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Kennedy Addresses Rumors

Madison Feltman
Dakota Student

Tensions have been high around the University of North Dakota campus as it was announced Tuesday morning by the Grand Forks Herald that there were rumors UND President Mark Kennedy was the sole finalist for the University of Colorado presidency. The rumors surmounted Wednesday morning when Kennedy released his own statement via email.

"While I will be visiting the CU campuses later this month prior to the Regents making a formal appointment, I remain devoted to my role in leading the University of North Dakota through the academic year and the legislative session," Kennedy said. "I will work closely with the finest legislative delegation in the state and our strong partners with Team Grand Forks - including the city, chamber and economic development corporation - to conclude this session in a manner that supports UND priorities, as I am hopeful it will."

North Dakota University System Chancellor Mark Hagerott sent a letter in response to Kennedy's announcement congratulating him, he also pointed out that he considers his letter as a notice of his resignation.

As the rumors were confirmed there were mixed emotions around the state as to what is in store for the future of the University. Many are hoping that this move will promote change and new beginnings for UND.

As Kennedy gears up to possibly accept a new position in Colorado he also went on to have an interview with Boulder's Daily Camera newspaper where he made comments about the state of North Dakota



File Photo/Dakota Student

Mark Kennedy has been UND's President for the last three years.

ta that are not sitting well with many government officials and has sparked controversy amid the state.

One of the main factors that have led towards Kennedy's new opportunity is his UND strategic plan which emphasizes seven main goals to accomplish by 2022 which would make UND the 'premier flagship university in the northern plains.' The seven goals are to create a strong foundation of liberal arts, increase graduation

rates, increase enrollment both online and on-campus, enhance research, become more inclusive, support the educational needs of the military and attract support from the alumni.

Although Kennedy is the sole finalist for the CU system president it does not mean that he has the job quite yet. New rumors have been sparked that CU is still questioning their decision. CU Regent Lesley Smith tweeted, "We voted for Kennedy as finalist for CU President. There's

a 14-d vetting period before we vote for President. Some information about Mark has come to light that is concerning; my colleagues and I will be exploring this further."

Along with the tweet there also was an open letter being sent around imploring the CU regents to withdraw Kennedy's nomination, as well an online petition to stop the nomination.

Kennedy currently has plans to visit the four different CU campuses the week of April 22

despite possible protests.

The waiting game will continue as Colorado law requires that a presidential finalist's name must be public at least 14 days prior to the candidate officially becoming president.

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North Dakota Combats Distracted Driving

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Texting while driving kills 11 teenagers every single day and causes more than 1.5 million motor vehicle accidents each year, according to UND's distracted driving information brochure, and that is only one type of distracted driving. In 2016, nationally, there was nearly 3,500 people killed in motor vehicle crashes that involved distracted drivers.

Many people think that distracted driving is simply the act of texting while driving, but distracted driving really is any activity that could take a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions put the driver, passenger and bystander's safety in extreme danger.

The Vision Zero Plan is the result of a complete and coordinated effort by North Dakota state agencies and more than 200 traffic safety officers representing state, local and tribal governments and private organizations. The detailed plan uses data to identify areas of improvement through education, roadway safety enhancements and policy decisions.

Active statewide on April 1, the Vision Zero Campaign, "U Drive. U Text. U Pay." is equipping North Dakota roads with extra patrols on duty to better

enforce the state's distracted-driving law. This campaign is part of the Vision Zero strategy to help eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads. This campaign will be active through April 30.

Vision Zero expresses the dangers of distracted driving but places an emphasis on texting while driving which is the most common across nations. Texting while driving is prohibited to all drivers in North Dakota and carries a \$100 fine. Drivers that are under the age of 18 are prohibited from using any kind of electronic communications devices including cell phones.

Drivers that are texting are 23 times more at risk of a crash or near-crash event than a focused driver and are six times more likely to be involved in a crash than a drunk driver. If you are driving distracted and commit a traffic violation, the driver (of any age), by default, can be given a \$100 fine. Also, simply sending just one text while driving at the speed of 55 mph is equivalent to driving blindfolded the entire length of a football field.

