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The NDUS State Board of Higher Education will see changes for the first time since 1938. Trevor Alveshere/Dakota Student

HIGHER ED BOARD CHANGES

All the things you need to know

Madison Feltman
Dakota Student

Last November, North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum signed an executive order that led to the creation of a task force comprised of himself and 14 members which he appointed. The task force was formed to evaluate the governance structure for North Dakota’s higher education system to determine if opportunities for improvement were available to meet the growing needs of the state’s educational system.

On Tuesday, Nov. 13 the task force recommended the split of the state’s higher education governance. After months of tasking research, the group came to a consensus in support for a three-way split. A board would be installed to oversee each of the state’s research universities, North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota. There would also be a separate board responsible for the nine other community and

regional institutions.

“While the current one-board system with eight voting members has served past needs of our state and its citizens, the time is now for the state to take courageous action and transform our system into a national leader by increasing accountability and allowing institutions to be more nimble, flexible and responsive to competitive forces and workforce demands,” North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum said in a statement.

The current State Board of Higher Education has remained unchanged since 1938. It is currently comprised of eight voting members, along with faculty and staff non-voting advisers, as well as a chancellor as chief executive. The board oversees all 11 of the North Dakota University System’s public colleges and universities.

With the proposed revisions, each of the three boards would have three non-voting members that represent faculty, staff

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and a designee of the Department of Public Instruction. The boards governing NDSU and UND will have a 12-member board and the other board would have 14 members. To govern it all, there will be a higher education administrator that would chair an advisory committee which includes the three board chairs and an appointed member from the community and regional institution board. Another unique part of the revision is that each board would include a full-time student as a voting-member.

There was plenty of deliberation and several propositions amongst

board members with this model coming out on top. There has also been mixed support within the state for the proposed changes, as there has been discussion among state representatives. In 2014, there was a proposition to replace the board with a three-member full-time commission that ultimately was not approved by voters.

Despite the wavering support of the community, Gov. Burgum reassured that all task force members showed some form of support for the proposed change.

“The time for change is now. Powerful, underlying economic

and technological forces are challenging the very essence of the current business model for higher education delivery,” Burgum said. “Our institutions deserve, and our state needs, a governance model that enables all of our institutions and students to reach their fullest potential.”

Ultimately, the change of the current governance model has a long way to go as it will require voter approval of a constitutional amendment.

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The current Memorial Union requires \$40 million in repairs to maintain the building.

Trevor Alveshere Dakota Student

Plans for building renovations

Sasha Leibold
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On November 20, 2018 UND students will have the opportunity to vote yes or no on a fee to build a new Memorial Union. If students vote yes, an amount of \$14 per credit would increase by two percent each year and be paid by enrolled students at the beginning of the spring semester of 2020 through the fall semester of 2059. If students are in favor of the fee, a new 158,000 square-foot Memorial Union would be built. What this means

is expanded study and meeting spaces, improved dining, multiple retail space and entertainment areas and accessible entrances. If the fee is approved, the new Union would open in spring 2021, but if students vote no then the Union would not be renovated but continue to have safety and accessibility compliance issues, building condition challenges, technology deficiencies, inefficient energy systems and outdated

m e c h a n i c a l s y s t e m s . If students vote yes then there will be a new Union, and an increase in student fees, but if students vote no then there will still be an increase in student fees to keep up with maintenance. "I don't think it's fair that current students have to vote, we won't even have a chance to use it," Hosler said. "We should be grandfathered into our tuition and fees from the year we start. UMD and SDSU do that so it doesn't upset current students." To catch up with

maintenance and repairs it would cost the Union more than \$40 million It would take years, if not decades, to identify funding to address the current Memorial Union issues. While UND is contributing 20 percent of the cost to support the new Memorial Union, UND is also asking students to help invest in the new Union. Students will have the opportunity to plan the new Union, helping to determine where specific offices and departments will be located, be involved in the detailed design and participate in developing and recommending policies. "There's \$40 million in needed repairs to fix the current Union, so why is it that it's either spend way more on a new Memorial Union or just fix the current union."

docks, new roof replacement and aging service equipment. The current Memorial Union was built in three phases in 1951, 1964 and 1983. Its aging infrastructure is outdated and has a lack of modern day features which revels many drawbacks. Some students say that it looks "tired and outdated" and that they are disappointed when they compare it with facilities that are offered at other regional campuses. The current Union was rated below average condition in 2015. Student fees may be redirected to address emergency repairs, which leaves less for other priorities on campus. "Where is all our tuition going and why does the Union need \$40 million in repairs? Have our tuition dollars not been going to fixing the Union all this time," Penueta-Snyder said. Whether students vote yes or no we will still see an increase in student fees to fix the Memorial Union.

