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A report released in January by U.S. News and World Report ranks UND’s College of Business and Public Administration online program as No. 32 in the country out of almost 1,000 schools who participated in a survey conducted by the magazine. Only programs that offer degrees entirely online were considered in the rankings.

The online program at UND offers a master’s degree in business and economics. The program started in the fall 2007 semester, and is not the typical online program some universities offer. Students who are

By Ashley Marquis
The Dakota Student

UND recently ranked 36th for the most on-campus drug-related arrests in the United States.

Rehabs.com ranked colleges with populations over 5,000 students across America based on the number of drug-related arrests per 1,000 students.

Drug-related arrests refer to arrests involving both drugs and drug paraphernalia. The top three colleges in the nation for the most on-campus drug related arrests include the State University of New York at Oneonta, University of Colorado-Boulder and the State University of New York at Oswego.

UND Police Chief Eric Plummer said he thinks this ranking is inaccurate, and the report is miscalculating by including on-campus, non-campus and public property areas. Plummer also said based on the most recent year statistics, more than 40 percent of people arrested are not affiliated with UND.

Plummer also said the article does not consider all campuses in the country but only those who have a population of at least 5,000.

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Jon Rask described how today’s in-flight countermeasures do not fully protect astronauts from risks such as cardiovascular problems, bone or muscle loss and vision issues.

Rask worked on research teams with NASA that explored artificial gravity as one solution to these problems.

UND alumni Jon Rask discusses artificial gravity and the possibility of a Mars flyby. Photo by Chester Beltowski/The Dakota Student
EVENT | TEDxGrandForks, Empire Arts Center, 1 p.m. independently organized event, operated under a license from TED.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015

EVENT | Writers Conference 101: Sarah Leavitt, UND Bookstore conference room, 2 to 3:30 p.m. discussion of “Tangles: A Story About Alzheimer’s, My Mother, and Me” by Sarah Leavitt led by Linda Baeza Porter.

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Social media as route to work

Online actions can make or break odds of landing employment.

By Mary Ochs
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I’m sure we’ve all experienced it. You’re taking a picture at a party, and there’s always someone who makes sure there isn’t any alcohol or suggestive containers in the picture. Or maybe that person is you.

Either way, whether it may seem uncool or not, it’s for the best.

We post everything on social media these days. Our Facebooks, Twitters and Instagrands are timelines of our lives — where we’ve been, what we’ve been doing and who we’ve been doing it with. But have you ever thought ahead to life outside of college? To the real life after college?

I’m not trying to tell you to make your Facebook page into your resume, or fill your Twitter feed with nothing but stock market updates or all the people you want to meet new people. Take chances. Try new things. But, it’s good to keep in mind what the future might hold and how you want people to view you down the road. If you someday want a job that is professional and influential, don’t let what you post on social media be the reason you don’t get it.

This shouldn’t scare anyone. On the contrary, we can actually use our immersion in the social media world to heighten our chances of landing that dream job once we leave the ever-growing embrace of college. If you know employers are using sites like Facebook, Twitter, Google+ or LinkedIn as part of their current processes, why not build yourself up on them to be ready when your future boss comes creeping?

But if we are smart about (using social media), we can use it to our advantage.

Mary Ochs
staff writer

Employers state the reasons they rejected job applicants for their behavior on social media sites. Graphic courtesy of Forbes.com.

Have you ever rejected a candidate because of what you saw about them on a social networking site?

69% Yes
26% No
5% I don’t use those sites to screen prospective employees

Why have you rejected those candidates?

- Posted inappropriate photos
- Posted inappropriate comments
- Posted content about drinking
- Posted negative comments about an employer
- Demanded sexual communication from wither
- Made discriminative comments
- Lasted about their athleticism
- Shared confidential information from a friend
- Never rejected a candidate because of their social media use

Employers state the reasons they rejected job applicants for their behavior on social media sites. Graphic courtesy of Forbes.com.