According to the official portal for North Dakota State Government, more than 370 citations were issued in North Dakota to distracted drivers during the state's two enforcement periods just in the last year alone. With

Vision Zero's slogan of, "Zero fatalities. Zero excuses," they encourage everyone to visit the North Dakota Crash Memorial wall to view memorials built on the hope of preventing another death on North Dakota roads. This memorial wall can be found on Vision Zero's webpage.

UND strongly encourages us all to take their pledge which states, "I will focus on the road when I am behind the wheel and won't put my own life and the lives of others in danger by checking texts, calls, emails, and other distractions while driving." Taking this pledge and sticking to it will help prevent serious automotive accidents and life-threatening injuries. When behind the wheel, we are not only responsible for our lives, but everyone around us as well. We must make the choice of driving 100% focused at all times.

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Distracted driving kills eleven teens everyday.

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Lian and Ternus

Presidential Candidate - Gracie Lian

Major - English, Honors and Political Science

Vice-Presidential Candidate - Matthew Ternus:

Major - Secondary Education

Purpose - "There's a growing disconnect around campus, and UND needs leaders who are ready to unite campus. This can be done by providing students with new opportunities, improving notification of campus changes, and ensuring the essentials of student life are being met."

Future Goals and Plans - "We plan to provide the student body with new and expanded opportunities to engage in UND's community such as intramural E-sports and hockey tailgating; this will allow us to foster a larger and more inclusive community on campus. In order to improve student life here at our university we are going to enhance key services like parking and dining while also adding new essential services such as free menstrual product dispensers in bathrooms across campus. Saving students money is a priority of ours, and as Student Body President and Vice President we will work with UND administration and the state to reinvest in Open Educational Resources (essentially free textbooks for students), which have saved students \$6.1 million dollars on textbooks since 2015."

Schaubert and Danielson

Presidential Candidate - Taylor Schaubert

Major - Political Science and Economics

Vice-Presidential Candidate - Torie Danielson

Major - Nursing

Purpose - "We are running for Student Body President & Vice President to maximize the potential for both UND and its students. Enhancing the student experience from acceptance to graduation is our first and foremost priority"

Future Goals and Plans - "We want strong communication across campus with the new changes to come, working on an application that will include blackboard, Campus connection, but most importantly a section that includes information on all the changes and moving parts of campus for next year, we don't want any program, especially the essential ones, to be out of reach of students because of a lack of information. Our second area of focus is finances, UND is transitioning from the past to the future, but we want to make sure the students of today are not lost in the shuffle, costs need to be spread out over time and should not all fall on the students who just happen to be here during this transition period. Lastly, the student experience, making sure events like Spring Fever are continued, more events on and off campus for everyone and not just 21+, we have seen what it looks like when students get involved and enhancing our student community will push UND to new heights."



Odala and Jeudy

Presidential Candidate - Cora Odoala

Major - Mechanical Engineering

Vice-Presidential Candidate - Saphyra Jeudy

Major - Philosophy - Pre-law, minor in Chinese

Purpose - "We see the potential that UND has and we are passionate about providing a platform so that the community can experience that growth. We are ready to fight for the best interest of our peers."

Future Goals and Plans - "We want to make the campus interesting for students, so that they are more inclined to get involved. Planning events like; a Spring Fest, finals week de-stressing events, annual block parties, community service, etc., will help the university stay connected. We furthermore, will like to expand various resources directly to students when it comes to financial needs, mental health awareness and mentoring."



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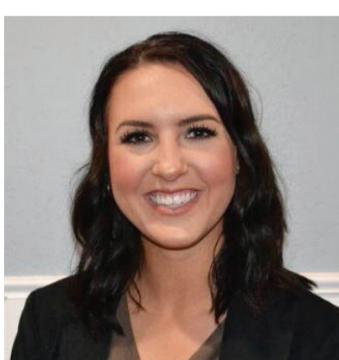
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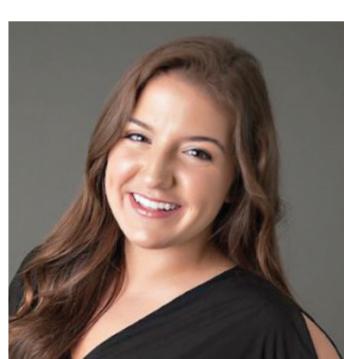
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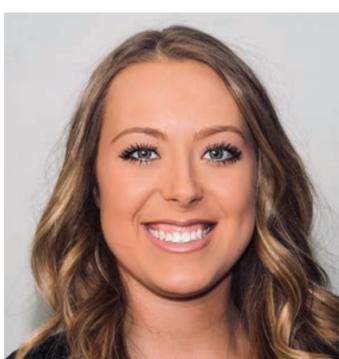
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Ax the Pink Tax

