Installing islands in the coulee

UND’s Environmental Restoration Club raised more than $9,000 in order to install two BioHaven floating islands next school year in the English Coulee to help naturally filter out the chemical runoff that is polluting the water.

The gardens will mimic a wetland habitat for wildlife such as birds, turtles and otters while the flowers will provide food for local pollinators. The president of the restoration club, Rachel Thorstenson, hopes these gardens will change the way students and other Grand Forks community members see and use the coulee.

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Costing roughly $50 per square foot, these islands will provide much needed habitat for wetland dependent animal species, beautify campus and the English Coulee.

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Baseball, men’s golf cut at UND

Alex Stadnik
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

Hours after celebrating one of UND’s greatest sports accomplishments, it was announced that the university would be discontinuing the baseball and men’s golf programs due to school-wide budget cuts.

“There are realities to the amount of funding the state can provide,” UND Interim President Ed Schafer said in a statement. “In fact, all of our revenue sources will be under pressure for the foreseeable future. This requires us to focus, to prioritize, to plan and to make the tough decisions.”

According to a statement made by the UND Athletics Department, the removal of the baseball and men’s golf programs will eliminate $2.4 million dollars from the department’s budget.

Both programs have a long-standing history at UND. While not without some hiatuses, the UND baseball team has been around since 1889 and have played every year since 1956.

The men’s golf team is also one of the school’s oldest programs as golf became a varsity sport in 1929.

For players, coaches and fans of both teams, this is a tough pill to swallow.

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City to host networking event for students

A free shuttle service will be provided to take UND students, staff and faculty from the Memorial Union to downtown Grand Forks Saturday to attend a community-university forum.

The free forum, called Common Ground, will give students the chance to network for jobs and internships, meet city officials and leaders, and register to win door prizes.

Lunch discounts will be offered by downtown restaurants for the event, which begins with registration at 8 a.m. and the first session at 9 a.m. at the Empire Arts Center, 415 DeMers Ave.

The program concludes at 1:15 p.m. The forum is intended to bring UND and residents of Grand Forks together to discuss local topics that include population, economics, social issues, retention of UND graduates, environmental and natural resources, history, neighborhoods, arts and education, communication and politics.

The shuttle will run every half hour beginning at 8 a.m. on campus to the Empire Arts Center and back until the end of the program.

Registration is available online or Saturday at the Empire Arts Center.

For registration and the schedule, visit www.community-engagement.und.edu.

Student Government conducts elections

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The Dakota Student

Student Government elections were held this past Wednesday at UND. Unofficial results were released late Wednesday evening.

Brandon Beyer and Blake Anderson were elected student body president and vice president respectively. They ran unopposed.

Tomohiro Tanaka, Ethan Gilden, Sam Lema, Nicolas Hanson, Muneeb Hyder, Shane Hill, Blair Nelson, Chris Petschen and Jake Oden were elected to the University Senate.

Carlson, Layton Erikson, Tucker D. Haflfler, Ashley VanderBush, Jake Wahllin and Nicholas Young were elected to various Student Senate seats.

All proposed changes to the Constitution were adopted.

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Finalist selected for College of Aerospace

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The search committee for UND’s John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences next dean has announced UND Associate Dean Paul Lindseth as the sole finalist.

Lindseth has worked at UND since 1988, and he has been the associate dean of academics at UND’s aerospace school since 2002. He has a bachelor’s degree from North Dakota State University, a master’s degree from Central Michigan University and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan.

According to UND’s website, Lindseth began flying in 1973 while a member of the U.S. Air Force’s ROTC program. He went on to instruct in both flying fixed wing aircraft and helicopters. On top of flight instruction, he teaches aviation safety, basic attitude instrument flying and helicopter aerodynamics at UND.

Dr. Joshua Wynne, Dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, is the chair of the search committee for the new aerospace dean. Lindseth was chosen from five semifinalists.

Lindseth will attend open forums at the end of the April so that faculty, student and staff have a chance to meet him. The date and time of the visits will be announced in the near future.

Current dean Bruce Smith, who has led the college of aerospace since January 2000, announced last year that he will be retiring in the summer of 2016. Smith has led the school at a time that it has become a leader in aviation and a pioneer in Unmanned Aerospace System technology.

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The financial hardships they experienced made them susceptible to the persuasion of insurgents. The families had to cater for their families drove them to commit acts they might not have had they been paid adequately.