Behavior online can affect employers’ perceptions. Image courtesy of Huffington Post.

SUPER VIEW
#boycottCoke

Super Bowl ad brings bigots to embarrassing spotlight online.

By Larry Philbin
The Dakota Student

There has been an absurd amount of controversy over a Coca-Cola ad that aired during the Super Bowl.

For those who have not seen it, the artistically imagined commercial depicts fleeting moments in the lives of random Americans of various races, social classes and sexual orientations set to “America the Beautiful” being sung in several languages.

To most people, it was just another somewhat forgettable commercial — unless you remember it as one of the “not funny” commercials during the big game.

But, to some, the ad was highly offensive. Some of the comments on the YouTube page were laughably ignorant.

Some of the disdain “patron” that were offended by this commercial thought it was appalling that anyone would allow the “National Anthems” to be sung in a foreign language. That’s right, apparently “America the Beautiful” is the new national anthem. Somewhere tell my high school government teacher.

Others believed that “America the Beautiful” was written and intended only to be sung in “American” — the new state-official language. Singing it in English would be no better than calling up the Queen, apologizing for the mess and telling her she can have the whole country back.

One brief scene of the commercial that some commenters were particularly upset about was one that portrayed a same-sex couple and their child. If this scene is one that offended you, just keep in mind that “America the Beautiful” was written by Katharine Lee Bates — a lesbian woman who lived with her female partner Katarine Corman for more than 25 years.

Could this commercial really offend someone so much that he or she might truly feel the need to boycott Coke? If so, I say go for it.

But if you really feel that much anger toward Coke, you’re going to have to do more than just not drink your favorite variation of Coca-Cola. If you really want to put an end to these America-haters, then I suggest you stay away from any brands owned by the company — all 450-plus of them. That’s right, next time you drink Minute Made, Barcadi, Danesi, De Pepper, Mello Yello, Powerade, Schweppes, Sprite, Squirt, Tab or any of the hundreds of other brands owned by Coke.

Instead, I suggest you put it all down and pick up a nice refreshing Pepsi. Just keep in mind that Pepsi is one of the world’s largest supporters of the LGBT community.

There may be dozens of reasons why one might reasonably consider boycotting Coca-Cola, but this commercial is not one of them. If having people of other skin colors associated with America bothers you, you’re living in the wrong country, because that’s what this country is — diverse and ever-changing.

But it’s only as beautiful as the people who live here are willing to see it.
Drinking age laws miss the point, have ill effects

By Kjerstine Trooien
The Dakota Student

I have never had an illegal drink of alcohol in my life. Kinda shocking, huh? Coming from a UND senior who spent her teenage years in South Dakota—a state as notorious for underage drinkers as its northern counterpart—it can be a bit surprising to learn that someone my age set at 21 as well. Still, no country makes its citizens wait until 21 to drink. Pakistan and Sri Lanka are other countries that wait until 21 to drink. Pakistan and Sri Lanka are other countries that have the age set at 21 as well. Still, no country makes its citizens wait longer to legally consume alcohol. I’ve never liked the phrase that those in my position chose to abstain from drinking. Full disclosure: I did drink before I was 21. I visited various countries in Europe when I was 18 and Canada when I was 19. I was of drinking age in both places when I was there, and both times I choose to partake in the drinking going on around me. I never have drunk illegally. Whenever I went to a party at one of UND’s fraternities—which, admittedly, didn’t happen much—I stayed stone-cold sober. At birthday parties, I was the friend handling the knife and lighter—for cutting the cake and lighting the candles, of course. I have been called more than a few times to be a designated driver for drunk friends, both of age and not, who know I would be sober.