Stop making women pay more



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The Pink Tax causes for women to pay more because they are female for things that are necessary such as razors.



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Allyson Bento Dakota Student

Imagine this: You walk into a store, see two seemingly identical objects with the exception that one is blue, and one is pink. You look further and discover that the pink one actually costs 7% more than the blue object. Welcome to Pink Tax.

Pink tax is an extra charge placed on products and services that are marketed towards females, this includes clothes, self-care products, dry cleaning, toys and even vehicle repair. This means that women pay nearly \$1,400 more annually than men for the exact same product or service.

Looking at a woman only product, feminine care products such as tampons have sales tax, because they are seen as a luxury. If you walked up to a woman and asked her if she considered menstruation a luxury, you may need to run for cover because there is no woman alive who isn't insulted by that idea.

There are petitions to get rid of pink tax, such as "Ax the Pink Tax" run by the subscription-based company, Billie, has a website that provides you with information about how much money women have lost since birth if you input your birth date. If you were born in 1993, you would have paid just over \$35,000 in Pink Tax costs alone. That's college tuition for some UND students.

Just looking at big name stores you can see the Pink Tax inequalities, for example the name brand Schick Hydro, the men's razor refills is \$10.89 from Target, and the women's equivalent at Target is \$11.79. Nearly a dollar difference for a razor, that in all honesty doesn't even work as well as a men's razor, but that's a whole different issue.

With the recent incline of subscription boxes,

companies such as Dollar Shave Club has attempted to combat this issue by marketing their razors as unisex. Scrolling through the website, there is no specific sections designated for women to purchase a subscription of razors, but instead they've recently been applauded for promoting the use of their razors by "humans alike."

The Pink Tax doesn't just affect men and women, but boys and girls. Lego blocks for children ages 1-5 years in "boy colors" were \$7 less than the "girl-colored" blocks. These are children, who don't know the difference in color and parents who just want their child's favorite colored blocks but will be sucked into paying more to make their kid happy.

When did it become punishable by additional cost to like the color pink? Thankfully in a generation of change, petitions like #AxthePinkTax have grabbed the attention of celebrities who use their platform to speak on the issue including Gina Rodriguez, Ashley Judd and Trevor Noah. Judd spoke at the Women's March about many inequalities including Pink Tax.

"I know it is hard to look at your own entitlement and privilege. You may be afraid of the truth. I am unafraid to be honest," Judd said at the march. "It may sound petty bringing up a few extra cents. It adds up to the pile of change I have yet to see in my country."

While you sign a petition and wait for change, you can also opt out of buying Pink Tax products, purchase products targeted for men, buy gender neutral

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Taking time for the Wacipi Powwow

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Powerful drums and even more powerful energy filled the Hyslop on Saturday with the arrival of the 49th Annual Wacipi Powwow. Attendants and participants alike were treated with a day full of music, dances, art vendors and food.

Dr. Linda Neuerburg is the assistant director of Student Diversity and Inclusion. Student Diversity and Inclusion goal is to simply improve the lives of students of color through academic and financial support as well as through community building.

"The powwow is an opportunity for the Native American community to come together and to visit, to see old friends, to relax, to enjoy the music, the drum," Dr. Neuerburg said. "If you're not dancing, you still come anyway and you still have that feeling that you get from the drum and from watching

the participants in their regalia. It's a chance to enjoy each other and share our culture with the community. It's pretty hard to stand still when the drum is playing."

People of all ages come to take part and experience this event.