"There's \$40 million in needed repairs to fix the current union, so why is it that it's either spend way more on a new Memorial Union or just fix the current union."

Jenna Penueta-Snyder, UND Student

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The Meaning of Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving is a college student's wet dream when it comes for free food. It's a time to go back to the comforts of home and get mom to do all your laundry. It's a time to feast

with old friends back home. An opportunity that only comes few and far between.

Thanksgiving is a time to express gratitude towards all that is important in our life. To cherish what we have, whether it

selfless life.

To be grateful is to be free, free in the sense of worry. When we are grateful we think less about ourselves and our own thoughts but develop a better intellect for empathy.

Being thankful also teaches us a positive mentality, it teaches us to affirm the virtuous things in our life. When life brings us down, gratitude is there to help us rise up. It helps us look at the positives in life and aids at providing a light at the end of the tunnel. Everyone has their ups and downs but to be down forever creates a spiral of negativity that will be attracted into life, and few individuals

appreciate a company that is always negative.

Gratitude helps us also develop a sense of goodness that is outside ourselves. By giving thanks, we become thankful for the small gifts and opportunities that are given to us. We learn to appreciate that these gifts have helped us achieve goodness in life. It exemplifies what we have and how it has helped us in life.

Thanksgiving may only come

once a year but what we learn to appreciate on that occasion should be carried on in our lives. Appreciate your parents for being there, even if you feel they may not have been the best, many cannot. Being a parent is hard work and sometimes having them be there for you is what matters most.

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Thanksgiving is a time to express gratitude towards all that is important in our life. To cherish what we have, whether it be a person or a materialistic possession.

Quinn Robinson-Duff, Columnist

upon a plethora supply of food, raiding the fridge and pantry of all the goods. It's a time to enjoy loved ones and for those of you with sibling, it's a time to fight over the TV, a true past time for any brother or sister.

It's also time to be thankful for the people who surround us, those who we have developed a close friendship too. It's a time to reconnect

be a person or a materialistic possession. Since we were children in schools, we have been taught about the importance of expressing gratitude this time of year. However, it's important to remember not to isolate that gratitude to one holiday. Gratitude should be a daily process in which we must practice in order to live a more meaningful

We learn to take the pressure off ourselves. As a result we also end up becoming more involved within the present moment, not worrying about past decisions or stressing over our own future. Small acts of gratitude everyday help engulf our life with happiness by educating ourselves to be in the present moment.

Tips and Tricks for Turkey Day

Bobby Feaster
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Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday and I'm so excited that it is finally here. Thanksgiving is obviously about giving thanks but my favorite parts of Thanksgiving are definitely the food and football on Thanksgiving. I love cooking and one of my favorite parts about Thanksgiving is being able to help out in the kitchen with my mom making all of the dinner dishes.

I remember as a kid watching a food network show around Thanksgiving and the chef told everyone about a trick you can do with the skin of your turkey where you pull it back a little bit and put butter in between the skin and the breast meat to help keep the white meat moist. Feel free to use that trick, especially since I have been using that trick ever since I saw it on TV so many years ago.

My favorite Thanksgiving dish is green bean

casserole. It seems like an odd one to pick, especially since it's a vegetable dish but that is definitely my favorite dish at Thanksgiving. Don't get me wrong, there isn't much that I don't like at Thanksgiving, but I am disappointed if I go somewhere for Thanksgiving dinner and there is not a good green bean casserole.

I always make homemade gravy for Thanksgiving dinner and it is actually a lot easier than it seems. The hardest part is getting the juices from the turkey and straining all of the little bits and pieces of food out of the juices.

Now the easiest way to have plenty of turkey juice is to cook your turkey in a bag, this also helps keep the bird from drying out and if you use a bag that means nobody has to open the over door every so often to baste the turkey. Two birds, one stone. Plenty of juice for gravy, and easier on the cooks.

Once you have your turkey juices you'll want to melt butter

in a sauce pan and allow the butter to brown a bit, the more you let it brown the darker your gravy will get.

Once you're happy with the color of the butter stir in flour until the pan has a sand like texture. At this point you slowly add your turkey juice stirring constantly so that there are no lumps in your gravy, and if you're worried that you won't have enough liquid, add chicken stock to supplement. Once you have all the liquid in the pan you let the gravy simmer until it thickens to your desired thickness. A neat little trick that my mom taught me is that if the gravy isn't dark enough you can add some worcestershire sauce to make it darker and it adds a nice flavor punch.

