Committee begins search for new Dean of Libraries

— A committee of 14 members formed by Provost Thomas DiLorenzo seeks effective communicators

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The Dakota Student

The search for a new Dean of Libraries is underway at UND, though it is still in the early stages.

The search committee, which was formed by Provost Thomas DiLorenzo, met for the first time Wednesday to discuss the qualities of the right candidate. Many members are already in agreement that effective communication is the highest priority.

"What I think is important is someone who can work effectively, communicate effectively with everyone else on campus," said Curt Hanson, head of the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections for the Chester Fritz Library. "Whether that is faculty, students, staff, alumni, the greater Grand Forks community, someone who is a good communicator and enjoys building bridges, creating connections with people."

Chemistry Professor Mark Hoffmann agrees and says it should be used as a means to bring a campus and community of many people onto the same page.

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"A Dean of Libraries at a major research university such as UND needs to balance the interests and needs of a broad and variegated constituency," Hoffmann said. "To do so, he or she needs to be able to communicate well with students, faculty and other administrators, and then must be able to build consensuses."

New projects, events introduced to Senate

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Provost Tom DiLorenzo and Vice President for Student Affairs Lori Reesor attended the Student Senate meeting on April 26 to update the student body on events and projects around campus.

It was mentioned at the two previous Senate meetings — where a vote of no confidence against UND administrators was turned down — that the administration needed to do a better job of keeping Senate updated, and vice versa.

DiLorenzo, along with Director of Libraries Julie Anderson, presented information about what was happening at the Chester Fritz Library.

UND Wellness Center ranked 10th best in nation

The website ‘College Raptor’ ranked the UND Wellness Center as No. 10 out of the 16 best campus wellness centers in the nation. The website praised the Wellness Center’s holistic approach to fitness, noting the "decked-out gyms and fitness areas," as well as the culinary corner where students can learn healthy eating habits.

UND students Klaudia Price (left) and Gabby Cummings walk out of the UND Wellness Center. Photo by Chester Beltowski/The Dakota Student.
It had been about a week since the whole incident, and Steph still had not talked to Jeff. She had been spend-
ing a lot of time with Brian. Jeff wasn’t around anymore, which is probably why she was with Brian so much. Yesterday she and Brian went out to eat to talk about everything, but throughout the night it turned into more of a date. Steph had been feeling like they were now in a relationship. It wasn’t official that they were boyfriend and girlfriend like it was with Jeff, although she felt very attracted to Brian. Brian bluntly told her that he was not the faithful kind of guy, but she didn’t mind that. At least she said she didn’t mind, but maybe that was because she thought she was truly in love. Laying on her bed, she daydreamed of Brian. As her mind wandered she thought of how Brian had beat up Jeff. She felt kind of bad, and she wasn’t sure if she should talk to Jeff or not. Despite the fact that Jeff would really appreciate receiving an apology, she decided not to. Jeff was one of those people you didn’t have to win over. The kind of person who was kind and already cared about you, so there wasn’t much to gain by reciprocating. She felt like she was a queen bee and Jeff was one of the workers who was born to serve her without thinking. He was too gentle of a guy and did not de-
mand enough attention for his respect, so there was little interest for her to connect with him again.
library

The committee is comprised of 14 members, with Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Steven Light taking point as chair. Student Government Vice President Brett Johnson is the sole UND student representative, with the others consisting of professors and library faculty.

According to Hanson, the goal is to have the new dean in place by August, just in time for the start of the 2015-2016 academic year.

Although it is less than half a year away, committee members are optimistic that the search process will be a great opportunity to do good work. “Libraries are integral to universities, so I am very much looking forward to participating in the search process,” Accountancy Professor and committee member Kate Campbell said.

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Handing out justice

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Aaron Knodel was an English teacher at West Fargo High School, and he was a good one. I had Knodel for several classes during my time there, and I was coached by him on the school’s student congress team. In 2014, he won the North Dakota Teacher of the Year award.

Shortly after this, allegations came out that he had had sexual relations with a 17-year-old student in 2009.

The case was announced, and almost immediately the evidence began to pile up. As the case moved into preliminary hearings, it seemed as if a guilty verdict was all but guaranteed.

And now it comes out that the jury had come to a unanimous not guilty decision on three of the five counts, and on the other two counts, there was one holdout juror for a guilty verdict.

She committed perjury, lying about her history as a victim of sexual assault.

And what was the state’s reaction to this discovery that a man’s life had been in the hands of some incompetent people?

The judge in the case, Steven McCullough, told the jury that this was “clearly grounds for a mistrial.”

Now it very well may be grounds for a mistrial, but to know this has been dragged out for as long as it has, and to know the jury was near an acquittal, this seems the slightest bit unfair.

