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Election ethics unenforced during student gov elections

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There was a bribery epidemic in the student elections last week. The worst part was that it was all completely legal.

With election season now coming to a close for the University of North Dakota, we must congratulate the Bachmeier-Hanson team on running the successful campaign for student body president and vice-president. They ran a proper campaign while following all of the rules.

While following all the rules, though, campaigns are more than likely looking for the slightest advantage for their candidates (as they should). The problem with UND politics is how campaigns are able to turn elections into games of fill-in-the-blank.

For all U.S. elections, any and all campaign materials are not allowed within a certain distance of a polling place. This is done to keep voters from being campaigned to while in the polling places. At UND, being campaigned to while voting is easier than showing up to class. Voting is likely looking for the slightest advantages for their campaigns.

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LGBTQ+ students find resources at Pride Center

Shelton Hatlen

If there are students on campus who are interested in being involved in the LGBTQ community, a place where they can be who they are while following all of the rules they have given them with UND. Students are able to support the university’s Director of LGBTQ+ Programs, Chris Schlarb.

For many years, through various universities, Schlarb has been an advocate for the LGBTQ+ community. Using the position, the university has given him to challenge them they are struggling with their identity and are in need of someone to talk to, they should check out the Pride Center and have a chat with the university’s Director of LGBTQ+ Programs, Chris Schlarb.

Challenging campuses to be open-minded and accepting towards those who identify as LGBTQ+, Schlarb feels their most important job is to be a source of support to the LGBTQ community, increase student retention, support and improve the campus climate for individuals who identify as LGBTQ and increase cultural competency amongst students, staff and faculty in this growing community.

Through their own personal trials and tribulations, Schlarb is able to relate to a lot of the students who come in to visit. With their education, Schlarb is able to teach and inform students and faculty how to ally to the LGBTQ community, increase student retention, support and improve the campus climate for individuals who identify as LGBTQ and increase cultural competency amongst the campus community.

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Long-acting birth control becoming more popular

Diane Newberry

(The Dakota Student)

Recently one of the April “Toilet Talk” health informational flyers stated that “According to UND Student Health Services (SHS), the most common form of contraception used by females at UND is the Intrauterine Device (IUD).” Rosy Dub, RN-BC, and Sarah Gustafson, FNP-C, of SHS would like to correct this misleading statement.

The prescription birth control pill is still statistically the most used form of contraception by female students who utilize SHS. However, different forms of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARCs) are becoming increasingly popular with UND’s student body, and for good reason:

Student Health offers two forms of LARC: the IUD, inserted into the uterus, and Nexplanon, inserted into the arm. They started offering IUDs to students in August of 2015 because, as Gustafson explained, “they were starting to see a lot of interest in the IUD.”

When asked if the rate of LARC usage is likely to keep rising amongst students, Gustafson replied, “I think we will continue to see an increase. It will likely continue to mimic national trends.”

LARCs are endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology for young women, although the

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The Mintra intrauterine device (IUD) is one of many forms of long-lasting birth control Student Health Services offers to students at UND. Students at UND have access to LARCs, which are also available on the UND campus, from immunizations and medications to birth control.

LARCs are also a popular option with college-aged women because they do not have to be taken on a daily basis. Dub explains, “LARCs do not have to be taken daily, can last for several years and can be taken at any time.” The Navigator implant lasts for three years, as do two IUD options offered at SHS - Skyla and Nexplanon. The Mirena intrauterine device (IUD) is one of many forms of long-lasting birth control Student Health Services offers to students at UND.

According to Dub, implantation of LARCs has been “an everyday thing” for SHS and “overall (they) have seen very good rates of continuation with these LARC options.” Of course, in addition to the pill and LARCs, they also offer injections, a patch and a ring for birth control. Providers and nurses also support and educate patients who choose abstinence. “It is important to meet the patient where they’re at,” says Gustafson. SHS also stresses the importance of condoms and safe-sex practices for STD prevention.

Gustafson says this was because of concerns about the anatomy of women who had not yet given birth. Though IUD placement is different in every woman, anatomical concerns unique to women who have never given birth are no longer considered a factor.