Finally, we get to the dessert part of Thanksgiving and my favorite part about Thanksgiving dessert is pie! I love pie and my favorites at Thanksgiving are pumpkin, obviously, apple, this is America...duh, and chocolate pecan. If



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A table full of classic American Thanksgiving food.

you have never had a chocolate pecan pie, my goodness you have not lived! Needless to say I'm pretty fired up about Thanksgiving, but my biggest gripe is with the University of North Dakota. I have always been so angry that the schedule at UND come Thanksgiving is only two days off. TWO! I couldn't believe it the first time I saw that and my first

year I hoped that it was poor scheduling, but it turns out that UND has perennial bad scheduling for Thanksgiving. If I was president for a day at UND I would definitely make Thanksgiving at least 3 days off, maybe even the whole week. I mean what's the point? People are going home when they feel like it anyways and nobody wants to be

there including the professors so let's give the people what they want.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and let me know what your favorite parts of Thanksgiving are!

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Brett Olson

The man behind it all

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Brett Olson, UND Theater Department.

Noah Sell
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Over the years, UND has attracted countless individuals, faculty and students alike, who are exceptionally talented in their fields. One such expert who has more recently joined the faculty in the Theater Arts Department is Brett Olson. This is Olson's third year teaching with UND, counting his graduate studies, but his first year working with the university full-time. You may already be familiar with Olson if you

have taken Theater classes such as Acting I, or are currently taking Tap Dance or Stage Combat. "My area of expertise is acting for the stage, specifically contemporary drama, physical characterization and stage combat. This is my first year working at UND as a full-time instructor, but I also taught Acting I while working on my Masters with the Theatre Arts Department a few years ago." As a student pursuing a degree in Theater Arts, Olson was originally drawn to UND, as it was


the only school in the state that offered a Master's Degree program in Theater Arts at the time. "Sadly, that program no longer exists, but my time at UND as a student was so life-changing that I was completely thrilled when a position in the Theatre Arts Department opened up for this year." Olson completed his Master of Fine Arts degree at Western Illinois University, and spent some time working as an instructor in Illinois before he made his return to UND. Olson also made many memories acting

with the university's theater program while he was a student here and plans to make plenty more now that he has returned to the school as an instructor. "I've made some truly amazing memories working on shows as a student and have already made a few more in our first few weeks of rehearsals for Seussical (get your tickets!) As an actor, I will never forget performing Three Days of Rain in the Lab Theatre in Burtness, in which real rain fell from the ceiling. I also remember the first time I walked


into rehearsal for Crimes of the Heart and being amazed by the talent of the students and faculty." Olson not only has fond memories of the shows themselves, but also of the connections he made with other people within the university that have only added to the sentimentality and made the school even more of a meaningful place to him. "Most importantly, I met and fell in love with my wife at UND. It's a very special to me and I couldn't be more proud to work here!" Olson's experience

with the university is one of the thousands of unique stories that is carried by each student and faculty member here at UND, each one intersecting with every other, while also remaining independent and carrying out a different individual narrative. If you're interested in witnessing the next show being put on by UND's Theater program, check out their Facebook page or visit their page on the UND website.

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Seussical Musical



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UND Theater students perform a production of “Seussical” based off of Dr. Seuss’s children’s stories.

Molly Andrews
Dakota Student

The Burtness Theatre was filled with family fun Friday and Saturday as the University of North Dakota’s Theatre department put on the production of “Seussical.” “Seussical” is a musical based on works done by Dr. Seuss. Seussical is a musical that is about an elephant named Horton and his relationship to a speck of dust that he hears talking to him. On the speck is a place called Whoville where Jojo, a boy, lives.

Jojo is a character that has a large imagination and nobody in Whoville knows how to deal with him. The Cat in the Hat, a character that plays an important role within the story, encourages Jojo to use his imagination and because of this, he ends up saving Whoville. The set was designed very intricately and the lighting put the right emphasis on the right places. The stage transformed into a place that let your imagination roam free. Not only that, to the

left of the stage there was a live band providing the musical accompaniment which added a nice personal touch to the performance. All involved in this production have some sort of connection with the Theatre Department here at UND. The acting was great interacted with the audience. They would dance in the isles and make entrances and exits by using the audience doors. It felt as if you were part of the show. The good thing about Seussical is no matter what

your age, it is enjoyable. As a child, it teaches many valuable lessons and as an adult, it takes you back to your childhood and brings back the good memories of simpler days. Many good quotes are said during this musical that not only pertain to the show, but can also be applied to real life situations. Horton repeats “a person is a person no matter how small” many times throughout the show. Although he is referring to the small who’s who live on the small speck of dust,