Considering their financial hardships, as well as several other contributing factors, I was consistently reminded of a simple fact: the Afghan forces were not ready to take control of their country. As the forces assigned to train them, we were on strict deadlines and forced to expedite the process while providing the most adequate training we could accomplish.

Soon after my return from Afghanistan in late 2011, I heard of the plan to remove U.S. troops from the country. While I understand the desire of the American people to bring service members home, I was against this withdrawal. I knew the Afghan soldiers were not ready to defend their country. They lacked a strong military infrastructure that could provide them with all the necessary training and materials. The military had been stood up in a rush with the intention to hand the responsibility of defending their country back to the Afghan government, where it rightfully belonged.

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Behavior expectations remain after winning

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As the UND Men's Hockey team won the NCAA National Championship, I was very excited for the university. The hard work that was put forth into obtaining that championship should be validated and praised. It is a shining light in the midst of a hard time for our campus, due to the budget shortfall. However, there is something that did bother me after the championship.

I believe it is okay to be excited for a team that represents our school. I believe it okay to go out with friends and “celebrate” a win together. However, behavior expectations should remain consistent even when the university is experiencing a championship. This aspect is of being super fans that are not okay, as they do not represent the integrity of the game and are of concern for people's safety.

The morning after the win, I learned that a handful of UND hockey fans decided to take their excitement out by vandalism and tipping a car. There was a handful of individuals who were intoxicated and ended up pushing a Toyota Prius on its side while others took to a parked car and broke its left rear view mirror. Individuals who were intoxicated continued to tip a car.

The university is the right way, but it is harmful to compare these two situations. It is important that those responsible for these crimes are held accountable in the same way that rioters in Ferguson who broke into businesses were made responsible for broken windows and damaging government property.

I for one believe that vandalism of any sort should never be praised or accepted as an expected behavior. When one person's property, whether it's a building or car, becomes the victim of people's exuberance or anger, it is unacceptable.

I will acknowledge that the riots that took place in places like Ferguson were not handled the right way, but it is harmful to compare these two situations. It is important that those responsible for these crimes are held accountable in the same way that rioters in Ferguson who broke into businesses were made responsible for broken windows and damaging government property.

When you look at what has been done, it is important to keep in mind that what is wrong is wrong. There are no in-between or “acceptable” conditions by which these types of behavior should be considered.

I think that we must be mindful to not make assumptions about what motivated people to do it. And we should be even more cautious to relate such experiences to other racially motivated experiences and events in the country.

Vandalism is sometimes an emotionally charged response to events or situations associated with anger and happiness, but these emotions should be translated and charged in more positive ways that better the community.

People have every right to rejoice after their team is victorious, but it should not be used as an excuse to vandalize property.

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Student Government lacking candidates

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As I type this, University of North Dakota students will have the chance to select student representatives to UND Student Government and the University Senate. By press time, we will have the official results. However, unlike most elections, for student government or otherwise, there were very few candidates interested in the open positions and many races are not contested. The top positions at the school, Student Body President and Vice President, have only one team on the ballot.

This is not meant to disparage any of those students who have chosen to seek the seats. There are very likely qualified and intelligent candidates seeking these positions, and I consider many of them friends. However, the seeming lack of interest from the student body in the positions it could be that students don't see Student Senate or University Senate as important or important, or maybe students don't think their voice would be heard through either body even if they did join.

There are certainly important issues currently being addressed on campus for which the student voice is important. Over the past several weeks, some students around campus have been vocal about many issues, especially the budget. Looking back further, the nickname, logo and tuition rates have all been prevalent and controversial topics. But when the time came to serve on a body that directly interacts with the university administration on these important decisions, the reaction from students has been completely overwhelming. Perhaps it's easier to post on social media than spending the time trying to actually influence policy.

This sort of apathy also showed when the presidential candidates visited campus. The next leader of our university was in the process of being selected, but students were few and far between at the open forums hosted for the candidates.

There are many ways students can be involved in their community, and while Student Government is not the only way for students to express their opinions and work with the administration, they certainly are a good place to start.

As the school year comes to a close, the university will be making many difficult choices. I agree with President Ed Schafer that these budget cuts will allow the university to put itself on a long-term path to success, but that doesn't make them any easier to stomach for some.

It's much more difficult for a leader to make judgment calls when budgets are tight than when money is abundant; this is a fact that should be recognized as leaders at the university try to make these tough choices.

Students should continue to express their concerns and suggestions, and it is my hope that this lack of interest in serving in Student Government does not necessarily mean there is a lack of interest in the future of the university.
species, beauty campus and help aid the pungent odor that’s caused by an excess build-up of bacteria.