Women in college are a unique age group in terms of birth control. Though many are sexually active, most do want children until after they have finished their education. “Longer acting forms of birth control are more attractive to this age group,” says Dub. LARCs do not have to be taken on a regular basis. This is important for women who are not yet finished their education. LARCs are also a popular option with college-aged women because they do not have to be taken on a daily basis. This is important for women who “do not have a set routine every day,” Dub explains. LARCs are rated as more effective for birth control than prescription pills not because of their medical efficacy, but because of the converse of not having to think about contraception daily. “The pill is just as effective if you don’t miss any,” says Gustafson. However, “on average, females miss 4.2 birth control pills per month.”

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In the past, North Dakota was known for cold and snowy winters. From 1963 to 1992, there was one-fourth less snowfall in North Dakota. This change can be attributed to a decreasing snowfall, leading to more warmth. The change may have been caused by a decrease in the amount of snowfall, which can lead to more warmth. The change may have been caused by a decrease in the amount of snowfall, which can lead to more warmth. The change may have been caused by a decrease in the amount of snowfall, which can lead to more warmth. The change may have been caused by a decrease in the amount of snowfall, which can lead to more warmth. The change may have been caused by a decrease in the amount of snowfall, which can lead to more warmth. The change may have been caused by a decrease in the amount of snowfall, which can lead to more warmth.
Summer driving in N.D.

Breanna Roen

I am currently sitting outside in the courtyard of my dorm writing this article. The sun is shining and the trees are in full bloom. The air is warm and there is a slight breeze blowing across the campus. As I look around, I notice how green everything looks. The grass is lush and the flowers are blooming. It seems like summer has finally arrived.

When I was in eighth grade, I was really into punk rock. I remember going to a few concerts and even buying some records. One of my favorite bands at the time was Bikini Kill. I loved their raw energy and the way they were able to express themselves through their music.

As the show went on, their influence seemed to spread throughout the crowd. Some people were dancing with their hands in the air, while others were just nodding their heads along to the music. The energy was electric and everyone seemed to be having a great time.

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As a society, it appears we are increasing moving our gaming from skill of the physical space to the digital. This has, in general, been a positive for the players of these games. Indeed, if one now wants to play a round of chess at 10 p.m., you can immediately do so with a player of comparable skill from anywhere around the world. This means we no longer have to rely on the people around to play a game.

As a result, those who enjoy any particular game are able to play with far more often, and have a far better experience than they could have with this change, however, comes a negative rear its ugly head: the concept of the non physical, and its implications for the hobby of kings, which were talking about the most similar to today’s popular games, Card Games, MOBA’s, etc.

Last is that many of these understand our psychology. If a player knows that the game is phenomenally expensive, nobody will play. The game companies thus market themselves as free to play, and new players on early on are givin’ artificial boosts to their resources/matched with other new players to give a false impression of the game. As the player increases their time playing, however, the true costs of these resources themselves more and more. As an example, Hearthstone, a trading card game, starts off by giving the player ten free card packs, and frequent rewards. The longer you spend playing, however, the more infrequent these rewards become, forcing the player to spend money to enhance their deck to be truly competitive, as new cards are released constantly, which can only be acquired through packs. By the end of the first month, a player is getting one pack a week, and would need 30 to keep up with the release of content.

Now that we have discussed these sort of games and their problem, let’s look at a problem of which we aren’t trapped in the future by these games. They garner orders of average cost. Minia-

Pay-to-win games result in loss

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Shelby Johnson  
The Dakota Student

As students in college, there are not many chances to make a change. Being busy with exams and balancing a social life, college forces a life focused on you. Altru’s helping students be able to help change people’s lives with a simple swab of the cheek.

At two different times, Altru is holding a bone marrow swab drive to find matches for those in need of a bone marrow transplant. Although this seems scary, it’s just a cotton swab to the inside of the cheek. People who participate will be put into Altru’s system for future use. The opportunity to be able to be the person to make a difference in someone’s life expectancy doesn’t come around very often. Altru is giving you the opportunity to do exactly that.