the constant repeating of the words reminds the audience of the important lesson within the musical. Along with that, there are many musical performance that repeat the words “how lucky you are.” Before saying this, they are usually found in not the best situation and the characters reflect and encourage to audience to think about how lucky they are, including the fact that they were able to attend the show. The lessons that are within the show are useful to anyone of

any age, which makes this play a great thing to experience as a family. Seussical was well done and brought a smile to any audience members face that attended. To find out more about the UND Theatre Department and productions they will be having throughout the year, you can find them online by visiting theatre.und.edu or by following them on Facebook and/or Instagram @undtheatrearts. Molly Andres is a A&C writer for Dakota Student. She can be reached at molly.andrews@und.edu



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UND actors during a scene of the production “Seussical.”



Cross Country takes Regionals

Madison Overby Dakota Student

UND Women's cross country team finishes the year strong at the regional meet.

Madison Overby
Dakota Student

As snow gave way to mud in Peoria, Illinois after almost 500 runners ran lap after lap on the golf course, the 2018 UND cross country season came to an end. The end of this season also marked head coach Richard Clay's final cross country season, ending a career of 34 years. Clay is the most tenured coach in UND history.

Clay left things on a good note, with the women's team having the most successful team performances in the past four years. The women placed 26th as a

team in Peoria at the Midwest Regional. The highest UND women have placed in the Division 1 Midwest Regional meet has been 24th, which was in 2014.

This year, Lydia Kantonen led the women's side of things with a time of 21 minutes and 57 seconds, placing her in 85th.

The highest women's individual finish ever at the division one regional meet was Erin Wysocki, who placed 44th in 2014 with a time of 21 minutes and five seconds.

"I'm hoping that next year we can have a good pack around the times that Erin

was running," team captain Hannah Oscarson said. "I think that is very doable."

To have three or four runners around 21 minutes in the 6k would most likely boost the team into the top ten teams of the regional meet, which would be a significant jump.

The men's team placed 31st at the Midwest Regional with highest finisher Connor Danielson placing 122nd. Danielson has been the top runner for UND at every meet this year during his senior season.

"We've got a young team," men's team captain Jacob Henne said. "As

the team gets older, not only does the running get better but the commitment increases. You start doing the little things, things you might not have done in high school that are essential for success in college running."

As the teams move forward, both are looking for improvement in any way they can get it.

"We need to start putting in the work to get stronger before it leads to injuries," Oscarson said. "If we can get people to really pay attention to their weak areas and build on that, that is one thing that will keep people off of the sidelines

and improve their times."

Henne spoke along the same lines with increasing strength and also wants to up the mileage.

"I think the biggest thing we're lacking is just mileage," Henne said. "We need to build up a bigger base by gradually increasing the miles that we're running in the off-season. It's not like we need to run faster all the time, we just have to run more."

As the team is looking to build in the next couple years, sights are set on a high finish in the Summit League Championships.

This year, both the men and women's teams placed fourth in the conference behind the other Dakota schools; South Dakota, North Dakota State and South Dakota State. As the teams get closer together in times, there could be a very close fight for the championship and UND is in that mix.

The hiring process for the new cross country coach will begin in early 2019.

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Men Start Strong

Team brings back experience against Kentucky

Luke Askew
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The University of North Dakota men's basketball team is off to an incredible start in the 2018-19 college basketball season.

The Fighting Hawks got their season started the right way with a 104-48 blowout victory over Northland College on November 6. Sharp shooting redshirt freshman Aanen Moody led the Hawks in scoring, finishing with 20 points on an efficient 7-of-12 shooting from the field and 6-of-10 shooting from behind the three-

point line.

This performance from Moody was a good sign for what's to come from the UND bench. Every good college team has to have bench scoring that they can rely on and it looks like Moody can be that guy for UND.

Seniors Cortez Seales and Conner Avants also had impressive season debuts. Seales finished the night with 16 points and zero turnovers on a nice 6-of-8 shooting from the field, while Avants nearly recorded a double-double, scoring nine points on a perfect 4-of-4 shooting from the field and adding nine rebounds.

After the statement win over Northland College, UND headed to Milwaukee to take on a hungry Panthers team.

The Fighting Hawks got off to a solid start, holding Milwaukee to 17 first-half points and jumping out to a 13 point lead at the break. A second-half surge from Milwaukee, however, would make this game a lot closer than UND would've expected. UND got outscored 43-33 in the second half, resulting in a nail-biting 63-60 victory for the Fighting Hawks.