“We also hope that through these islands we can educate the community about the importance of the natural ecosystems found in the Grand Forks area, along with the many steps that community members can take on a daily basis in order to help protect and enhance the natural environment found here in Grand Forks,” Thorstenson said.

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The baseball team is in a transitional year, twelve-credit, four class setup is not the only option for those interested in this alternative to the traditional route. The sticky biofilm which covers the roots acts as a mechanical filter for fine particulates, while the island itself provides shade to cool the water, and blocks the light that might otherwise encourage weeds growth. "As we are never set until the season comes into effect, the effective nutrient cycle contributes to insect and fish population growth, which have long been a hallmark of a healthy and productive ecosystem.

On Earth Day, April 22, the Environmental Restoration Club will have a booth outside of the Wilkerson Commons where students can learn about the species that depend on the English Coulee, invasive species in and around the coulee, the installation of the islands after finals week, and Little RoUNDup while signing up for prizes that will be given out afterwards.

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golf events in Grand Forks, one of those being an alumni tournament.

While the baseball team does play in Grand Forks, they also have a limited amount of home games.

The team has 48 games this season minus the post season. Of those 48 games, 33 of them are played on the road or neutral sites. The amount of home games also fluctuates from year to year. The amount of games are never set until the season as UND was limited to only 10 games at home in 2013-14 but got to play 19 games at Kraft Field in 2014-15.

The news of budget cuts stings even more for baseball fans because of the program’s recent success outside of UND.

Last year, the team had three players who went on to play professional baseball. Pitcher and infielder Jeff Campbell was signed to the Atlanta Braves, shortstop Tyler Follis was signed by the Colorado Rockies and pitcher Andrew Thome was signed to the Houston Astros.

The university administration has acknowledged that these cuts are not as easy to make. "This is the hardest decision we’ve had to make as a department and that I’ve ever had to make in my career," UND Athletics Director Brian Faison said in a statement. "UND Athletics is a part of the university and we have to do what is in the long term best interests of the university, as well as the athletics department." Both teams will be able to finish off the remainder of their respective seasons before the cuts come into effect.

Men’s golf will finish its season on April 29, when they compete in the Big Sky Championship.

The baseball team is in the midst of their season. The Hawks will play one last road series against the UT Rio Grande Valley before playing nine games at Kraft Field.

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very student-centered, very connected to the real world,” said Tami Carmichael, Director and one of the professors in ISP, said in regards to the new ISP-centric pathway to an interdisciplinary studies degree.

This program will celebrate its 50th anniversary in October and has many notable alumni, including successful musicians, lawyers, teachers and international diplomatic staff as well as writers for the Dakota Student.

“Now we’re seeing a wave across the country emphasizing the use of the flipped classrooms and creating scaffolded learning. In Integrated Studies, we’ve been doing that for over 20 years. The idea that we could construct a learning space around the learning needs of the students is something we’ve been doing for a long time,” Carmichael said in regards to the recent increase in discussion centered classroom and interdisciplinary focus which has been spreading throughout academia.

“ISP now allows for higher-level and auxiliary classes to be taken, such as fine arts, science lab and a one credit book club.

“We build the curriculum around the students’ needs and the students’ interests, it’s not the opposite. We’re very invested in student-first education,” Carmichael said.

Carmichael cited the success rate they have in creating successful students as well, explaining that ISP students have higher grade point averages by the end of their first semester than their peers at UND or sister institutions, as well as a higher retention rate going into their sophomore year. Carmichael also mentioned that there is data showing “statistically significantly higher” student engagement throughout their respective institutions.

“We think this kind of learning is important and we can show that it works,” Carmichael said, and she has the supportive alumni to back this assertion as well.

“I made my lifelong college friends there,” said senior ISP alumni Amanda Leone, “and the fact that it was a discussion-based class made it more interesting and made people more involved in the material. I’ve been able to implement what I’ve learned in that class into other coursework and everyday life. It was great.”

Many other ISP alumni have voiced their support of the program and the value it brings to the university, making the availability of a pathway to a major all the more impactful for those who are aware of it.

According to the UND website, “Inter-disciplinary: Studies graduates are complex problem solvers and this degree signals to employers that they are adept at thinking about issues from many perspectives, have learned to think critically and creatively; and have a broad understanding of many fields. This is a major that stands alone or is easily paired with other majors.”

Interdisciplinary studies, which stems from ISP has become increasingly more and more relevant with many other areas within UND following suit, including the Jodasah Center, which integrates engineering and entrepreneurship.

