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Post-election Q&A session on immigration held at the Loading Dock

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Various faculty members along with some students gathered yesterday in the Loading Dock for a Q&A on Immigration Post-Election.

President-elect Donald Trump has voiced his intentions for dramatic immigration reform. Back in September, Trump held CNN about his platform on immigration.

“Donald Trump has said that he wants to make immigration a national priority,” Sabrina Balgamwalla, assistant professor of law at UND, said. “If Trump is elected, we can expect a lot of changes in immigration laws.”

Panelists for the session included Balgamwalla, Bella Gamwalla (School of Law), Kit Johnson (School of Law) and David Nguyen (College of Education & Human Development).

“Historically, the United States has been a country of immigrants and continues to attract people from all around the world,” Balgamwalla said. “The country is built on a foundation of immigration.”

Panelists were available to offer their insights on immigration-related questions about immigration that may affect some of the students at the university. Throughout the hour-long Q&A, the audience asked a wide variety of questions.

Panelists for the session included various immigration advisors from different departments around campus. The panelists included Balgamwalla, Gamwalla, Johnson and David Nguyen (College of Education & Human Development).

David Nguyen offered some insight on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), since President-elect Trump has expressed his intentions to terminate the executive action signed into law by President Obama in 2012.

Termination of DACA could affect some students who are undocumented and currently supported by the DACA program. Nguyen said 750,000 people could be affected by the termination of DACA. He explained the history of DACA, since many members of the audience weren’t familiar with the executive action.

“The campaign platforms during the 2016 election was to pass comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level,” Nguyen explained. “In 2012, into his second term, he figured out it was going to be difficult to do that. So he took executive action to basically correct prosecutorial discretion.”

DACA gives undocumented immigrants an exemption from deportation as well as a renewable two-year work permit which is issued by USCIS, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security.

“All of this costs money,” Nguyen said. “USCIS is very dependent on application fees. Every time you have an international student, immigrant or family member that applies to USCIS, you’re paying hundreds of dollars each time you send in a little one-page application.”

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New evaluation system for professors at UND

Sean Cleary

The Dakota Student

UND has transitioned to another method of evaluat- ing professor performance--the Student Evaluation of Learning and Instructional Effectiveness (SELFI). This system is a shift from the traditional University Student Teaching Assessment (USAT) form, which was used at UND until 2014.

“An undergraduate general education curriculum with- out a creative writing course is like an undergradu- ate chemistry curriculum without a lab component,” Liming said. “Under- graduate creative writing classes taught within UND’s English department at UND have historically been popular and are usually filled. This shows that there is a student demand for these classes, and stu- dent demands ought to be taken into serious con- sideration by university administrators in planning.”

 underscores the need for future professors, Liming and other English professors are in the midst of inter- viewing possible applic- ants. This department will not have the position filled for next sem- ester, Liming said, but it has filled it for the fall semester. The university is considering a possible alternate class, creative writing can be taken for a fine arts essential studies credit.

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dream—just like the rest of us. However, it’s uncer- tain when President-elect Trump will take on DACA, according to Nguyen, so this leaves those 750,000 people uncertain about what’s to come in the future. The committee offered its op- inion as a safe space for stu- dents who had immigr- ation concerns, and Bella Hettich said students could go to learning English as a second language could come to ESL for assistance. A member of the au- dience asked the panel where students, faculty or staff could find answers to specific questions or resources they need. Kit Johnson provided some insight on where people can go to find answers. Johnson explained that the pursuit of a law- license is like an undergradu- ate major in English; the lower division courses are learning English as a second language, and the upper division is a law degree.

Johnson suggested pursuing legal help if someone who is undocumented has a criminal his- tory, because they could potentially face issues in the future. She said every possible contact with a pro- fessor is a good resource to go see a lawyer for advice. A lawyer could offer advice and establish what immigration consequenc- es, if any, that could come as a result of a criminal conviction according to Sabrina Balgamwalla. After the Q&A was finished, panelists stacked around to answer any addi- tional questions or con- cerns people have. The panelists explained that with time, more will be known about immigration post-election.

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Kit Johnson (left), associate professor of law at UND, answers a question during the Q&A on Immigration Post-Election event Tuesday afternoon at the Loading Dock. Johnson explained that the value of its use was split, with some participants seeing how it can be used for summative and formative feedback, while others were concerned about how the university will use these forms and whether or not they will be used in a “predictive manner,” the report said.

Andert noted that switching to an online pro- cess would allow for UND to more quickly and ef- ficiently analyze the data from the survey. The Student Evalu- ation of Educational Quality (SEEFQ) questionnaire was completed has a criminal his- tory, as a result of a criminal conviction. She can be reached at autumn.graber@und.edu

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With Halloween, Thanksgiving and Black Friday behind us, there is one thing coming up that everyone is looking forward to, and that is Christmas. But students shouldn’t get ahead of themselves dreaming about Christmas break quite yet. First, they must take finals on time. It’s much easier for me to understand what I have to get right before the break. I made sure I had a couple of undistracted hours of studying in between the stress. And you will be surprised at what you can accomplish.

The last thing anyone wants is to come back to a place that is stressful. If you’re feeling overwhelmed this semester, take a few minutes to sit down and figure out how you’re feeling. Are you falling behind, or are you feeling nervous, or stressed out? When scared, it can take its toll on your body. It always feels like there is so much to do in a small amount of time. Be sure you are on top of all of your work, and you will be able to manage all of the stress much easier.

With or without these Destress Fests, I am optimistic that we will all make it through finals week. Push through, try your best, and know that it will be over very soon. This means getting the last-minute work isn’t helping anyone. The quality of work won’t be your best, and you’ll be wearing yourself out. The last thing anyone needs is to stress themselves into panic mode. Don’t worry. It’s never too late to start. Give yourself a couple of undistracted hours of studying in between and you will be surprised at what you can accomplish.

