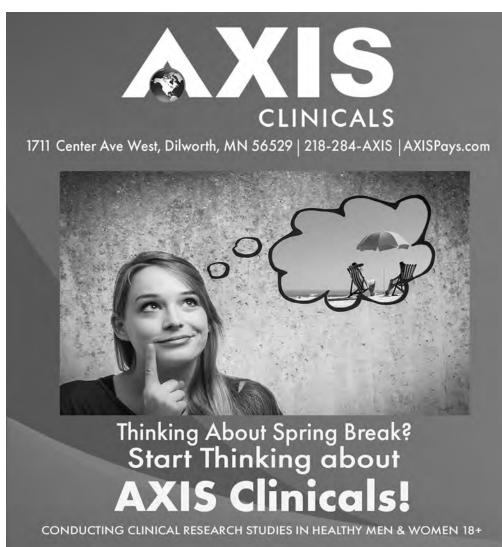
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UND forward Mimi Eiden sprints with the ball down the pitch at Bronson Field during a match against Idaho State earlier this season.

Eiden "soccer family" led her here to UND

Madison Overby

Dakota Student

Mimi Eiden, a freshman on the UND women's soccer team, made herself right at home this year. After a short settlingin period she began contributing points consistently. Eiden ended up with two goals and three assists by the end of the season, the second leading scorer on the team behind junior Katie Moller. Happy but not satisfied, Eiden is excited to continue working towards an even better

season in years to come. "I think we can definitely improve. didn't quite reach my goals for the team this year, which were to make it to conference playoffs," Eiden said. "It was a little bit

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one point away from reaching that goal."

Eiden is confident in her teammates and herself regarding the

of a heartbreak being look for the next thing." Eiden is positive that through the hard work and dedication of the team they will be able to reach their goals.

where she attended high school for two years before completing her associates degree post secondary education options from

"The best part about the team is that we're like a family. I know other teams hang out during practice and games but we're together all the time. It's like a support system. If one person is down we lift them back up."

Mimi Eiden, UND forward

upcoming season. The team has the opportunity to improve and learn from their past mistakes.

"Our team is really good about progressively getting better," Eiden said. "We fix one thing and right away The soccer team has a short spring season which will provide a chance to work on improving against some teams in the North Dakota/Minnesota region.

Eiden grew up in Forest Lake, Minnesota Northcentral University. Here at UND, Eiden is working on her major in communica-

tion. Although unsure about what will come after graduation, she looks at a communication major as a great jumping off point. Soccer has always been a part of Eiden's life

whether it was through

high school and club

home with her family. She is one of 17 children ily has a pair. The oldest who range from age one to 25 years old. They're a self-proclaimed "soccer family" and Eiden talked about how they would constantly be playing soccer in their backyard. Five of the chil-

dren, including Eiden, were adopted at the same time from Liberia. The other 12 children are all biological.

"My dad wanted to adopt one child and my mom wanted to put down six children (on the adoption form)," Eiden said. "It was crazy because they ended up getting five of us who all came from one family there."

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They're super close family and Eiden said she wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's a big family and soccer teams or right at I love it," Eiden said. "Everyone in the famtwo are super alike and it goes down from there. My closest brother and

I are always together."

Eiden was looking at a couple other schools closer to home, one of which was the University of Minnesota, where she would've played soccer as well. However, she fell in love with the campus and the personality of the team when she came to visit UND. There was something right about Grand Forks that she couldn't turn down.

Although Eiden moved away from her large family she was able to find a second one right here at UND.

"The best part about the team is that we're like a family," Eiden said. "I know other teams hang out during practice and games but we're together all the time. It's like a support system. If one person is down we lift them back up."