The integrated studies program is currently open for enrollment in the fall semester.

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Ahmed Khater, an expert on Islamic legal theory and theology, addressed a crowd as part of UND’s Interfaith Week. Khater discussed details of Islam’s religious law, Shariah.

Khater holds a doctorate in Islamic legal theory and theology. As an imam, he is a religious authority. Much of his work involves ruling on various aspects of Shariah, Islam’s legal system.

Khater addressed a crowd of around 30 in the Memorial Union’s ballroom, with much of his presentation focused on fatwas, the legal opinions of Islamic religious leaders.

Shariah involves the rulings and regulations that govern the everyday lives of Muslims. This includes diet, clothing, marriage, and regulations that govern the religious leaders. Shariah does cover these topics, in this situation, a scholar would give a fatwa to determine the best course of action, Khater said, noting there isn’t always a consensus among imams. Many fatwas are considered on an individual basis.

“Most Muslims don’t know the rulings because they’re not journalists,” Khater said. “The vast majority of Muslims are not learned theologians; they’re average laymen who know the basics of the religion, but they haven’t studied 20, 30 years in a seminary.”

Questions regarding a Muslim’s diet can also require a fatwa. For example, eating pork is forbidden in Islam, but what constitutes pork might cause confusion.

Khater used Starburst candies as an example because they contain gelatin, which is made from pig collagen, including pigs. If a Muslim wonders if gelatin-based candies are allowed under Shariah, they seek the guidance of an imam.

In modern times, Khater said, imams often adapt traditional rulings to modern concerns. He gave the example of referring to texts on how to pray while riding a camel to rule on flying in an airplane today.

Flying creates other obstacles to proper prayer, Khater said. Muslims must fly during their prayers, and the direction to their holy city isn’t always obvious from 40,000 feet in the air.

Khater said some Muslims have another concern about air travel: others’ fear of terrorism.

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Long Island Medium: Worth the ticket?

A special guest showed up Tuesday at the Alerus Center. It was the star of the TLC show “Long Island Medium,” Theresa Caputo. Many of you were probably aware of this and your mom probably paid the $40 to $90 to go see the show. Theresa isn’t the first “ghost whisperer” to hold shows where a medium will approach random people in the crowd to give that person a message from a dead loved one.

Popular TV mediums in the past such as John Edward, Colin Fry or Kim Russo have also held cross-country tours where they performed the same techniques used by Caputo. Many have questioned the validity of Caputo’s “psychic powers,” and by most accounts her abilities aren’t real.

Some of you may remember a “South Park” episode from 2002 where the main characters attend an Edward show (this was back in the day when Edward’s show “Crossing Over” was the popular medium show on TV). This episode parodies as well as takes a skeptical eye to the popularity of TV psychics. I’m not a big fan of the show but there are some interesting points made in this episode. One thing that’s brought up is how easy it is for someone to perform as a psychic. There are some techniques that an observant person can use to predict who will be susceptible to their suggestions. The fact that psychics can simply stage their reality shows and use techniques like “cold reading” that are common tricks used by magicians makes it easy for skeptical people to brush them off. There’s even a WikiHow page where you can learn how to do cold reads of people on your own.

So what is the draw of mediums? Why do shows like these become so popular? To quote “The X-Files”: “I want to believe.” All of us have lost loved ones, whether relatives, friends, or even pets or acquaintances. The reality is that death is scary and inevitable and it’s comforting to believe that a person can give us messages from people in a realm we can’t know (for a price of around $40 at the Alerus).

For some people it’s just fun to marvel and wonder at how a performer can perform mysterious tricks. It has the same draw as a magic show. As I was reading about Caputo’s appearance my mom mentioned that she was disappointed that she didn’t get a ticket.

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So while people like Caputo are clearly great magicians and smooth talkers, there’s also a chance that our dead loved ones really are in a place beyond this world. But if they are, they definitely have better things to do than talk to a crazy lady like Caputo.

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Hawks players and coaches celebrate their national title win with fans at the Ralph Engelstad Arena

ADAM GUUNDERMAN
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

The UND men’s hockey team returned to the Ralph Engelstad Arena to celebrate its national championship victory with their fans on Monday.

About 6,000 boisterous fans made one last trip to Ralph Engelstad Arena for the 2015-16 season to watch the national championship celebration.

Alumni and students arrived at the arena to see the team, the new trophy and hear from the players and coaches. It was a special event not only for them, but the fans as well.

