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New VP position filled

By Ashley Marquis
The Dakota Student

Last week UND announced it had chosen Sandra Mitchell to fill the new position of Associate Vice President of Inclusion and Diversity. Mitchell, who is currently the Chief Diversity Officer at Regis University in Colorado, will begin a few years ago. In 2011, President Robert Kelley established the Diversity Advisory Committee comprised of students, faculty and staff to advise and make recommendations to the President regarding diversity on campus. The idea of a position like this began a few years ago. In 2011, President Roberts Kelley established the Diversity Advisory Committee comprised of students, faculty and staff to advise and make recommendations to the President regarding diversity on campus. The diversity offices in particular, include the university and will work with the university and will work with Mitchell will also strive towards making sure diversity is a part of all aspects of the university and will work with certain offices in particular, includ-

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UND approved for UAS testing

By Megan Hoffman
The Dakota Student

In 2011, the United States Congress passed a law allowing the Federal Aviation Administration to start testing unmanned aircraft systems, and, last Monday, it was announced UND has been approved to start researching, the first test site granted rights to do so.

“Today, the FAA is granting the first authorization in the United States to allow a test site to start flying unmanned aircraft,” FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said. “And that test site is right here, in North Dakota.”

There will be six sites across the United States that will be given a Certificate of Approval for the testing of the systems, which will be good for two years. UND will start testing the first week of May at NDSU’s Carrington Research Extension Center in Carrington, N.D.

“Thanks to the great work of everybody here, we made darn sure one of those sites was Grand Forks, Northern Plains Center,” Rep. John Hoeven said.


The Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site in North Dakota will test the ability of a UAS to check the status of crops and soil quality. The testing will be done in conjunction with NDSU’s Extension Service precision agriculture research studies. It will also collect safety-related operational data needed for UAS airspace integration and maintenance data will help a prototype database for maintenance and repair of UAS.

Parents file lawsuit

By Emmy Erbes
The Dakota Student

The parents of a UND student who died in a rail yard accident two years ago are suing the involved parties. Blake Ayling, 20, was found dead on the morning of March 24, 2012 at the rail yard located on the south end of the UND campus.

Ayling allegedly was drinking at Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity on the night of March 23 and crossed through the rail yard on his way home. According to the Associated Press, his roommate said that Ayling frequently walked across the rail yard as a shortcut to campus.

Authorities ruled Ayling’s death an accident. His arm was maimed by a train and he died of blood loss.

Corey and Robin Ayling filed the personal injury claim against BNSF Railroad and the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity in March. The Aylings are seeking at least $50,000 in damages from the railroad and the fraternity for negligence in their son’s death. A court date has not yet been scheduled.

In the lawsuit, the Aylings argue that BNSF did not make efforts to warn pedestrians of the dangers of walking through the rail yard even though the company knew that people frequently crossed through. They also state that the railroad company did not put up signs or barriers to stop pedestrians, and there are no signs

Graduate student dies unexpectedly

Kassman, Photo courtesy of Twitter.

Last Thursday, President Robert Kelley sent out an email informing the UND community of the death of a student. Kyle Kassman, a graduate student in psychology, died at his home in West Fargo.

Kassman received his undergraduate degree from NDSU and was pursing his Ph.D in experimental psychology at UND.
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By Crossword Master Sam Wigness

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5 Capital of Germany
6 The Brady Bunch’s housekeeper
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committee recommended creating the position of Associate Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion.

“We needed a position like this,” Reesor said. “We are becoming more diverse. This shows our commitment to having an open and inclusive environment.”

Reesor also said that she hopes Mitchell will be able to initiate some projects the university has wanted to do for some time.

In a statement released by the university DiLorenzo said, “We are delighted that Sandra Mitchell will be joining the UND community and devoting her considerable experience to strengthening and advance the university’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.”

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President Obama has been criticized for many things, from foreign policy to defense cuts — just about everything he has done as president. Most of the criticism comes from Republicans, but even Democrats can admit that Obama was not the knight in shining armor he advertised himself as.

I would consider myself to be neither Republican nor a Democrat, because I agree and disagree with various views on both sides. A great example of this is the range of opinions on the Affordable Care Act, often referred to as Obamacare.

It’s no secret that the bill does have legitimate problems. It requires everyone to purchase health insurance or pay a fine. Companies are allowed to delay this mandate for at least a year, whereas individuals can’t do this. Some claim it will kill jobs. Some claim it’s an overreach of power by the federal government. Some claim it’s all part of Obama’s secret communist plot to murder your grandparents (seriously, there are people who have actually claimed this).