My own personal feelings aside, it is hard to watch a man, who by now appears innocent, have the possibility to sit through another trial, that could reach a different verdict. This is the equivalent of a bully saying that he only lost because he didn’t understand the rules, and so he needs to get another shot.

It is appalling to see a case like this, to see a man denied justice because the state decided that it wanted another shot.

And so, finally, despite the fact that I decided to try to remain silent and neutral throughout all of this case, it’s time to speak up.

The state needs to let this one go. Don’t put a man through any more suffering than you need to. Give him the justice he deserves, the justice the people deserve, not the justice you want.

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Insecurity breeds poor choices

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I’ve done many stupid things in my life. I’ve said things I shouldn’t have. I’ve laughed at wildly inappropriate times. I’ve accidentally dyed my hair traffic-cone-orange. I firmly believe each of us twenty-somethings are entitled to a bit of harmless stupidity. We’re grown-ups, yes, but we’re still young. And, honestly, we still have a little stupid to get out of our systems.

I might have gone too far though. I could say that I did this in the name of journalism and science, but the truth is, I got bored on Sunday. I didn’t plan on reporting on the results of my ... experimentation. But, after the facebook storm of “lol, omg!” and “What in god’s name were you thinking?”, it might be time for me to just own up to my massive stupidity.

I did the Kylie Jenner lip challenge. For those of you who have remained blissfully ignorant of this newest internet craze, it involves sticking your mouth in a shot glass and sucking the air out. The goal is to create a vacuum that inflicts your pucker to the epic levels of plumpness that teen-queen Jenner rocks in every instagram photo she posts. I hope I haven’t lost your respect, dear readers.

I’ve spent the past two days using the area around my mouth. My lips are no plumper than when I started, but I do have a purple goatee — a very bright, very noticeable goatee, complete with mustache, made entirely out of what is essentially a hickey.

Here’s the worst part — I knew going in this was a possibility. I just thought I’d be able to avoid it. I wasn’t going to keep the glass on for more than 30 seconds. I wasn’t going to end up one of the poor girls who needed stitches after literally bursting their lips. I was going to be smart. I was going to conveniently forget that I am not only very easily bruised, but have the skin color of a slice of WonderBread without the crust. Any blemish I get just looks like Jupiter’s spot to shame.

So, for the past few days, I’ve been walking around hoping that my concaverce covers the vivid stains lining my mouth. Every now and then, I’d come across another woman with similar marks around her mouth. Our eyes would meet, and we’d share a moment of solemn understanding before delving into concaverce tips and whether or not we did it on a dare.

I have no problem admitting my stupidity — but I have been wondering why this internet craze has taken off so quickly and run so far. Even the ice-bucket challenge’s fame fizzled after a few weeks. What is it about emulating Jenner that has us resorting to bruising?

If I’m being completely honest, I didn’t try the challenge to see how silly I’d look — I did it because someone once told me I have thin lips. This was back in junior high school and it still bugs me to this day. I thought maybe this would be a way to solve my remaining childhood insecurity. Over lining never worked for me — the liner always smeared halfway through the day, making me look like Ronald McDonald after a bender. Lip plumpers with cinnamon only tingled, never plumped. Even wearing red lipstick, the color I fought my insecurity so hard to wear, doesn’t actually help with the whole, thin-lipped thing.

To me, this was something that might solve that little, nagging insecurity that has hung on for a decade. It wasn’t lip injections, it was free and something that I convinced myself was safe. Sure, if it didn’t work I could say it was all for fun, but if I’m being fully honest, I did it because of insecurity.

And that’s where I was really stupid. Accepting myself and loving myself has been an uphill battle, as it has for many of us. It’s taken hard work, but I finally have started accepting me for me. In doing this, I took a huge step backwards. When I wear makeup or workout or dress up. I’m doing it because I feel good. It’s for me and only me. This lip thing? That was because someone said something was wrong with me. My lips aren’t perfect, but I wasn’t worried about them until a pre-teen friend said something to pre-teens. And what’s worse, I held on to that insecurity for more than a decade. That’s where I was stupid — instead of sticking my mouth in a shot glass, I should have simply let it go.

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The cruelty of animal testing

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The main reason there are advocates against animal testing is because animals have a chance of being harmed or mistreated. However, there are very strong laws in place to ensure distress and pain in animals is kept to an absolute minimum.

Avert.org is the international HIV & AIDS charity that works toward preventing the spread of diseases through intensive education and testing.

The organization says the differences between animals and humans are known so it’s easy to factor that in to the experiments.

It goes further into detail by promoting that “there are no viable alternatives to testing pharmaceutical products for safety on animals.” Scientists at Avert start with in-vitro studies and computer models before they begin to test on animals.

If it’s a legal requirement that drugs are tested on animals for safety reasons in majority of the world, especially if the tests are attempting to create more good than bad, people shouldn’t be protesting against these tests.