Despite this about me, I do think our laws regarding drinking age are stupid, especially when looked at in the context of other, similar countries and cultures. According to a study done by a university in New York, the U.S. has the highest drinking age in the world, of the countries that allow alcohol at all, that is. We are not the only country that makes its citizens wait until 21 to drink. Pakistan and Sri Lanka are other countries that have the age set at 21 as well. Still, no country makes its citizens wait longer to legally consume alcohol. I’ve never liked the phrase that viewing drinking as something that is done socially. It’s ritualized. Watch any movie about a college student, and you’ll see plenty of antics revolving around drinking, all of which are done in groups. Regardless of what George Thoroughgood would lyrically tell you, drinking alone is looked down upon and even listed as a signifier of alcoholism.

I understand there are worries that lowering the drinking age will result in an increase of DUIs and alcohol related car accidents. But, I argue, the problems we face with irresponsible drinking and actions happen regardless of age.

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to counteract the effects of going into space for a long period of time. Artificial gravity is the centripetal force felt by objects following a curved path, and Rask said it is similar to the merry-go-round on a playground.

“Artificial gravity may be useful to be used for humans during space flight,” Rask said.

He exhibited data from the research project he assisted in that tested the subjects’ ability to withstand low blood pressure effects, called “orthostatic tolerance limit,” before and after a 90 minute exposure to artificial gravity in a centrifuge.

The team found that in both dehydrated and normally hydrated subjects, orthostatic tolerance limit improved after artificial gravity exposure.

Rask also shared some of his personal experiences aboard a centrifuge. He explained how the researchers studied subjects’ anxiety levels related to using the centrifuge to see if it had an effect on the results.

Although the study’s results were good, Rask added, “In the future, artificial gravity experiments need to be conducted in space.”

His team’s research was done on Earth, and it needs to be tested in space before artificial gravity is acceptable to use on space missions.

Professor Michael Gaffey, who presented for the colloquium a week earlier, was one of the attendees for Jon Rask’s talk. “I found it interesting that the zero gravity effect response actually worked better in the subjects that were not the most physically fit,” Gaffey said.

There will be four more presentations in this spring’s colloquium series, and the next talk will be given by Vadim Rygalov, Associate Professor of Space Studies at UND. “Critical Human Factors of Manned Mission to Mars” is the unofficial topic of the presentation, and the tentative date is March 10 in Ryan Hall 111.

An official announcement will be issued closer to the date of the presentation.

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Jon Rask discusses the impact of gravity on the human body and the possibilities of artificial gravity. Photo by Chester Beltowski/The Dakota Student.
Sugiura offers devotion, skill to music department

Japan native travels across world with dreams of making UND best music program in region.

By Emmy Erbes
The Dakota Student

Since his arrival three years ago, music professor Nariaki Sugiura, with his skill and dedication, has proved to be a valuable addition the music department at UND.

Born and raised in Japan, Sugiura started taking piano lessons from his mother at age 5. He decided that he wanted to make piano his career when he was only 10 years old, and practiced between 12 and 13 hours per weekend in junior high.

“A pianist named Stanislav Bunin, who won the International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition that year, made a sensational debut in Japan with Chopin Piano Competition that year, who won the International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition that year, made a sensational debut in Japan with Chopin. That impressed me a lot.”

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During his time at UND, Sugiura has been impressed with the students and faculty.

“I thought that everyone would be shy and closed-minded, but that was not the case; I actually found that everyone is very focused and works hard,” he said.

In Sugiura’s first year at UND, he noticed the need for a staff accompanist. During his time as a piano professor and staff accompanist at DePauw University, he met fellow staff accompanist Keith Teepen and convinced him to fulfill UND’s need for an accompanist.

Teepen is now in his second year at UND and, to some, is viewed as Sugiura’s right-hand man.

“(Sugiura) is very dedicated and willing to help; anyone can come to him any hour of the day,” Teepen said. “His life is his job, and he wants what is best for the program.”

While he enjoys teaching and seeing his students improve, his job consists of much more. He organizes performances and master classes for UND, featuring guests from around the world to show students what is going on in our region and beyond.