Another more legitimate criticism leveled at this bill is that it does not actually address the affordability of health care, only who pays for it. For example, a certain prescription drug here, might cost five times as much as if you just went down to Mexico and got the exact same thing.

This is because hospitals intentionally overcharge for their products, then the insurance companies step in and negotiate for a fairer price. The problem with this is that if you don’t have insurance, you don’t have anyone to negotiate for you. Therefore you’ll be intentionally charged far more than the amount of the service you received was actually worth.

There has even been some criticism from the left about this bill, although the majority of the critics think it doesn’t go far enough and that we should instead have a universal health care system.

This is definitely a bad idea, — not necessarily because there is anything wrong with a universal health care system, but because Republican opposition was so strong that the Affordable Care Act was passed and is in effect. Wouldn’t it be.

If the Republicans had their way and Obamacare was repealed, you would graduate college with both crippling debt and insanely high insurance premiums.

I agree with Republicans about some of the problems this bill has. However, I think it’s a little unfair to only focus on the negatives of this bill and refuse to consider the benefits this bill has to offer.

I think Republicans are going about this entirely the wrong way, especially considering their role in the government shutdown. They have spent so much time trying to undermine a bill that has already passed, yet they have absolutely no suggestions to actually improve things. Apparently, their only goal is for us to return to an obviously broken system. This bill might have problems, but you have to agree that it’s at least slightly better than what our system used to be.

The bill already has been passed and is in effect. Wouldn’t it make more sense to try to fix the problems it has, instead of spending every waking moment trying to eliminate it entirely and therefore eliminate all the good it has done?

Michael Rauzer
The Dakota Student

It's finally time to put four years of communications program classes into practice, and if this program has taught me anything it is to think critically and communicate as a bill.

Honesty, I'm worried about the future of this program. Although it made crucial steps toward graduating from program to department in the last few years, it will lose much when professors Richard Aregood, Brent Ommen and Kyle Conway leave after this semester.

When I declared communications as my major in 2011, adviser David Kiefl handed me a curriculum sheet that looked to me like a BINGO card. Students were required to earn credits from 10 different sections and had little room to focus on what they actually wanted to learn.

Signing up for classes was already hard enough with students leaving their meetings with Kiefl having learned more about his band’s performances at Charlie Browns than the program itself. Factor in the confounding current political climate, constantly changing department heads, and we have a mess of a program.

While Aregood joked that it resembled a Chinese talisman menu, the curriculum sheet represented a program that focused on the bells and whistles of education rather than the nuts and bolts. Students were led through a maze of duplicated classes, their grades suffering a drastic blow. Luckily, the curriculum changed last year and now reflects the “heavy on practice, less on grades” focus used by Aregood, Ommen and Conway.

All of these professors focus on practice. Ommen challenges students to practice democracy — a challenging, but useful style of logic. Conway makes his students create videos and helps them master the skills needed to produce media. And Aregood, the print journalism guru, has his students read and write print until their eyeballs sting.

So what will happen when these professors leave?

Will the program relapse and return its focus to diversity and formulas? Will future journalists dog their first through advertising and public relations classes? I sure hope not.

I'm hoping to return to UND in 10 years and find a department that says, “Screw grades and formalities; let’s fill students’ resumes and get them names on some work. Let’s create things to show future employers that our students have skills.”

My advice to current and future communications students is not to rely on the program to prepare them for the professional world. Find outlets like Studio One, The Dakota Student and other internships to gain experience and build a resume. Listen to your professors, learn how to communicate effectively, but don’t expect an A in Media Writing to get you a job.

And for the communications program, my advice is to realize that while this degree covers several disciplines, most students are looking to focus on them do and help them stand out amongst the sea of students at other universities.

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Group projects never worth the work

Mary Ochs
The Dakota Student

There are two words that make every student cringe: group projects. I don’t know if professors are aware of what a terrible experience group projects are for students, but if they aren’t, they certainly should be.

Group projects are awful for a myriad of reasons. If it isn’t the unappealing group you’re stuck with, it’s the struggle of finding time to meet. It’s a waste of time to do group projects, and in the end, it only causes more stress and drama than is necessary.

I’ve never liked group projects. In grade school, they were never horrible, but everything was also easy grade school. As I moved on to high school and I knew that I was actually a person in my tiny academic bubble, I still dreaded them. As high school ended, and I transitioned to college, the group projects only got worse and became more obnoxious. Between the differences in schedules and free time, the personalities of your group members and occasionally the topic of your project, it’s rare to ever have a positive experience with a group project.

In college everyone has different schedules. Between classes, work, activities and socializing, there leaves little time to coordinate with a whole group of people. That’s assuming all the group members even show up to participate.