To be eligible to donate, Altru is searching for able 18 to 44 year olds. Of those people within the age range, they ask for those with a clean bill of health. These volunteers will join the “Be the Match” registry. This registry connects donors and patients so the likelihood of patients finding a donor that can give them the cure they need is greater than previously.

Thousands of people every year are diagnosed with life threatening blood cancers. Altru is slowly working to save some of those thousands through this drive.  

On Monday, April 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.,  Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) students will be attending the Bone Marrow Swab Drive at the Ramada Inn. Students believe that it’s a simple thing to sacrifice to change someone’s life for the better.

“Getting a match is the rewarding process. It’s good to know we can make a huge difference to someone potentially,” said Emily Huesman, a MLS student at UND and phlebotomist at Altru.

Huesman decided to donate as well as be apart of hosting the drive. She believes that it’s a simple thing to sacrifice to change someone’s life for the better.

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Normally when people need bone marrow transplants they have cancers such as Leukemia and lymphomas. Severe anemia could also negatively effect someone although it’s rare. Disease with poorly functioning red blood cells such as sickle cell. Most of the diseases that people acquire are hereditary.

Donors first go through the process of the cheek swab to see if they’re a match. Donors, if they’re a match with a patient, must go through a more surgical process. The donor is put under general anesthesia. Doctors use needles to withdraw liquid marrow from the back of the pelvic bone. The pain and soreness after the procedure is well worth it. Huesman reassures her peers that the pain is only temporary.

Giving someone the opportunity to live is far more important than a bit of pain. Go out. Donate. It can only benefit those in need of a transplant.

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Snow country prison

The North Dakota Museum of Art has a special exhibition on display through May 21. “Snow Country Prison: Interned in North Dakota” brings to life the experience of Japanese and German-Americans held at Bismarck’s Fort Lincoln from 1941 to 1946. After the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese and German-Americans around the country were arrested and brought to internment camps under the Alien Enemies Act. These “enemy aliens” were taken from their homes and families to a concentration camp, over and when Fort Lincoln was from their homes and sent “enemy aliens” were taken from the North Dakota Alien Enemies Act. These arrested and brought to internment, “enemy aliens” were taken from their homes and families to the camp, and the daily lives of the people kept at Fort Lincoln. You can see the emotions coming through their eyes and the work looks on their faces.

Along with the photograph, the walls of the exhibition are adorned with banners that hang from the ceiling. The banners show detailed images of the people kept at Fort Lincoln. You can see the emotions coming through their eyes and the work looks on their faces.

The exhibition made its debut in 2003 in Bismarck at the original site of the former camp. The area now is home to the United Tribes Technical College. It has made its way to our North Dakota Museum of Art. The exhibition was curated by Laurel Reuter, the director of the NDMOA. “Suspension” by Zemer Peled will run through May 31. Peled’s work is a defiantly women and interlocked sculpture of porcelain pieces that hang from the ceiling. Individual pieces form together along with the help of gravity to create a whole composition. The pieces rely on each other to keep from collapsing.

The paintings of Susan Amundarain are featured alongside Peled’s work. Amundarain is an international artist whose work has been displayed worldwide. Her abstract paintings “reflect the veiled territories, like those found in the rainforests and mesa mountains of her home country,” according to the NDMOA. Finally, “Barton’s Place” is the recreated apartment, of New York artist Barton Lidio. Benes filled his space with treasure and art from across the globe. The collection is worth over $1 million. In 2013, Benes’ maneuvering of the wondrous was relocated to the NDMOA, under the supervision of Reuter, museum director as well friend and colleague to the artist. Take some time to wander through the North Dakota Museum of Art and see for yourself “Snow Country Prison: Interned in North Dakota” as well as other great works.

North Dakota’s Museum of Art debuted the “Snow Country Prison” exhibition (top and bottom) starting Feb. 23 and ending May 21.

Photo courtesy of North Dakota Museum of Art’s Website

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Features

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The exhibition displays a collection of black and white historic photographs of the camp and the people inside. The photographs, arranged in a chronological order, show the events of Fort Lincoln from beginning to end, including loading internees onto trains, the conditions of the camp, and the daily lives of people being held there.