Now, after a 2-0 start to the season,

UND would head to Kentucky to take on the Wildcats in the famous Rupp Arena. This would likely be UND's toughest test of the entire season, battling the number ten ranked team in the country.

UND, understandably, had a tough time keeping Kentucky off the boards. Some of the best collegiate players in the nation, such as Keldon Johnson, EJ Montgomery, PJ Washington and Reid Travis, for Kentucky all had big nights on the glass, leading to Kentucky out-rebounding UND 45-15. It's highly unlikely that any basketball team

will ever win a game where they get out-rebounded by 30.

Final score: Kentucky 96, UND 58

Nobody thought UND would walk into Rupp Arena and beat the 10th ranked Kentucky Wildcats, so this was nothing but a minor speed bump on UND's path to success for the 2018-19 season.

Next up for the Hawks was a very winnable game against Minnesota-Morris.

Cortez Seales led the way for the starters, scoring 15 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the field while adding four rebounds and four assists.

However, it was the stellar shooting from freshman Elijah Hazekamp that really stood out.

H a z e k a m p finished the game with 18 points on an extremely efficient 7-of-8 shooting from the field and a perfect 4-for-4 from three-point territory. UND went on to destroy Minnesota-Morris 112-58.

The Fighting Hawks will look to continue their solid start to the season as they take on Concordia College (NE) in Grand Forks on November 20.

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Russ Hons Photography

Mark Senden chases the puck in the Las Vegas game against the Minnesota Gophers.

Kyle Kinnamon
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Working hard with a smile. That is North Dakota freshman Mark Senden’s attitude towards hockey. The 20-year-old freshman from Medina, Minnesota was not expecting to make the lineup at the start of the season. However, his work ethic and tenacity has made it almost impossible for Brad Berry and the coaching staff to remove him from the lineup. From Senden’s mindset to starting fresh every single day is what has set him apart over the years on his teams. “You start at zero every single day,” Senden said. “I take that personally. I practice every single day like I’m not in the lineup competing for that spot. You start from zero, because it is not what you’ve done in the past, it’s what you are going to do in the future.” Senden’s start at zero mentality has worked for him over the years. Senden has captained two teams to their league championships. In 2016, Senden led Wayzata to the Minnesota State Hockey Tournament for their first ever state title. Senden

thoroughly enjoyed his time at Wayzata High School. “Best part about Wayzata was growing up with everyone,” Senden said. “You’ve been together for 15 years playing youth hockey, and it’s easy to keep up with people in your class because so many come to North Dakota every year.” Senden then went to the Des Moines Buccaneers of the United States Hockey League. Senden was quickly traded to the Fargo Force. In the 113 games Senden played in the USHL, he boasted 23 goals and 17 assists for 40 points while maintaining a positive 28 plus-minus ratio. Senden remained out of the penalty box as well with only 50 penalty minutes over his tenure in the USHL. In his final season, Senden lead the Force to the Clark Cup Championship. “The best part about Fargo was the atmosphere and the guys there. I really loved coming to the rink everyday and going to Kroll’s with the guys,” Senden said. Senden has come into North Dakota as a 20-year-old freshman. To some

this can be odd, but Senden doesn’t think about it too much. “It is not that weird. It only gets weird when you think about it,” Senden said. “I have buddies here that are juniors and seniors. It’s crazy to think that when I walk by them and they ask what classes I am taking and I say English 110, while they are taking 300 level classes.” For non-student athletes that may still seem odd, but for student athletes, especially in hockey, this is a normal occurrence. “In the hockey sense it is not too uncommon to have guys go play juniors for a couple years. Personally, it does not feel any different because I am just happy to be here. I don’t think of it as I am 20 and a freshman. I just think I am a freshman at UND, and I love it,” Senden said. Senden has made the most of every opportunity in his hockey career and it has paid off. Senden’s ability to stay focused and humble is what has made him a great leader. “On each team there were plenty of leaders, not just me,” Senden said. “In high school and last year, everyone was a

leader in their own way. Everyone brought a certain set of skills, traits, and qualities to the team every single day.” Senden hopes to continue this at North Dakota. Senden does not get caught up in the hype or expectations, but he has a plan here

at North Dakota. “We obviously have those end goals that we want, but we have to take it game by game,” Senden said. “You can’t focus on something too far ahead or else you get lost in the future and cannot focus on the present. If you skip over one game and

focus on the next, you won’t focus on the game in front of you.” Senden should become a critical part of the North Dakota team and culture for the next three seasons.

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Mark Senden during the UND hockey game against Minnesota Gophers.



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