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“His goals concern the people around him, but it’s not just for himself,” Barbu said. “His goals concern the people around him and faculty. He organizes performances and master classes for UND, featuring guests from around the world to show students what is going on in our region and beyond. Sugiura also has traveled around the U.S. and Asia promoting the program and recruiting new students. "I want to create a program where anyone can come to him any hour of the day," Teepen said. “His life is his job, and he wants what is best for the program.”

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Crews out of places to put snow

By Mathew McKay
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With nearly 127 acres of parking lots and 27 miles of sidewalks to clear, the UND snow removal staff is running out of areas to pile an overwhelming amount of snow.

In the past, crews have put piles in the parking lots, according to Director of Facilities Management Larry Zitzow.

“We still do leave some snow in the parking lots to a point, which takes parking spaces away,” Zitzow said. “As the campus and population continues to grow, there is becoming more need for parking and more need to haul it away.”

As UND continues to expand, space to dump the snow decreases.

“The school of medicine is going to gobble up all our snow pile area,” Zitzow said. “We have had to do other things this year.

We have had to use the snowplow more than we have ever used it — piled it high and make some pretty big piles.”

Much of the removed snow is sitting behind the practice football field.

The staff is working to find new locations to put snow and hopes to have some new areas in the future. Despite the recent struggles the staff feels good about where they are now.

Equipment Operator Anderson Byron said before gaining new equipment 10 years ago it took twice as long to complete what they can now complete in a matter of hours.

“We have 10 times the equipment as what we did back then,” Byron said. “We would mainly do the campus the day of snow and then move into housing, the following day.”

Along with the 18 pieces of equipment, Byron said just having experienced workers is a plus, especially around expensive state property.

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Sophomore forward Meghan Dufault skates against the University of Wisconsin earlier this season. File photo.

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UND athlete

“I played with him in high school and I played with him in juniors,” LaDue said. “It’s just great, being able to experience that again. Actually, we went to a lot of games together here, so it’s really fun.”

While the seven freshmen in the lineup this season bring different backgrounds and talents, a majority stems from the Great Forks area. LaDue, Johnson and their Grand Forks native Luke Johnson not only shared the experience of coming to a new school at the same time as LaDue — the two also are cousins.

Johnson played alongside LaDue at Lincoln in juniors, leading the team with nine power-play goals in 57 games during the 2012-13 season while recording 46 points. One year prior, in 2011-12, Johnson accumulated 55 points in 55 games. The two have spent many years on the ice together, and college provided yet another opportunity.

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was named Defenseman of the Year in 2012-13.

With familiar territory, but new Division I level, LaDue’s transition has been fitting.

“He’s just gaining a little swagger at this level,” UND coach Dave Hakstol said. “We knew he was ready to play here. We knew he had the physical and mental maturity to be a good player right away, but as of late — probably since Christmas — we’re not just seeing a good player, we’re seeing a confident player that’s playing with a little more confidence. We knew he had the physical adjustment to play at UND, but the dynamic from the entire freshman class is just so close and so tight. Wherever you see one or two, it seems like you see all seven of them — and that’s a pretty dynamic group of players. So tow like Luke and Paul are a part of that — but there are five other guys that are part of that right group as well.”

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“(Amy) Menke and (Kayla) Gardner and (Lisa) Marvin and all of our other freshmen — they’ve got some kids on a playoff stretch — that you know might not get this opportunity for another year or so development wise,” Idalski said. “So to have (Becca) Kohler have to lead our club, and raising, (Meghan) Dufault right now — the biggest thing isn’t necessarily what she brings on the ice.

“She’s a great player for us, and that’ll obviously help, but it’s the leadership of her being to carry the team through the stretch is what she’s missing development wise,” Idalski said.

“That’s what we need a little about.

Even as the newer players to the team, the freshmen are expected to step up big in key situations.

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SAAC and its effort to improve communities. She’s spent time with the Grand Forks YMCA, Special Olympics, the SAAC food drive and many other groups — and she isn’t done yet.

When it comes to keeping up a 3.7 GPA while majoring in kinesiology, Husfeldt says she has a good team to study with.