There are also large basoem giants that hang from the ceiling the floor. The banners show detailed images of the people kept at Fort Lincoln. You can see the emotions coming through their eyes and the work looks on their faces.

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Emily Gibbens
The Dakota Student

It may seem as though the U.S. Supreme Court is a board of mighty beings who don’t really have an effect on citizens individually, but whose decisions influence the whole country.

The job of this group is to be the final arbiter of laws passed by Congress, but with just nine justices, some question whether the court weighs, or reveals political biases when making big decisions.

Tony Mauro, a journalist who has been covering the Court for over 35 years, doesn’t define the court as being too political or not political enough, but is in a category of its own.

Because of its attempt at invisibility to avoid potential biases, the Supreme Court has very little use for the press. Justices don’t use Twitter, they don’t often talk to reporters, and as of now, they don’t even allow cameras in the courtroom, something for which Mauro has heavily but unsuccessfully lobbied for.

“Nobody is obliged to talk to me as a reporter,” Mauro said.

He understands the difficulty of such a job, and sometimes not answering questions is in their best interest when it comes to staying neutral.

Mauro believes that each justice comes into the game with their own beliefs and prejudices. He said they are all affected by current trends, but because of their duties and obligations, they don’t let it determine how they vote.

An example of one of these trends is Obergefell v. Hodges, which ruled same-sex marriage legal in all 50 states. Because of the undeniable trend within the states, the Supreme Court decided it was time to take over. Many states were ahead of the court’s ruling, but many others were far behind. That is the difficult balance that justices must maintain.

“The Court should never be influenced by the weather of the day but inevitably they will be influenced by the climate of the day,” Paul Freund, a jurist and law professor, once said.

Obergefell v. Hodges is one of the cases where the Supreme Court’s decisions didn’t just affect the small group of people at court, but the entire nation.

Justices try their best to find the right answers and many times their decisions are unanimous. The justices enjoy lifetime appointments, and it is nearly impossible for them to be impeached without breaking a law or being unethical. Although the Supreme Court is set up to avoid political influence, justices enjoy lifetime appointments and the diversities in their courtroom, which is why they are able to remove themselves from political affiliations.

“The only thing I would say about it that frustrates me is that the founders intended there to be three co-equal branches of government, and I believe the courts have gained too much power over the years,” Cramer said.

He used Obamacare as an example. Obamacare was taken all the way to the Supreme Court because the government cannot impose their authority, and the court is the only branch that can say it is legal. Cramer says he believes the court is stable due to lifetime appointments and the diversities, but for the most part, justices don’t let their own beliefs get in the way of their decision-making.

“As a representative, Cramer’s job is to help create laws, but he says that becomes difficult when the courts intervene. “As a member of the House, I find it frustrating that the courts seem to have the capacity and the ability to impose their authority onto our authority,” Cramer said.

Although he has frustrations with their power, Cramer says he believes the court is stable due to lifetime appointments and the diversities among the justices. He says the protections taken to keep it balanced are adequate, and that the justices all have their own philosophies, but for the most part, are able to remove themselves from political affiliations.

Too political or not political enough?

The way the Supreme Court is set up makes it very difficult for justices to let their own beliefs get in the way of their decision-making.

Emily Gibbens met with representative Kevin Cramer and visited the capital building on her fellowship to Washington D.C. this March.
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Jake Andersen - Dakota Student Sports Writer

As a die hard Minnesota sports fan, everything in me wants to say that this is the year for the Minnesota Wild. While there is no denying that this roster is the deepest they have had since coming into the league in 2000, there remains one obstacle. The Chicago Blackhawks.

The Wild have to make it past the St. Louis Blues first, but considering they do, the Blackhawks likely ready lined up in their way next. Until I witness the Wild conquer the Blackhawks in a playoff series, I do not have it in me to pick against the Wild’s shield but. In the Stanley Cup Final, I have the Minnesota Wild hoisting the Cup.

Jack Harvey - Dakota Student Sports Writer

It’s hard for me to say that the Minnesota Wild will be Stanley Cup champions without rounding blased. But I do know that the Wild will be hoisting the Cup this summer. Minus the cold streak that cost them not only the division but the top spot in the conference and maybe even the league (again 70 percent pooled). The Minnesota has played well all year minus the slump.

