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This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Red River flood of ’97. For the past two semesters, professor David Haeselin and his students pulled together a collection of stories remembering the flood and compiled it into a book called, “Haunted by Waters.” To celebrate the digital release of their book, an event was hosted at Rombouys Boys. Thursday, April 20. The event was an open discussion between Haeselin—as well as several students—and locals who actively assisted in the crafting of the book. Topics of discussion ranged from the sharing of people’s experiences during the time of the flood, to the editing the book went through as it was being made. Haeselin, who moved to Grand Forks in 2015, has always been interested in learning the history of the places he has been. So when approaching the flood project, Haeselin was eager to study up and get the information needed by asking locals their stories and reading books from the archives. 

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The United States Marine Corps brought several flight simulators to the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences at the Grand Forks International Airport Friday, April 21. The simulators were brought to one of the aircraft hangars, being used as floor space for the Student Aviation Management Association’s (SAMA) 36th Annual Conference and Career Fair.

The simulators featured were of the F/A-18 Hornet jet fighter, the AH-1W SuperCobra attack helicopter and one of the two Marine F-35 Joint Strike Fighter flight simulators in the United States. The F-35 simulator was fully enclosed, as opposed to the other simulators, and was the only one certified by the Federal Aviation Administration for training purposes. Each of the six F-35 simulators cost $100,000 each.

Our mission here is to promote our aviation units,” Sergeant Webster explained, one of the Marines present. A public affairs specialist, she will have been in the Marines for four years come August.

North Dakota is part of the 9th District of the Marine Corps, which encompasses 13 states in the Midwest, headquartered in Great Lakes, IL. Each simulator was programmed for a simple task, where the user would take off, either from an airfield or in the Cobra helicopter, the top of a building and land somewhere else. All of the simulators were on movable platforms, able to simulate roll, pitch and yaw: the three types of movement controls on aircraft. The F-35 simulator had the ability to fire the weapons, although in the morning, this hadn’t been set up.

According to Captain Christopher Cory, Officer Selection Officer, they had a two-year contract currently with the simulators, and this is the 2nd or 3rd event they’ve been featured at. “Hopefully we can bring these out once a year [in the future],” Cory said.

The Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II is the newest aircraft in the United States military fleet. There are three variants of the jet: “A,” which the Air Force operates; “C,” which is carrier continues on page 2

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The cockpit of a Robinson R-44 helicopter was one of many simulations on display for a Student Aviation Management Association (SAMA) event held at the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

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The discussion began around 6 p.m. with just a few locals, who sat down to share their stories while Haeselin read aloud from the book. As the discussion carried on, more and more locals came forward to share their stories about the floods, including those who hadn’t participated in the original group. Haeselin read stories from many different perspectives, ranging from the experiences of those who lived through the flood to those who lost loved ones or homes. The stories were powerful and moving, and the audience was able to connect with the experiences of those who shared their stories.

As the discussion continued, Haeselin and his students were able to reconcile and relay the stories as they were told. They were able to connect the dots of the flood and how it affected different people in different ways. Some people talked about the flood as a moment of trial and strength, while others shared stories of loss and struggle. Despite the challenges, the community was able to come together and support each other through the difficult times.

As Haeselin and his students continued to read, the audience was able to understand the impact of the flood on the community. They were able to appreciate the resilience of the people who lived through the flood, and the strength that they showed in the face of adversity. The event was a powerful reminder of the importance of community and the role that it plays in times of crisis.
Outraged, Coulter inten- ded to speak anyway, which I fully support. Just because other people don’t agree with what she has to say is not a reason for UC Berke- ley to take the actions they had. She spoke with the Hollywood Reporter on Wednesday about Berkeley’s decision at the time.

“Yes, it was officially banned,” said the po- litical commentator and author. “But they can’t stop me from speaking. I have a constitu- tional right.”

San Francisco Chroni- cle had also reported on Wednesday that Berke- ley’s decision that Cou- lter’s speech be canceled citing riots that erupted when Milo Yiannopoulos and other conservatives have visited the univer- sity. Berkeley felt that Coulter’s speech would be “unsafe.”

“We have been unable to find a safe and suitable venue for your planned April 27 event featuring Ann Coulter,” Berkeley’s president said in a statement. “It was the two groups that were set to co-host the event. Berkeley’s progressive atmosphere has histori- cally been more accept- ing of more progressive speakers.

“If that’s banned, then no conservative can speak here. This is an example of the Hollywood Reporter on Wednesday: ’Unbelievable, corrupt banana republic leaders like Vicente Fox wanted to be wiped out for them on the tax- payer’s dime.’”

Vicente Fox, the for- mer president of Mexico, spoke at Berkeley earlier last week.