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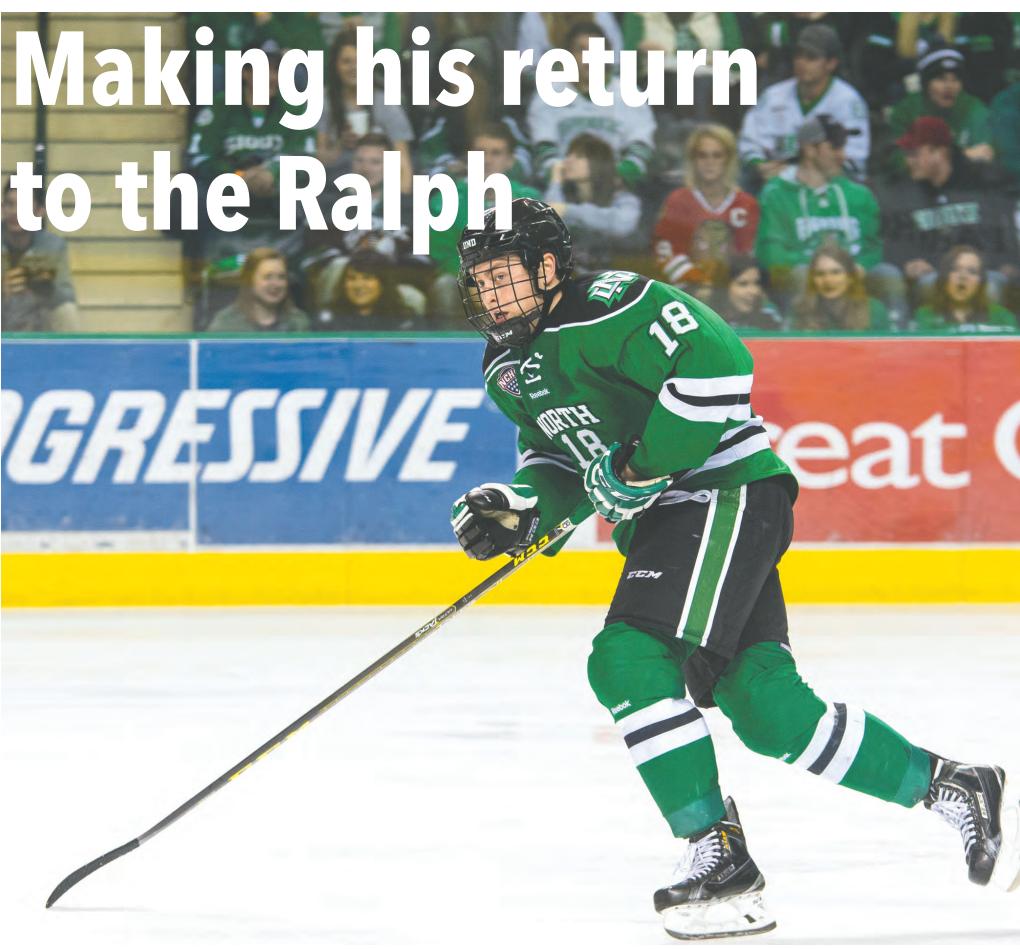
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Former UND forard Chris Wilkie transferred to Colorado College at the beginning of the season and will have to sit out a year due to NCAA regulations.



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Former UND forward Chris Wilkie visits Grand Forks with Colorado College

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Stepping into the Ralph for the first time is an experience most hockey players mark as their greatest memory.

It is the beginning of their journey with the University of North Dakota's storied hockey program, and they get to be a part of it. A program that takes in few talented athletes and even then, it turns out not to fit all.

While the program took in transfer Nick Jones this season, the program also parted ways with a few players, including goaltender Matej Tomek and forwards Mike Gornall and Chris Wilkie.

While Tomek has found his place in the juniors playing for the Waterloo Blackhawks and Gornall has headed back out east at RPI, Wilkie has made a home out of a NCHC rival in Colorado College: A program that could use the skill and talent that Wilkie has proven to have.

Wilkie appeared in 62 games for the Fighting Hawks and was a freshman on UND's 2015-16 national championship team. The 2015 Florida Panthers NHL draft pick scored six goals and added 13 assists for UND, including one goal and nine assists in 30 games in 2016-17.

"I wanted to stay within the NCHC, number one," Wilkie said. "I felt like the coaching staff and I created a strong

relationship right away when we initially started talking, so that was a big factor." Colorado College will soon be home to two Wilkie's,

Chris and his younger brother

Coltan, an opportunity Chris

has never had being four

Colorado College, he was man year and the first two familiar with the program and spoke highly of it," Wilkie said. "I am excited to play with him in the next couple years here as well."

While playing alongside his brother is the icing on the cake and the fit in Colorado was exactly what he was looking for, the brotherhood he developed in North Dakota is something that he is looking forward to returning to, among of some Grand Forks great attractions.

"Just seeing all of the guys again, it's always fun to get back together with them," Wilkie said. "And I'm also excited for Red Pepper."

Wilkie's return brings excitement to his former teammates, including some former roommates, Rhett Gardner and Shane Gersich. Wilkie's absence is arguably felt most by these two not only as teammates, but roommates and best friends.

"It didn't really hit until the last day of school that he was gone and he wasn't coming back for the summer," Gardner said.