The actual group members are another downfall that can be added to the awful list of characteristics associated with group projects. I can cooperate with just about any one and I can listen to reason and compromise. However, I like to take charge, get things done and do them correctly the first time, especially when my grades are hanging in the balance. It’s not fair when your grades for most group projects reflect the performances of all group members and not just your own.

We all know there’s always that one group member who falls under one of two categories: someone who thinks they know everything and try to run the show or the temperament misfit, or the individual who is lazy and doesn’t participate so the rest of the group has to pick up the slack.

It’s rare for professors to let us choose our own groups. This results in the poor fortune of getting stuck with a random and typi- cally different type of people. Even if we are allowed to choose our own members, it’s still rare we will know enough people in the class well enough to know if they have potential at being a good group member.

There’s nothing good about group projects. As a student, I would stop requiring and assigning them. If students truly desired to work with others or share ideas, we would arm our own study groups. Group projects are a pain and result in un- even distributions of work, unfair grades and cranky students. In my 14 years of being a student, I have yet to meet anyone who finds them enjoyable.

Letter to the editor

North Dakota needs rules that enable responsible disposal procedures that ensure public health. NORM is not nuclear waste. It is not the highly dangerous material reported in exaggerated headlines.

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**Teddy Geiger performs at the Loading Dock Saturday night. Photo by Misti Meads/The Dakota Student.**

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**MUSIC REVIEW**

“Teddy Geiger”

By Misti Meads

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**Teddy Geiger finishes tour at UND Loading Dock**

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Singer and songwriter Teddy Geiger rounded off the end of his tour with a live performance and “meet and greet” at the UND Memorial Union Loading Dock Saturday night — hosted by University Program Council After Dark.

The concert was set to start at 8 p.m., but the UND calendar listed the event to start at 9 p.m., which caused several people to show up right when the show was ending, but Geiger still met up with everyone individually after the show to have a photo taken with him.

Even though the Loading Dock wasn’t packed full during his performance, the enthused crowd was loud enough to make up for the empty chairs — especially the girls.

Geiger isn’t a well-known artist, but he has produced seven albums, co-wrote One Direction’s “Little Black Dress” and reached the top of the charts with his most popular song “For You I Will (Confidence),” with which he ended his concert.

His last song was definitely the crowd’s favorite part of the night, because everyone actually knew what song he was playing. A couple even got up to dance during Geiger’s slow rendition.

The only other song he played that I knew was his song “Home.” He did a great job during this performance, and he was really passionate and into this song both vocally and instrumentally.

Geiger did have some issues throughout the show, but stayed strong until the end.

One mistake Geiger made was when he was singing the song “Little Black Dress.” He actually forgot part of the words during the middle of it, but the crowd cheered him on to continue, and he began from a different part of the song and finished it up.

Geiger did tell the crowd that he had been sick and was still sick the night of the performance, but also that he was still stoked to perform at the last stop of his tour.

Although Geiger did seem to complain about being sick several times, he mostly made jokes about it and did a good job of interacting with the crowd and answering their jokes and comments.

One of my favorite parts of the night, other than his last song, was when he did a cover by Ellie Goulding of “Anything Could Happen.” This also seemed to be a crowd pleaser.

Overall, the entire performance had a coffee house vibe to it, and Geiger did a great job of playing the guitar and piano. His show was entirely live so it was only him singing or him playing an instrument.

His piano and guitar playing seem to be his biggest strengths, because even though he stumbled in his singing, he was always on time with each chord and note.

Geiger is a man of many talents. Between each song he would often stop to tell a joke or tell the crowd something about his personal life.

The crowd got several good laughs throughout the entire night.

Geiger’s show only lasted an hour, but it wasn’t a waste of time to go out and see him perform — mostly because the show was free.

I would give the show a three out of five stars because Geiger forgot the words to his song, he had to take small breaks because he was sick and the event was not scheduled correctly, which was not Geiger’s fault.

Geiger is definitely an entertainer, though. He was always either playing his instruments, singing or making jokes to the crowd.

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Softball team drops three  
— Northern Colorado defeats UND in Grand Forks series

By Mariah Holland  
The Dakota Student

The UND softball team faced conference opponent Northern Colorado in the team’s first home series of the year over the weekend — the weather holding out to allow the games to be played on the long-awaited field in Grand Forks.

Northern Colorado was able to get the best of North Dakota in all three games over the weekend. UND lost the doubleheader Friday by scores of 10-6 and 10-2, then lost the single game on Saturday, 21-7.

“You know there’s gotta be a better sense of urgency, and we just need to get the timely hits,” UND coach Eric Oakley said. “We didn’t get the timely hits, and that was the difference today.”