A report under BBC even recommended a solution referred to as the 3Rs. This solution includes reduction, refinement and replacement. It suggests that animals should continue to be tested on, but we should reduce the amount of animals we experiment on, create a more unethical way of testing where it causes less harm, and if humans wanted to volunteer, we could use them instead of animals.

However, a majority of humans do not volunteer to be tested on, leaving scientists with no other choice but to test on animals.

We as humans are superior to other species. Therefore, if humans do not volunteer we have to look at what is more acceptable.

Although this may seem cruel, people need to realize that animals experimented on reproduce much quicker than humans and also produce more in liters. Rabbits alone can breed nearly 100 offspring in one year.

Rats and mice used in animal tests are typically bred for the experiments. The term “lab rats” is not a coincidence.

There is no other choice but to experiment with these overpopulated and specifically bred animals, because scientist can’t put out new medications without them first being experimented with.

Today, animal testing has already created many cures and has helped push towards medical advancements and other life-saving procedures.

Huntington’s disease, Alzheimer’s, Epilepsy and types of cancers are a few diseases scientists are trying to find vaccines for. Organ transplantation, heart-valve replacement, coronary artery bypass and open-heart surgery also have all been developed using animal models and testing.

Based on the development of research so far, animal testing is an option that can’t be discarded when it comes to creating and enhancing the future of medicine for diseases and procedures.

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Meditation center provides relaxation

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MOVIE REVIEW

"Buffalo Soldiers"

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Whenever I watch something that I have never heard of on Netflix, I expect one of two things: one, that the movie I’m watching is a masterpiece, or that it is an absolute piece of trash I never should have wasted my time watching.

However, there is a third option that’s so rare that I am surprised whenever I encounter it: the average movie. This was the case with “Buffalo Soldiers,” a 2001 movie starring Joaquin Phoenix.

The film is about an army private, Ray Elwood, serving in Germany toward the end of the Cold War. Not because he volunteered, but because he was caught stealing a car, and he had to choose between the army and prison.

On his base, he cooks and tells heroin, while sleeping with his superior’s wife. And despite the intriguing premise, the film still manages to be really average.

I like crime films. In a crime film, I am willing to forgive a lot, especially when a film is imitating Scorsese or Tarantino. “Buffalo Soldiers” has a bit of both, and yet it ends up leaving me a little disappointed.
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Rhombus Guys knows college kids, and college kids love dumb yet mildly entertaining stuff like that. My joy was brief, however, as I quickly realized that out of our eight crayons, three were the same shade of red and one was incompetent white. What in the lord’s name kind of selection is that? I can't draw a realistic giraffe with three red crayons and a white.

Utterly infuriating, and I sincerely hope management at Rhombus guys is looking to remedy the situation.

After getting over this initial disappointment, I had a chance to look at the menu. With over 30 kinds of pizza to choose from, we settled for the intimidatingly named T-Rex. The pizza consisted of marinara sauce, Canadian bacon, sausage, pepperoni, beef, bacon and mozzarella cheese for the price of $21.99. That’s incredibly expensive for a pizza, and it wasn’t even their largest size.

Many of the largest pizzas at Rhombus Guys can run for $27 without tax. Do you know what you can buy for $27? You could buy a set of snorkeling flippers, four party poppers, a box of sidewalk chalk and still have money left over for a bottle of chocolate milk. You tell me what you’d have more fun spending your money on.

After losing several games of red-colored hangman, our T-Rex was brought to us. It goes without saying that it was the best pizza I’ve had in years. The vegan’s nightmare brought before us was piled high with meat, so much so the thin and crispy crust could hardly support it. It took an enormous amount of hard work, intestinal fortitude and moxie, but my friend and I each managed to consume half of the pizza. I’d be afraid to look at the calorie count for the night, but even if I had gained a pound of raw unflattering body fat directly to my second chin, I would still consider eating that pizza well worth it.

When it’s all said and done, Rhombus Guys has exceptional pizza for an exceptional(ly high) price. Due to this mix of wonderful and expensive, I’m giving Rhombus Guys a solid 4 out of 5 stars.

Rhombus Guys’ gourmet pizzas from left to right: The Farm, The Rock-A-Doodle-Blues

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Phoenix does his part in the film, but at times he looks like he’s half asleep, channel-

ing the charm of a Ray Liotta or Leonardo DiCaprio, and he does a fantastic job of it, but he doesn’t have the en-

ergy to carry the film.

That isn’t to say the film isn’t good. It can be really funny at times, and the story is actually pretty well done. It kept me guessing enough to keep me engaged throughout the story, and my time spent watching the film didn’t feel entirely wasted.

The film has a lot of funny moments, and while I remember very few of them in detail, it does have some that actually caught me by surprise and made me laugh pretty hard.