UC Berkeley then re- versed their decision, of- ferings Coulter a chance to speak the day after the event was canceled. “In light of the fact that it was hopp- ing for as more and more federal judges declined to sup- port the order,” the judge Robert E. Lee blocked the ban nationwide.

Coulter says she believes the court’s decision was made thus far. The President’s response “of an unprecedented judi- cial overreach” when the judge blocked the Presi- dent’s new travel ban just hours before it was set to go into effect.

No judicial oversight when en- forcing the order. “We are confident that we are on very solid ground to move forward.”

The major issue with Trump’s travel ban was that each ban essentially blocked citizens from predominant- ly Muslim countries and, although the purpose was clearly to car- rying out the President’s wishes, the President’s response in response to the general wall, not just the Muslim ban and, if a lawsuit is filed, the constitutional provisions are limited in scope.

“It is an act that threat- ens our First Amendment rights to free speech. The First Amendment protects the rights of those who disagree with him, including his own acting Attorney General, Sally Yates, who was fired after his assessment and rec- ommendations of law en- forcement professionals reneging the right to free speech. It doesn’t happen, the letter says. A majority difference be- tween the two dates class isn’t in session on May 2 at UC Berkeley. I know for myself, I’m much more likely to attend an event for a speaker when classes are actually in sess- ion. Coulter realized this too and spoke a bit about it in Twitter.

“People don’t care if it has a federal court, including claims for injunctive relief and damages.”

University spokesman Dan Mogulof responded to the lawsuit threat, saying, “We are confident that they are in pretty solid legal. As Berkeley officials of course defended them- selves, justifying their decision saying the uni- versity doesn’t have an available venue open on April 27. Campus police could not find a chief Coulter without risk to the campus.

“We are concerned about their disregard for the assessment and rec- ommendations of law en- forcement professionals whose primary focus is the safety and well-being of students and members of our campus community,” Mogulof said.

I was surprised to hear Bill Maher weigh in on Coulter’s situation over the weekend. He faced backlash in 2014 at Berkeley when he was picked to be the winter commencement speaker.

“They invite someone to speak who wasn’t ex- actly what liberals want, and they want to have that shuts them up,” Maher said. “I feel like this is the liber- al’s version of book burn- ing. And it’s got to stop.”

I’m eager to hear whether or not Ann Coulter’s version of book burning happens. If she can do some good, even if it means the mounting resistance towards the un- popular decisions has made this thus far. We don’t need a president who does what they want because one who isn’t afraid to make the unpopular decisions in the face of increased oppo- sition. We need a president who doesn’t fear of an uphill battle and that’s certainly a quality Trump has exemplified.

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Coulter deserves to speak the public with the lack of oversight in the creation of the ban. When it comes down to priority, it's necessary to ask what's more important, curtailing terrorism or having fair immigration practices? Many may disagree, but the primary concern of the presidency is securing a more safe nation. A president cannot be overly preoccupied with optics when making decisions to further this goal or else the intent gets lost in the arena of public opinion.

There's at least the slightest appreciation for a head of state who continues to execute an order he believes can do some good, even after the mounting resistance for every decision he has made thus far. We don't need a president who does what's popular, we need one who isn't afraid to make the unpopular decisions in the face of increased opposition. We need a president who isn't afraid of an uphill battle and that's certainly a quality Trump has exemplified.

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I'm eager to hear whether or not Ann Coulter follows through on her promise to deliver her speech at the UC-Berkeley tomorrow. Is this an issue of safety or is it an issue regarding the right of free speech? I definitely agree with Coulter and Maher: it's time for Berkeley to stop reneging the right to free speech for those who don't fully comply with liberal standards.
The UND Hammock Initiative held their first outing on Friday, April 21. Phil Horn, senior, is the president and co-founder of UND’s branch of the Hammock Initiative. As president of the group, he plays a role in organizing events hosted by the Hammock Initiative. While the group is prone to meet and sway spontaneously throughout the warmer months, they decided their first sway of the season was going to be special.

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Horn describes the group as “chill” and made with a variety of personalities.

"Maybe that’s where the suits come in," Horn said. "You get to see people show their inner fancy or outer fancy. Some people show up with a tux; others might show up with a funny hat."

For a few hours on a beautiful evening, less than 20 well-dressed swayers “hung out” in University Park. The night featured barbecued hotdogs, throwing a Frisbee and making hammock puns.

The UND Hammock Initiative, as they are officially called, is a formally recognized student group at UND. They have the paperwork and everything to prove it.

The group is laid back to an almost unreasonable degree. Case in point, Gaida had to attend an awards ceremony just before the formal sway began. Moaning in some miraculous way, “mocking was still bent for convenience and relaxation.”

