

NDSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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What's up NDSU:

A Cut Above the Rest

By Ian Longtin - *The Spectrum*

The Bison are kings once again. The New England Patriot's Super Bowl run last season gave us hints the end was coming. A beaten and battered Rob Gronkowski appeared to be on his last legs. Tom Brady was finally starting to show his legs and lean on the ground game and his defense to win games. Patrick Mahomes was waiting in the wings to take over the AFC. When the NDSU Bison beat James Madison for their third straight title and eighth in nine years it did not feel like the end of something. Instead, it felt like a new chapter as NDSU's football dominance was starting to be written. Before the season began, the Bison lost their head coach, the 'winningest' quarterback in the history of the FCS and graduated the most seniors in school history. For any other football program, this would be a major issue. For other schools, losing all these key aspects may require multiple rebuilding seasons. But not North Dakota State. The Bison do not rebuild. They reload. A big game from Walter

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Payton Award winner Trey Lance led the way for the Herd. Lance had a whopping 30 carries on the ground. He turned those runs into 181 yards and a touchdown on the ground. Lance's performance and toughness made him an easy choice for the game's most outstanding player. The Bison went into halftime up 21-10 after executing a successful fake field-goal with senior safety James 'Jimmy Football' Hendricks. Hendricks, the holder, took the snap and sprinted through the line for a walk-in 20-yard touchdown that gave the Herd a huge momentum boost. Bison coach Matt Entz talked about calling for the fake after the game. "James Madison has not let very many people score touchdowns. But the one thing they had shown is they lined up the exact same was every time after a touchdown." The fake was the second time the Bison were able to duke out the Dukes. The first time came ten minutes earlier on the first play of the second quarter. Lance took the snap and gave it up to WR Phoenix Sproles on an end-around. Sproles was then able to fake out the Dukes and the camera-man by faking a reverse and taking the ball down the sideline for a 38-yard score. The game appeared to be put out of reach for JMU early in the fourth quarter. The Bison were facing a 3rd and 23 at the Duke's 44 up by just eight. Lance took the snap and was able to find some daylight as he scampered towards the left sideline and outran everyone into the end zone. With the score now 28-13 and the momentum completely with the green and gold, it felt like it was over. However, the Duke's refused to go quietly. The two teams exchanged punts before JMU was able to piece together an 11 play, 46-yard scoring drive to pull within eight with just under seven minutes to go. On the next possession, the Herd worked their way down to the JMU 37 and found themselves staring at a 4th and two. A first down here would all but secure the win for the Herd. Riverboat Entz kept his offense on the field. Every player, coach and viewer of the



game knew who would be carrying the ball. Lance took the snap and was stuffed at the line of scrimmage. The Dukes took over with three timeouts and just under three minutes left on the clock. They would need a touchdown and two-point conversation to send the game into overtime. DiNucci and the Duke offense worked their way deep into Bison territory. With the ball on the Bison 12 and less than thirty seconds remaining. A pass interference call on the next play brought the ball up to the Bison three with eight seconds remaining. DiNucci took the shotgun snap, rolled to his left and fired to WR Brandon Polk in the flat. As has happened for the last decade, someone wearing a Bison jersey stepped up and made a play. James Hendricks jumped the route and picked the ball off for the game's lone turnover. "...I just left my guy and knew they were gonna throw it and trusted he was gonna make the throw to flat and not to the guy I was supposed to cover." Hendricks said after the game with a smile. "And I made the play and the rest is history." History indeed. With the win, the Bison became the first college football team since the 1894 powerhouse Yale Bulldogs to go 16-0 in a season. The win also extended their record-breaking win-streak to 37 games. Next year, the Bison will be the heavy favorites to take home the title once again. NDSU's run over the last nine seasons is firmly in the discussion for being one of the most dominant stretches by any team in the history of sports. Matt Entz exited the post-game press conference, his first championship as a head coach secure. As he returned to his team, celebratory cheering and shouting echoed from inside of the Bison locker room.