Devon Dunbar has shown life in the net. After losing his three goals on six shots against Carolina, he shut the door. The team is playing well with confidence, players are breaking out from their usual game and the grinding attitude is coming back. Sure the cold streak happened at the worst time, but perhaps a hot streak can start at the perfect time. Wild over Rangers.

Thomas McCallough - Dakota Student Sports Writer

Women’s Conference: In the first round of the Women’s conference playoffs, the Minneapolis Lakers will defeat the Chicago Blackhawks. St. Louis Blues will defeat the Minnesota Wild, the Chicago Ducks will defeat the Calgary Flames, and the Edmonton Oilers will defeat the San Jose Sharks. In the second round, the St. Louis Blues will defeat the Minneapolis Lakers, and the Edmonton Oilers will defeat the Anaheim Ducks. In the final round, the St. Louis Blues will defeat the Edmonton Oilers to become Western Conference Champions.

Eastern Conference: In the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs, the Montreal Canadiens will defeat the New York Rangers, the Boston Bruins will defeat the Ottawa Senators, the Toronto Maple Leafs will defeat the Washington Capitals, and the Pittsburgh Penguins will defeat the Columbus Blue Jackets. In the second round, the Montreal Canadiens will defeat the Boston Bruins, and the Pittsburgh Penguins will defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs. In the final round, the Montreal Canadiens will defeat the Pittsburgh Penguins to become Eastern Conference Champions.

Standing Cup: In the Stanley Cup, the St. Louis Blues will defeat the Montreal Canadiens in six games, becoming the NHL’s 2017 Stanley Cup Champions.

Kelsey Sagvold - Seanmore Sports Editor

Well, as a dedicated San Jose Sharks fan I obviously want to pick them. I’m sure that’s not happening. Women’s conference finals: Blues vs Sharks - game one on score 3-2 Blues win in OT.

Mykenzie Broadland - Freshman UND Student

Growing up a Wild fan and seeing them in the playoffs I love to say the Wild will make their way through their first round deficit and come out with the win. They will face the Pittsburgh Penguins in the final and it will be a close match but the final will be in the Wild favor, 5-1.

There’s a large group on campus who have pledged their allegiance to the Wild and while they may pull off a new miracle on ice one thing is for sure, there will be plenty of hockey lovers through the first round.

Allyson Bento - Dakota Student Sports Writer

While my team has always been the hometown team, the Winnipeg Jets, she is a year that I got to cheer on multiple Canadian teams that actually matter in their own right. The Edmonton Oilers, and UND Alum Drake Caggiula are a promising team for Canada to make it far but I think the cup this year will end up with the team that have the most Stanley Cup wins, the Montreal Canadians.

Their path may not be the easiest, facing the Rangers in the first round will probably be the most challenging before meeting the Chicago Blackhawks in the Stanley Cup final that will take them to a game six match and taking the cup with a 5-3 final.

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Women’s conference finals: Canadians vs Leafs - 4-3, a five score 5-0 Canadians - Lord Stanley Cup Finals Canadians vs Blues - Game six score 1-0 for the Montreal Canadians.

Adam Demoulas - Dakota Student Sports Writer

The first round of the NHL playoffs brings other excitement or disappointment to your favorite teams. There are three teams that will be going for the sweep in the next few days. One of the teams currently down 3-0 in the series is my own hockey favorite this year the Chicago Blackhawks. It will take a miracle for them to make it back against the second round wild card team the Nashville Predators.

Although the Caps got off to a giant start in the series against the Toronto Maple Leafs, they remain in good position throughout the series.

Another favorite of mine that was picked to at least travel past the first round in the Minnesota Wild. The St. Louis Blues got off to a quick start winning the first three games. The Pittsburgh Penguins, the defending champions, remain strong after getting off to a 3-1 lead in the series against the Columbus Blue Jackets. The series would mean a possible game against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

I predict the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Nashville Predators will square off in the Cup Finals. I believe the Penguins will get back to back. The last time a team has done this was back in 1978-79 by the Boston Red Wings.

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