"It's fun. I love watching the little kids coming in and taking part, and knowing for sure that we have a young generation that's coming up and will be dancing, and that this will be going on for generations," Dr. Neuerburg said.

The powwow is an event that has been put on regularly for nearly half of a century is bound to experience changes.

"Naturally it's gotten bigger over the years, but it's always stayed the same in that UNDIA, the Indian Association, has always put the powwow on. They have done so with the staff at American Indian Student Services," Dr. Neuerburg said. "David Gipp was one of the first stu-



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Native American participating in 49th Annual Wacipi Powwow

dents that started the Indian Organization itself and had the first powwow. It started out, I believe, with six students that wanted to plan it and it got going after that. Each year it got a little bigger, a little bigger, more drums, more dancers."

Part of what makes this powwow different from others is that it is almost completely organized by UND students. Although they receive some help from the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion, it's up to the students to do the bulk of the work to coordinate the ceremony.

Makayla Mather is the president of the UND Indian Association. The UNDIA is made up of American Indian students who are there to support one another and provide the Grand Forks community with multicultural education.

"We spend since No-

vember doing all of this, contacting the tribes, collecting the money," Mather said. "I believe that this is the only powwow in North Dakota that is completely student-run, so it's definitely a lot of work, but it's worth it and it shows how much dedication students have to our culture."

The weekend's activities weren't left untouched by the surprise snow storm. With some people unable to make the commute to UND, the powwow was comprised of about 250 dancers in attendance, making the turnout smaller than usual.

"I expected to have more dancers here and, also, more booths here for people to sell art and stuff like that," Tyson Jeannotte, a mentor with Student Diversity and Inclusion, said. "Yesterday a lot of people called us and they said, 'Is the powwow still going on?' Okay, I'll try to make

it. So a lot of them probably didn't make it. I think a lot of the dancers, too, from the South Dakota area couldn't make it, but that's fine, we still had a good turnout."

The exact purpose for having the powwow may change depending on who you ask, but the central focus of people coming together and celebrating remains the same.

"As a whole, the purpose of the powwow is to honor the Native American students that are graduating," Jeannotte said. "To be a graduate and being honored, it means something, right? So I enjoy the powwow, and I'm glad it went to one day because then it focuses on the purpose that we're honoring the graduates."

Although Native American students are being honored, the powwow is still an opportunity for other people to come together

and experience a different culture.

"For me, the powwow is mostly for coming together with people that are like me and want to experience their culture and have a place that they can do so without being judged for it," Mather said. "So it's a lot of expressing what has been taken away from us. And doing it out in the public with the support of UND means a lot."

The 49th Wacipi Powwow was a celebration of Native American students that will be graduating this spring as well as a celebration of culture.

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Native American participating in the 49th Annual Wacipi Powwow

A Different Kind of Race

Molly Andrews
Dakota Student

The University of North Dakota held its first Collegiate Drone Racing Championship in the High Performance Center this weekend.

Students from across the nation came to campus to compete for the championship title.

This event was put on by the Research Institute for Autonomous Systems. RIAS is dedicated to providing autonomous technologies as well as policies that serve our community and society.

Mark Askelson, Ph.D

is the lead of the Autonomous Platforms focus area. He has over 10 years of experience with unmanned aircraft systems. He alongside many other organizations on campus worked together to make this event happen. Some of which included athletics, marketing and communications, legal counsel, aviation and the key player was the UND Aerospace R/C club.

"People across campus came together to make this happen," Askelson said.

There were a lot of moving parts to this event and they only had three short months to plan and execute it. Although he wishes they

had more time to get everything in order, he is still pleased with the outcome. Askelson expressed how the idea for this event came from the top and expressed how President Mark Kennedy saw value in events like this.

The UAS R/C club has been on campus for awhile and is a student-run organization on campus. David Karolinski is a student at UND who is also a member of the club. He got introduced to drones this fall when he arrived on campus. The club gives members a chance to try many different types of aircrafts. This is his first time at a col-



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The track for the Collegiate Drone Racing Championship

legiate drone competition. "I wanted to sit there and take in everything and learn more before I go head first racing," Karolinski said.