Urgency and timeliness of hits aren’t the only weaknesses UND has been struggling with throughout the season. Another significant weakness has been pitching.

“We need to make better pitches in situations when we’re ahead,” Oakley said. “Too often, we had two strikes but still gave up the hit, and so (Northern Colorado) had good opportunities, and they took advantage of them. We had good opportunities, and we didn’t put the ball in play the way we needed to.”

UND has been able to get hits on the board, but the opposing team has always been able to bounce back and either take or keep the lead. Despite the hard 21-7 loss Saturday, UND was able to have a lead for part of an inning after an error on Northern Colorado’s part, which allowed UND to score three runs and claim the 4-3 lead.

But Northern Colorado was able to overcome the error and score 11 unanswered runs to seal the lead and the game.

UND has been able to hit solo home runs during the game by DJ Jantzer and Taylor Hansen, and also put in two freshmen pitchers during the game — Kaylin Van-Domelen and Megan Hedstrom.

Sophomore Taylor Hansen also pitched in the top of the seventh to end the inning.

Despite the weaknesses, there were good things that happened over the course of the games, including several home runs and also several pitchers getting the chance to take the mound at home.

The team also was able to get the feeling of being back at home after being on the road. Due to numerous cancelled games over the course of this season, it had been weeks since UND was on home gravel.

While this past weekend didn’t look to be favorable for North Dakota, it will be at home once again on Tuesday to take on South Dakota. The double header games will be played at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Apollo Sports Complex in Grand Forks.

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Members of the UND softball team huddle during last weekend’s series against Northern Colorado.
It’s a funny thing playing at home, at Kraft Field, but our guys really enjoy it here.

Jeff Dodson  
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hasn’t been without success.

In the Western Athletic Conference this year, UND is 8-7, and is number six team in the conference, and looking to build on what has been a successful season in the WAC.

That journey finally had come to Kraft Field this weekend, and the fans had been anticipating the teams return.

“There was a good amount of people there for it being a cold spring afternoon who wanted to see some UND baseball,” UND student Evan McLaughlin said. McLaughlin was one among many fans at Kraft Field who saw what was one of UND’s most successful games of the season.

Seattle had come into town looking to gain some distance from the rest of the crowded pack in the WAC, UND included.

The Green and White had other plans Friday, and Taylor Petersen was ready to play.

To start the game off, Petersen smacked a double to score two of the four runs in the first inning.

After Alex Twange gave up two runs in the fourth inning — making the score 5-4 UND — Andrew Thome came in and got the job done.

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On his first play, redshirt freshman Ryan Bartels was sacked by sophomore teammate Dayo Idowu, but brushed it off quickly and went for 26 yards in his next three plays. The sophomore finished the scrimmage with 50 yards to lead QBs.

Also calling the shots were redshirt freshman Kurt Palandech and sophomore Joe Mollberg. Palandech ended the day with a total of 33 yards, all of which came off of one long drive, while Mollberg finished with 23 yards and a four-yard carry that got a first down.

On the other side of the line, the defensive were wearing home-field green and holding their own, getting five sacks in all on the afternoon. Leading these men was defensive back Maverick Edmunds, who had one of the five sacks and seven tackles total.

Sophomore wide receiver Casey Young was pleased with how everyone played and is excited for where the team is at this point in time.

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“Thome was ready to play,” Dodson said. “They enjoy playing at home, at Kraft Field, but our guys really enjoy it here.” Dodson said.

It came down to the bottom of the ninth, when the score was all tied up. Taylor Petersen finished the game the way he started it, coming out swinging.

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UND baseball slides back into town
— Team opens home season at Kraft Memorial Field, posts two wins, one loss

By Alex Stadnik
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Spring has truly sprung in Grand Forks, and the baseball team is finally getting to play at Kraft Field.

Even though the Green and White have found success on the road, there’s nothing like a little home cooking.

North Dakota rallied 6-5 and 7-0 victories Saturday, but some of the excitement faded when it walked off the field Sunday with a 12-9 loss in a weekend series against Seattle.

“They’re ready to be home,”UND coach Jeff Dodson said. “It’s definitely good to sleep in your own bed and get to play in front of your own fans, but I think we have handled ourselves really well on the road.”

For the baseball team, a trip home has been a long time coming. Because of the cold weather in Grand Forks, it makes it hard to host home games in March and April.

UND has played all of its games on the road this season, minus a stop in Bismarck for a “home series” against Northern Colorado.

The Green and White were supposed to host their first home series against New Mexico State on April 11-13, but was canceled because of a snow storm.

Just because the team hasn’t been home, doesn’t mean it...