“This past semester we as a team got 3.5,” Husfeldt said. “When we are on the road, we will go down to the lobby of the hotel and study or, in the airports, we will sprawl out and take up sections and quarantine ourselves to study.”

Teamwork is an aspect Husfeldt is familiar with in more than just academia. The standout setter says she doesn’t feel overshadowed as far as performance recognition goes.

“Volleyball is a team sport, and so if the team does well, we all thrive on it,” Husfeldt said. “Everyone has their own stats category. I like looking at where the other setters in the conference are and trying to beat them and that’s my goal and that’s what I look at. That’s where I set my bar.”

Husfeldt set that bar high and has been a key player for North Dakota in more areas than one. She led the entire Big Sky Conference in assists with 1,284 in 117 games this past season, putting her at No. 6 in UND history for single-season assists. She also was sixth on the team for kills with 70 in the season, and was tied for third in blocks with 68.

Husfeldt also contributed mightily to the back row, where she dug up 260 balls on defense. To top it off, the setter led North Dakota in service aces, rocketing 23 over the net last season.

“I thought we had a great season overall,” Husfeldt said. “We won the Big Sky, which was huge for us, it was the first team at UND to do so. I think we were all a little disappointed that we didn’t win the tournament as well, but that just motivates us more for next year.”

Next fall will be Husfeldt’s last semester at UND as a setter, but probably not her last at the school.

“I just applied to the physical therapy program, and, if I get in, I’ll have it deferred one year because I can’t do volleyball and physical therapy at the same time,” Husfeldt said.

While she realizes graduate school may not mix as well with college-level sports, Husfeldt remains confident she can do well in other areas of her life while continuing to stay involved with volleyball.

“I think (volleyball) will always be a part of my life,” she said. “Whether I’m doing leagues on a Friday night or maybe coaching, I think I’ll always be there. I don’t know if I could ever not do something with volleyball.”

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Last Saturday, the team lost its first game since Jan. 16 to Portland State in a 70-68 loss.

The men’s team is sitting in fourth place in the Big Sky Conference — pushing to get about one seed. As the season winds down, the Thunderbirds are vying for No. 6 or No. 7 seeds.

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Season outlook

The top seven teams make the Big Sky tournament, which is good news for North Dakota as it sits in fourth place.

While there is some room for error, UND hopes to keep winning to get above the middle of the pack. A higher seed means more home court advantage, and a No. 1 seed means home court throughout the playoffs.

Five of North Dakota’s next nine games are against tournament teams. It also plays Eastern Washington, Sacramento State and Idaho State — all teams that are vying for No. 6 or No. 7 seeds.

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Anderson knows now is the time for his team.

“We’re playing our best basketball right now,” he said. “Now that we had that previous win streak, we’re all clicking. We’re all on the same page — all sacrificing for one another right now. We know the ultimate goal is getting to the conference tournament.”

The prize at the end of the Big Sky Tournament is a berth into the big dance, the NCAA March Madness Tournament.
Skating path leads back home

Freshman defenseman Paul LaDue skates against St. Cloud earlier this season.

By Elizabeth Erickson
The Dakota Student

At three years old, his skates were laced and his blades skated across the smooth surface at Optimist Park in Grand Forks — the place that forever holds the memory of Paul LaDue's first time on the ice. LaDue grew up attending UND men's hockey games as a fan, and eventually traded his seat in the stands for a spot on the bench.

"I was a little nervous right away, but it's been great," he said. "I love playing here. During the week, I just can't wait to play here on Friday and Saturday. It's just so special knowing that. Growing up here, you just want to put on that jersey, and it's really exciting."

In 23 games played this season, the freshman defenseman has tallied three goals and six assists for nine points. But before he put on the green and white, LaDue spent two seasons with the Lincoln Stars of the USHL — posting a record-setting 83 points for a defenseman and averaging 19.7 points per game, and is the No. 2 scorer in the Big Sky. Troy Huff leads UND scorers in the conference with No. 9 spot, averaging 14.7 points. Tommy Sanchez holds the No. 9 spot, averaging 14.9 points.