Gaida sums up participation as such: "Do you like to be outside? Do you like to hang out? [If yes] then you can join."
The Art and Wine Walk returns to Grand Forks

The Art and Wine Walk is an annual event in downtown Grand Forks, showcasing the work of local artists and offering the perfect opportunity to interact with their custom-crafted pieces, visit established and new businesses in the area, and enjoy a sample of local wine.)

The walk is a self-guided tour that begins and ends at the Hyslop Sports Center. It features over 15 stops, with each stop including a variety of local businesses, artists' galleries, and wineries. Participants receive a map, where each stop offers a different wine sample. The walk concludes with an opportunity to enjoy live music and outdoor activities.

The Art and Wine Walk is a community event that attracts visitors from all over, offering a unique experience that allows people to meet the artists and business owners or employees of the participating establishments.

The event exceeded my expectations, offering not only the chance to enjoy the warming temperatures and explore the downtown area through wine samples, but also to meet and interact with the businesses and people in the community. It was a fun and memorable event.

I encourage everyone to attend the Art and Wine Walk next year, as it is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the local culture, support local artists and businesses, and have a great time.
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Faith, a three-sport high school athlete, Faith Dooley announced on Tuesday that she will also be playing for the UND women’s basketball team next season. Dooley is a native of Million, a small town in northeastern North Dakota.

As a three-sport high school athlete, Faith Dooley thrived on competing at the varsity level. She was a starting varsity athlete in basketball, volleyball and track and field. In basketball, she played guard and forward positions and helped lead the school to a state championship. In volleyball, she played as a setter and outside hitter and helped lead the team to a state title. In track and field, she competed in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and long jump.

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While Brewster did not know it at the time, Faith Dooley had already made up her mind to play for the basketball team. She had been recruited by UND basketball coach Travis Breck and had attended several recruiting visits and camps.

In the summer of 2017, Faith Dooley attended a basketball camp at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. At the camp, she was able to impress UND assistant coach Ashley Hardee with her skills and potential.

The following November, Faith Dooley was invited to try out for the UND women’s basketball team. She quickly accepted the invitation and began working hard to improve her skills.

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As a junior and senior, she had a tremendous work ethic. Faith has a tremendous work ethic.
Hawk flies home
Mankato signs Rebekah Kolstad

Rebekah Kolstad is one of the first UND women’s hockey players to transfer to another school (MSU-Mankato) following the announcement of the program’s elimination on March 29, 2017.

After the unexpected cut of the University of North Dakota women’s hockey team, the first Fighting Hawk has found a new home.

In case you haven’t heard, the University Of North Dakota is facing budget cuts that had to be made with athletics on the chopping block. They had been since last spring with the baseball team being cut, now two more programs have joined the list. The swimming and diving squads as well as the UND women’s hockey program.

“We knew budget cuts were coming, but we thought there was no chance it would be us,” former forward Rebekah Kolstad said, who was practicing when news came out. “Especially at North Dakota. You just don’t cut hockey at a hockey school. There aren’t really words to describe it.”

Luckily for Kolstad she has found a new home as a Minnesota State Maverick this coming season.

“Today was pretty exciting,” Kolstad said after signing with Minnesota State on April 17th, “knowing I’m going to continue my hockey career and get my education. Coming back home makes it more exciting.”

Kolstad is no stranger to the Mankato area. Before playing for UND, she was a standout at Mankato East. The Mankato East class of 2015 graduate saw plenty of ice time tallying 233 points in six seasons while also receiving four All-Big Nine team selections and an All-State back in 2014.

After a rough freshman year, the forward was able to find her footing more as she scored six goals while also netting five assists.

“My freshman year, I was pretty lost, not knowing what was going on,” Kolstad said. “But this year, I was a lot more comfortable and had a lot more fun. I definitely thought I improved.”

We are excited to have Rebekah at Minnesota State and in our hockey program,” said MSU head coach John Harrington. “She will bring experience, skill and competitiveness to our team and our game.”

Kolstad is the first player to transfer to a different program since the budget cuts and it will be interesting to see where other go from here.

“Last season, there were a total of 17 players who were juniors or lower. 16 of those players who will be able to play immediately this fall will continue to look for a new place to play. This won’t be a first for the Kolstad family either. Her older brother Isaac Kolstad spent two years at MSU after transferring from NDSU.

“I’m following in his footsteps,” Kolstad said. “He was successful (at MSU), and that gives me a lot of hope, too.”

Despite the cuts, UND President Mark Kennedy informed women hockey supporters that they can save the program. Just rally up $60 million dollars. It will be interesting to see who goes where before the start of the 2017-18 or those who chose to stay at the same school that gave them their pink slip.

With the cuts of the women’s hockey team and men’s and women’s swimming in diving, UND will be down to 17 sports in the fall. 14 is the minimum for FCS schools like UND.