“us bringing back the championship back here is truly amazing,” UND alumni Bryce Johnson said. “Everyone is so happy, it’s great to see. Every student and alumni will remember this day for the rest of their life.”

One by one, the players were introduced by announcer Darren Looker as they came out of the tunnel. They were met by loud cheers from the fans in the stands.

The players were very appreciative of the support that the fans gave them no matter where and when they are playing.

“I got off the plane and hoisted the trophy to all the fans who were at the airport,” Forward Drake Caggiula said. “It was a special feeling to get off that plane and see all the people who have been supporting us all season long. I held that trophy high because the trophy is for us, it’s for all the people who helped build this program and our fans are a huge part of this.”

Once everyone had taken their spots on the ice, speeches were made by coaches, administrators, players and the university president.

Albeit simple, Interim President Ed Schafer may have said it best.

“I have to tell you, my recent phase in: The University of North Dakota plays hockey,” he said.

Early in the season, it became apparent to both players and coaches that they had something special in the team this year. Many great players and teams have come through the university, but there was something different about this squad.

“Throughout the year, you could feel this group was special,” UND coach Brad Berry said. “We openly discussed it throughout the season.”

Along with the fans, the team reflected on its victory and also the season they had. For many, it was still almost surreal.

After the final horn had sounded, there were a range of emotions coming from the Fighting Hawk players.

“Is this a dream, or is this real,” Caggiula said. “To win a national championship is a special time, and I couldn’t believe it actually happened. I had waited four years for it, and to get it in my last collegiate game is a special thing.”

The praise for UND hockey did not end at the players. Berry made sure to thank everyone that is involved in the program such as the trainers, assistant coaches and employees of Ralph Engelstad Arena.

“We have the best staff in college hockey,” Berry said.

Whether you were at your house, in downtown Grand Forks or actually in Tampa Bay for the championship, it is something no fan will forget.

For fans who attended the games in Tampa, they have said it is a once in a lifetime experience.

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THE DAKOTA STUDENT

Hawks able to beat NDSU on the road

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Wednesday afternoon, the Fighting Hawks headed down to Fargo for the non-conference matchup against rival NDSU Bison.

UND’s ace, Kaylin VanDomeleen, took on the Bison at starting at 4 p.m.

UND would load the bases in the fifth inning.

VanDomeleen kicked off the afternoon by snagging a win and stunning the Bison in a 4-1 finish. Kaylin VanDomeleen continued to excel as she pitched an entire game.

The redshirt sophomore faced 28 Bison batters while throwing 71 strikes, five strikeouts and six walks.

VanDomeleen played as well off the mound as she did on it. The Banks, O., native went two for four and drove in one of UND’s four runs.

The Fighting Hawks’ best pitcher leads the Big Sky Conference with 107 strikeouts this season and ranks third in the country with a 2.85 ERA.

VanDomeleen wasn’t the only person producing on offense. First baseman Emily Bell went two for three, including a double and a homerun. The senior also collected two RBIs and one run.

Brady Babrowski and VanDomeleen, with the RBIs from Keegan and Bell respectively.

Quickly adding to its 2-0 lead, the top of the second saw the bases loaded for UND when NDSU starting pitcher Jacqueline Serric hit batter Taylor Hansen with a pitch to advance the runners and bring another run in for UND. The Bison were able to get out of the inning without any additional casualties.

Serric would be pulled as NDSU sent Kaitlyn Leddy to the mound in hopes of getting back in the game.

UND would load the bases but could not capitalize as both sides remained quiet through the fifth inning.

Leddy felt the wrath of Bell as she smashed a homerun to left field at the top of the fifth, increasing the lead to 4-0 for UND.

VanDomeleen held the Bison in a near shut out, but NDSU showed that it was not going down without a fight. Left fielder Maritza Lopez-Porrillo smashed a homerun out to right center in the bottom of the seventh inning to rob VanDomeleen of her fifth shutout for a final of 4-1.

VanDomeleen claimed her 10th win of the season and the Fighting Hawks moved their record to 13-25 overall.

UND will come back home this weekend, as they play Northern Colorado. The first game of the doubleheader begins at 2 p.m. with the next game starting at 4 p.m.

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Kaylin VanDomeleen was key in UND’s win against NDSU.
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Lewis still shines in the midst of turmoil

Though just a redshirt freshman, Miles Lewis has become one of the Hawks best hitters

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One would also expect a redshirt freshman to struggle in his first ever college baseball series.

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Lewis also mentioned that speed is a big part of his game, and that is evident with his five stolen bases on the year.

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UND Infielder

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