UND will use Saturday as a chance to get back to its winning ways in the Big Sky Conference. "I really started playing high-level club volleyball when I was a sophomore, like elite volleyball," she said. "I’ve played (Junior Olympics) since sixth grade, but I started playing for more of an elite club and traveling across the country my sophomore year of high school."

Husfeldt lettered all four years of high school and led her team to the state tournament three times. One of Husfeldt’s many academic achievements in high school was earning the volleyball academic achievement award, which was just a precursor for what was to come in her collegiate career.

As an active member of UND’s SAAC, as the volleyball representative for over three years, Husfeldt was one of the youngest to be selected as a representative when chosen her freshman year. More recently, Husfeldt was elected secretary and is expected to continue in that role next season.

On top of her hours of practice, travel and homework, Husfeldt has made the time to donate 98 hours to various groups as a part of her involvement with the Dakotah 98 hours to various groups as a part of her involvement with the Dakotah service award.

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Roadtrip heads to Duluth

Women’s hockey team ready to face off against Bulldogs in weekend series.

By Mariah Holland
The Dakota Student

The UND women’s hockey team will hit the road to face Duluth this weekend after spending the last few weekends at home.

"I’ll be interesting," UND coach Brian Idalski said. "We’re both missing players — them missing a couple of high-end D, and us missing a couple of high-end forwards. How we adjust to that should be a pretty interesting storyline this weekend.

Bengals up next for UND men

Men’s hoops prepares for Saturday series against Idaho State, end of season near.

By Alex Sladnik
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The UND men’s basketball team is in the heat of heated conference play as it prepares to take on Idaho State on Saturday.

The Bengals currently sit in the basement of the Big Sky, and UND beat the Bengals 66-62 when the teams last played in Grand Forks.

While Idaho State lost to Weber State by six points, it could not finish off Northern Arizona, losing 67-65.

The last time the teams met in The Betty, Chris Hansen went off for 24 points and eight rebounds and shot six of 11 from the 3-point line for the Bengals. While Hansen was on fire, UND won the game in part through its defense — blocking seven shots and forcing 23 turnovers.

Saturday’s game will feature a host of some of the top scorers in the Big Sky. Troy Huff leads UND in scoring, averaging 19.7 points per game, and is the No. 2 scorer in the conference. ISU has three of the top 10 scorers in the conference with No. 5 Chris Hansen, averaging 17.1 points, while No. 8 Andre Hatcher averages 14.9 points. Tomas Sanchez holds the No. 9 spot, averaging 14.7 points.

UND guard Aaron Anderson said he is confident about the upcoming games. "Oh, yeah, we’re pretty confident," Anderson said. "We have a great staff that prepares us for the games and knows that defense is the main key to get us our wins this weekend on our road trip. If we go out with the mindset to play defense, we’ll have a good chance at getting this road sweep."

UND will use Saturday as a chance to get back to its winning ways in the Big Sky Conference.

Husfeldt sets aside hours

UND volleyball setter receives award for volunteer hours and service.

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UND volleyball player Nikki Hufeldt has been balancing hours of volleyball play and travel with classes and homework for several years, and all her years of hard work have paid off.

Recently, Hufeldt was awarded the Big Sky Student Athlete Advisory Committee Outstanding Community Service Award.

"I feel blessed," Hufeldt said. "I think being a student athlete, you have to learn time management. You learn how to get things done. Talking to professors ahead of time, getting assignments done early before you leave … I actually think it’s to my benefit, and it’s really taught me time management."

Husfeldt, an Audov, Minn., native, has been playing volleyball since she was in fourth grade, and had to get used to balancing school with playing at an elite level early on in her career.

Women’s hockey team prepared for Saturday series.

UND hockey head coach Brian Idalski has made the time to donate 98 hours to various groups as a part of her involvement with the Dakotah service award.

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