"It was kind of a tough situation, he's one of my best friends on the team and he was my roommate freshman year and last year, we were really close and it was tough but he had to do it for himself," Gersich said.

A tough loss in and outside the program, but when asked who he'd pick to spend time on the ice with, Gersich and Gardner made that short list a true testament to how strong their bond is.

"We always had really years older than his brother. good chemistry off the ice "With my brother al- and on the ice. One game ready being committed to we played together freshshifts Wilkie scored on both shifts," Gardner said. "I understand why he did it and I hope everything works out

for him at Colorado College." While Wilkie won't be eligible to play in this weekend's game against UND, his former teammates are gearing up for the day that they see him on the ice in yellow and black.

"It'll be a little bit different playing on another team for the last two years, hopefully I can give him a

little body," Gersich said. Moving on to this new adventure in Colorado, Wilkie will always have memories that he holds closest to his heart that occured right here at UND.

"Winning it all freshman year, that is a memory that i'll always cherish for the rest of my hockey career," Wilkie said while reminiscing about being a part of the 2015-2016 National Championship team.

The adjustments have been long and tough and there's something that UND's program can't get back and that's a special attitude that Wilkie brings with him everywhere he goes.

"His laugh, it's just contagious. He's a funny guy and he's just fun to hang out with," Gersich said. "He's a good kid, he has a good heart."

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UND head coach Brad Berry leads the men's hockey team in a practice last season at the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

The importance of bye week in sports programs

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UND sat idle on a bye week this past weekend and it seems to be coming at a good time for them. They're 12-8-8 while being tied for fourth place with the University of Minnesota Duluth in the NCHC with only eight games remaining in the season. Head Coach Brad Berry seems to be optimistic about the season going forward due to this bye week timing for the team.

"We didn't have a bye week in the first half, a lot of teams did," Berry said. "This comes at a good time on a few different things on a mental and physical break, as far as getting recharged and refocused for the re-

maining eight games." UND has not had their best year in recent memory having only been two years out from their last

national title. But there are still hopes in making a major impact with their final few series that could lift them to a home series in the NCHC playoffs. This home se- ers UND has needed in the

as well as leading scorer Nick Jones battling an injury as well having been held out of the lineup on Saturday of last weekend.

These are two key play-

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ries berth could give the team a boost and allow them to begin playing their best hockey at the end of the season, when it all matters the most.

UND has been struggling the past few weeks with injuries occurring to some of their impact players this season. Rhett Gardner has been sidelined for a few weeks now,

lineup and will need in the lineup going forward until the pairwise is set at the end of the conference championship weekend. The bye week this year is giving them time to heal and come back stronger for their final push.

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Berry said, potentially past weekend beating foreshadowing the return of Nick Jones, who is hopefully joining the lineup sooner rather than later, Rhett Gardner's injury hopefully will not keep him out for much longer.

This bye week is also going to allow for North Dakota more time to prepare for their more difficult matchups coming at the end of this season.

UND is going to need to get past Colorado College, Nebraska-Omaha, Miami and St. Cloud State. The more difficult matchups of these final four series are with Nebraska and SCSU. UND goes into Nebraska to play a team that has been lighting up their scoreboard at home recently. Their last four home series they have scored 13, 15, 10,= and nine during those weekends.

St. Cloud State is still a strong team this season as they showed this UNO 3-5, and 2-6 in the Herb Brooks arena. The series on the road with Nebraska-Omaha could be considered a potential measuring stick with how they could handle SCSU at the end of the season.

North Dakota is going to need a big push at the end of the year to make their position stick in hopes for a NCAA tournament bid come March. They currently stand in the eighth position just ahead of the University of Minnesota. However, the NCHC has a lot of teams that are in the hunt for jumping into the national tournament.

The current leaders in the Pairwise rankings are Notre Dame, St. Cloud State and Denver. All three teams are tied for the lead after this past weekend. This can be a little concerning as North Dakota is three points from third place (Western Michigan) and 13 points from first. However, Brad Berry remains optimistic and steadfast with his process for the team going forward in the final push at the end of the season.

"We really get concerned about the rankings at the end of the year. You have highs and lows throughout the season. You get some adversity and you try to get through those things to make you

a better team," Berry said. UND has faced some adversity and will continue to some in the remaining months losing Ludvig Hoff to the Norwegian Olympic team in February. Berry seemed hopeful that the return of the injured players will ease that adversity heading into the home series weekend with Colorado College.

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