Joaquim Phoenix does a great job, even when the film loses its energy and slows down. I never remember feel-

ing like I wished the film would end, and that’s pretty good thing.

I give “Buffalo Soldiers” three stars out of five. The film isn’t all bad, but after watching it I can’t say that I would care to see it again. Like “The Men Who Stare at Goats,” the film is not at all memorable, but it was a de-

cent fun ride while it lasted.

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Baseball team slides into next series
— North Dakota prepares for play Texas-Pan American at Kraft Memorial Field this weekend

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It’s not the way the season starts, but how it finishes. The UND baseball team has certainly taken that mantra to a new level as it continues to play good baseball.

After dropping six of their first nine within the conference, the Green and White have climbed back up the standings to make a run for the playoffs and look to keep their success going against a struggling Texas-Pan American squad.

UND currently sits in fifth place in standings for the Western Athletic Conference. The team was able to take two out of three games from Sacramento State to go in front of the Hornets with only nine conference games left to play before the WAC Championship on May 20.

After a sweep from Bakersfield in early April, UND has been playing lights out baseball within its conference. In the three WAC series played since April 4, North Dakota has gone 7-2.

As for the teams ahead of UND in standings, UND has played better than all the teams, with the exception of Bakersfield who also gone 7-2, since April 4 in the WAC.

After Sunday’s game, junior Luis Calvo emphasized the importance of the victory to move ahead in standings.

“Huge for us,” Calvo said. “The key is to stay healthy now and see how everything goes.”

UND looks for its first WAC championship berth since joining the conference last year. As for Texas-Pan American, its been going the other way.

Since the same date UND started its WAC hot streak, the Broncos have gone 2-6-1. They currently sit last in the conference.

However, UND won’t take the team lightly as the Broncos have been kicking behind the plate.

In the nine-game span, Texas-Pan American has scored a total of 41 runs, which is just behind UND’s 46.

Texas-Pan American also is looking for more than just turning its season around. Not only is it slumping, it also doesn’t have a win on the road.

As for UND, the team will look to up its home winning percentage as it has gone 5-4 at Kraft Field, but has gone 6-2 at home, including non-conference play since the series against Bakersfield.

The first pitch in this series is scheduled for 5 p.m. this Friday at Kraft Memorial Field.

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UND freshman Brett Harrison slides to a base last Tuesday at Kraft Memorial Field.
PRESS PAUSE
TAKE A STUDY BREAK!
FREE ACTIVITIES FOR UND STUDENTS!
SATURDAY, MAY 9

**FOOD:**
Study at the Chester Fritz Library and take a break for FREE Jimmy Johns and snacks!
Available at the reference desk.
**WHEN:** Jimmy Johns served at 12 p.m. New snacks served every hour until 8 p.m. or until food runs out.

**GOLF:**
Make a FREE tee time or hit the driving range at Kings Walk, Lincoln or Ray Richards!
- Tee times must be made in advance
- Call golf courses directly to reserve tee time
- Free club rentals at Ray Richards
- Free bucket of balls at the driving range
- Limit: one (1) round of golf per student at one (1) course
**WHEN:** Standard course times and availability

**WORKOUT:**
Grab a quick, de-stressing workout and enjoy a FREE snack at the Wellness Center!
**WHEN:** Anytime during Wellness Center hours

**MOVIES:**
See a FREE movie at River Cinema!
Located in East Grand Forks.
**WHEN:** 12 p.m. - midnight

**COFFEE:**
Enjoy a FREE (up to $5) drink at Stomping Grounds in the Memorial Union!
**WHEN:** 12 - 6 p.m.

*Must present student ID at each location to waive fees.

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High Performance Center to be completed this fall

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Retelle also noted how the High Performance Center will change the way he and his team are able to practice from recent years.

“With the turf and the full sized gym, we will be able to run all of the drills that we want to,” he said.

Though athletic teams have been able to practice at indoors facilities over the years such as the Hyslop Center, an upgrade to a building like the High Performance Center provides new ways to make the most of preparation.

Not only does this new center provide more space for athletes to work, but it also will create an improved overall practice environment for teams.

“It will be a better environment to work in,” Retelle said. “When we are doing drills over at the Hyslop and the whole team is in the gym, there is an echo and it can be really loud, which makes it hard to communicate. So communication is a big thing and will be much easier once we make the move over.”

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The UND High Performance Center undergoes construction last fall on campus. Photo by Chester Beltowski/The Dakota Student. Top left: The building nears completion with athletes hoping to use the building for the 2015-16 season. Photo by Jackson Smith/The Dakota Student.

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SB, May 1 vs. Idaho State
Pocatello, Idaho

BSB, April 28 vs. Texas-Pan American
Kraft Memorial Field

TRACK/FIELD, May 2
Steve Scott Invitational
Irvine, Calif.

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Lyle Hokanson Invitational
Fargo, N.D.