Although Karolinski is not racing, he is there sup-

porting UND on the sidelines. In order to participate in the championship, racers have to qualify. There were five racers for the UND team this past weekend. In order for them to be chosen to represent the team, they were placed in a simulator and whoever had the fastest times were picked. Among the racers is Julian 'JJ' Burrill. He

is a sophomore studying commercial aviation and unmanned aircraft systems. He has been operating drones since he was 10 years old.

"I kinda watched technology progress from step

Racing Championship is a first for UND but is an exciting addition to the campus community.

"I think events like this really give some exposure as to what R/C club is, the Robohawks team as well

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- Julian Burrill, UND USA R/C Club member

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one all the way up to where we are today which is leaps and bounds greater," Burrill said.

Although Burrill has had over nine years of experience with aircrafts, he still gets nervous before races. He has been practicing this course on a simulator for months and has every twist and turn memorized.

The Collegiate Drone

as the UMA degree here at UND," Burrill said.

If you are interesting in joining R/C club, be sure to look them up on the UND website. The club is open to all majors and meets every Sunday at 2 pm.

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Photo by Colorado College Athletics

Colorado College's Westin Michaud will finish his undergraduate degree in May before moving to Grand Forks.

Rival No More

Kyle Kinnamon
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The University of North Dakota Men's hockey team will be welcoming a new face to start the 2019-20 team. However, this new face brings three seasons of college hockey experience.

After three years at Colorado College, Westin Michaud, will transfer to UND after completing his undergrad in May. Michaud will have one year of eligibility to play for UND.

Michaud missed his freshman season due to an injury, incentivizing the grad transfer option. Michaud had the ability to have one more year of eligibility, and be eligible immediately. In regular circumstances, a transfer student would have to sit out a full season before being able to compete with the new team.

Michaud was a sought-after player. He was wanted back to Colo-

from Cloquet, Minnesota, plays with tenacity and has a knack for finding the back of the net. Michaud has 29 goals and 33 assists for 62 points in his 114 career games at Colorado College. Including 13 goals and 17 assists for 30 points this past season which is more than any UND player last season.

"Westin is a competition and we're happy to add that to our offensive group," UND head coach Brad Berry said. "We were an attractive option for him to continue his career and our fans will like how he plays the game."

Michaud proved his ability to be deadly on the power-play. He netted seven power-play goals this past season, three of which came in the NCHC Playoffs. Michaud's ability on the power-play will be greatly beneficial for UND, who ranked dead last in the NCHC in power-play percentage, converting 14.2 percent of their chances.

17 of the last 18 games.

Michaud is a competitor, willing to do whatever is necessary to get the job done. This past season, Michaud helped lead Colorado College to their first-ever NCHC Frozen Faceoff, upsetting Western Michigan in the quarterfinals along the way which ruined Western Michigan's chance to join the NCAA Frozen Four tournament.

After Michaud's last game in a Colorado College sweater, he was praised by his coach, who wanted him back for one more season.

"He is the heart and soul of that team," Colorado College head coach Mike Haviland said. "As a coach, you love guys like Westin. You know what you're getting each and every night."

Michaud proved his worth at Colorado College and was beloved by teammates, coaches and fans. UND fans should be excited to have a player

"He is the heart and soul of that team. As a coach, you love guys like Westin. You know what you're getting each and every night."

Mike Haviland, Colorado College Men's Hockey Head Coach

rado College by coaches, teammates and fans. However, when looking to move Michaud had options. According to Brad Schlossman of the Grand Forks Herald, Michaud visited three schools including UND, Boston University and Western Michigan. He settled on the Colorado College NCHC rival, UND.

The 5-foot-9 forward Michaud has the potential to fill center for one of UND's top two lines. This is an area the team will be looking to fill with the losses of Rhett Gardner and Nick Jones, both who played major minutes for UND over their respective careers. Last season, Michaud played center on Colorado College's top two lines 27 of the 41 games, including

of his caliber and class. Michaud will bring experience and skill to a young and hungry UND team.

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Traditional Chinese culture—with its profoundly optimistic worldview and deep spiritual roots—was displaced by communism in China. Today, only the New York-based Shen Yun is keeping this precious heritage alive on stage. And it's an experience that will take your breath away.

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