Executive Spotlight: Academic and Student Affairs

By Lindsey Pouliot

I'm Lindsey Pouliot, and I am an English major with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. I'm originally from Beulah, North Dakota. After I graduate in May, I plan to take a gap year working as a grant writer at my hometown domestic violence shelter before attending UND Law School starting Fall 2021. In my free time, I enjoy reading, writing, and painting. NDSU Student Government has been a wonderful experience for me, first in my capacity as a Senator for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and now on the Executive Team. This year, I have the privilege of serving as the Executive Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs (ASA). My Commission is sometimes called the "project factory" of Student Government, and our time is invested mostly in providing academic resources and expanding opportunities for NDSU students. Perhaps the most impactful part of ASA is our Open Educational Resources (OER) program. Open Resources are free or low-cost textbooks or academic resources that can be used to

instruct a course in the place of traditional textbooks. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that from 2006 to 2016, textbook costs increased by 88 percent. To understand the impact of this rise in cost, the North Dakota University System (NDUS) did a survey of North Dakota college students and found that 84% of the surveyed students had forgone purchasing a required textbook because the cost was too high. To combat this, NDSU Student Government has instituted Progressive Education Grants (PEG) to encourage faculty to review and/or incorporate OER in their course(s). Grants vary in size, but this year, with the help of the NDUS and Provost's office, we have \$16,000 in grant funding to distribute. In the past, the NDUS has seen that, for every \$1 of grant funding, there is a savings of about \$14 for students. In addition to saving students money on textbooks, we also work to ensure that NDSU is a place of opportunity for students.

This year, the project I am most proud of putting in place is the establishment of the Commencement Closet. This concept started when a friend of mine shared how disappointed her older sister, the first in her family to graduate from college, was unable to walk in graduation at NDSU because she could not afford the regalia. I worked with representatives of Herff-Jones regalia, and they have promised to lend us fifteen undergraduate, eight masters, and four doctoral robes and caps to borrow to students every year. We are working on finalizing our application process this month in order to roll out the new program starting at the Spring 2020 Commencement. In the future, we hope to collect donated regalia for lending as well, in order to expand the impact that this resource can have on our campus. If you have any questions about OER, the Commencement Closet, or any other projects, please feel free to reach out! My email is lindsey.j.pouliot@ndsu.edu and I would love to hear your questions and feedback!



Senator Spotlight:

Careene Madrid: Senator for the College of Human Sciences and Education

My name's Careene Madrid, I am a Senior at NDSU double majoring in Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) and Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. I'm a Senator for the College of Human Sciences and Education and an appointed member to several committees within Student Government such as the Appointments Committee, Student Fee Advisory Board (SFAB), and Congress of Student Organizations (CSO). I got to meet so many student leaders within this group, improve my leadership and communication skills as well as be an advocate for the things I care about such as student involvement and my college. One of the events I led the beginning of the spring semester was the Welcome Back party in partnership with NDSU's Student Activities Office. We had giveaway prizes, food, drinks, and raffle prizes. I got to talk to a lot of students and welcome them to a new semester at NDSU. I love when people feel welcomed and part of the group but in college, it can be hard especially for new/transfer students. My goal with this event was to welcome students back, celebrate a new year and connect with them through Student Government. We are the voice of the student body and I want them to see and know that. I have a big passion for servant leadership and Student Government has been providing me with so many opportunities to serve the student body and leave the university better than I arrived and I am grateful for that. For all college students (incoming and current), I highly recommend being involved with Student Government.

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Organization Spotlight:

Campus Attractions

Campus Attractions is dedicated to serving the North Dakota State University community by providing educational, cultural, social and recreational programs and activities through a wide variety of resources. Campus Attractions works hard to provide NDSU students with many unique and entertaining opportunities including but not limited to late-night events, hypnotist, concerts, speakers, and free weekly movies. Campus Attractions is a student-run programming board that is always trying to add exciting events to the NDSU campus. Campus Attractions is always looking for upbeat, creative and hardworking students to join its outstanding team! If you think you have what it takes to be a part of the CA team join a committee today!

One of our Upcoming events is NDS-U-GOT TALENT? Do you have a secret skill? A tremendous talent? Now is the time to shine and win campus cash at the NDSU Talent Show! Campus Attractions, coordinators of Bison Bingo, Casino Night, and Pinterest Night bring to all NDSU students a new opportunity to showcase their skill. Campus Attractions welcomes all talent to the NDSU's Got Talent Show on April 6th at 7:00PM in the Festival Hall. One winner will receive \$250 in campus cash. To enter, record your audition and send the video to nds.ca.music@nds.edu by 5:00PM on February 28th. Auditions are exclusive to NDSU students, but all are encouraged to come enjoy the show! Send in your submission now: nds.ca.music@nds.edu

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