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Truth and Reconciliation Concepts adopted in South Africa following the end of apartheid in 1990. The South African approach, which was championed by Nelson Mandela and Arch-bishop Desmond Tutu, was an endeavor to heal through remorse on the part of the perpetrators and forgiveness on the part of those victimized. Their approach taught us that true healing occurs only when there is an admission of the wrong and a corresponding forgiveness by the victim.

Like the black people in South Africa, the pain of disempowerment felt by American Indians is real and on our campuses and in the surrounding communities. In exploring the American Indian students’ stories, there are parallels in the struggle to have a voice and credibility in the face of prejudice and racism. Although sharing their stories has been difficult, it is not a cry for sympathy, but a call for understanding.

An important part of healing is that the truth be told. We are often afraid to hear the truth because the truth makes us feel like we were wronged in some way. All – and maybe we do, but sometimes we just need to acknowledge the truth and start there. That is where we seem to be stuck right now – in history - of acknowledging the truth because it has not been set forth accurately in our history books. Like the blacks in South Africa, we need to write the truth for ourselves.

To overcome exploitation, we need to become comfortable with the idea that the land would be owned by the people who mesh well with us while avoiding any pain.

Photo courtesy of John Ratzloff

Opinion

Wisdom from the elders

Nick Sallen
Dakota Student

Throughout my summer spent in residency at the Steger Wilderness Center, I met a couple of master artisans in their respective crafts. The Steger Wilderness Center is a sight to behold. Situated in the boreal forest of northern Minnesota, it’s a towering yet earth-friendly which utilizes solar panels to collect nearly all the energy used on the center.

Will Steger, my boss, is a master carpenter, architect, environmental educator and a world-renowned explorer. For nearly three decades Steger has been building his reputation as “the guy whose self-reliance, knowledge, humility and goodwill (pun intended) inspired myself and many residents to work alongside him, helping him construct this dream. Steger wants to create a trans-disciplinary experience that will inspire people to think bigger and bold action to improve the world. All of his accomplishments in life lead to the Steger Wilderness Center, the legacy he wants to leave for future generations.

John Ratzloff, one of the other hand, is a professional photographer who has inspired myself and many of my summer interns to get out of their comfort zone. His charmful enthusiasm, caring spirit and grace in conversation bring great value to the community.

Together, the other interns, work crews and a few volunteers spent part of their summer living in a close-knit community, miles away from the nearest town on a lake bordering the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Together, we have been adding to a center which requires communal reliance and cooperation.

The purpose of the Steger Wilderness Center is “inspiring wonder and awe,” Ratzloff says. I fondly remember ending many of my summer nights talking to Ratzloff. We often shared a view of the evening sun setting across the lake. Steger Wilderness is a sight to see and something you must experience that will inspire you to go on top of the world.

In June, I was tasked with planning an event at the center. I spent hours out of glacial boulders and Elly greenhouses. Building a wall out of rocks and quicklime, I developed a deep appreciation for the skills of the master masons. With a careful combination of the right rocks with good “faces” and 90 degree angles, I built a straight wall out of very irregularly shaped boulders.

I have always thought of a stone, think about the space above it... Think about the stone that’s giving to go on top of the life one’s actually set- ting, because that steps stone creating problem spots that only a very specific stone can get you out of.” Stonemasonry instructor, Arch-bishop Laik Melkiel said.

In the past few months, I have learned the basics of carpentry and stonemasonry. I hope to use these skills after graduation, should I ever follow through with building my own house.

But I also gained some good life wisdom from people with very unique life experiences. Some of Steger’s most harrowing stories had valuable life lessons needed between the dangers he faced and the hard decisions he had to make.

Ratzloff says a failed businessman before choosing to capture moments in time with his camera. His story taught me how to enjoy the little things in life that are easy to overlook or take for granted, and to enjoy the present moment with all the reverence possible.

When I was a child, I thought adulthood would be a blessing where I would figure things out and see the greater point.
Darcy's, a local gem for Grand Forks

Stephanie Hollman

The Dakota Student

It's 6:45 a.m., and upon walking into the small diner on North Washington Ave, I'm instantly awakened by the pleasant aroma of coffee and the chatter of the usual early-morning dining crowd that fills the bar and cozy booths.

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Darcy's has been serving homemade, comfort food to the Grand Forks community for decades. Breakfast platters are as delicious as they are plentiful, with options ranging from traditional favorites like bacon and eggs to more adventurous dishes like cheddar grits and mango chutney.

Whether it's your first stop at the beginning of a long work day or you find yourself waking up to hot bacon and eggs. The Special, after sleeping in, I would wake up to a hot breakfast. So savory, in fact, it's worth it. To spoil yourself on a little bit more in the breakfast game, I suggest trying the pumpkin pancakes with pecans and icing, which is just delicious and can be enjoyed for a meal. And of course, it is served with butter and syrup.

For something off the beaten path of breakfast staples, Darcy's Cafe also offers protein and flavor-packed omelettes. Darcy's Special in particular is packed with what green bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, cheddar cheese, and a side of hash browns. It's a perfect meal for the long day ahead.

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Based on Ted Chiang’s short story "Story of Your Life," "Arrival" is a linguistic thriller that focuses on the immediate physical or chemical threat the species that has landed on Earth may pose to the human race. The movie works to avoid the sensationalized expectations that come with sex, drugs, destruction, explosions aback the silver screen. Instead, what is painted atop a simple yet robust silhouette of him and her. The movie speaks to a realm of issues relatable to anyone’s life with much greater depth than what may be initially obvious from any superficial dialogue. Perhaps what was most refreshing was seeing an over-beaten Hollywood storyline reenacted with a completely new perspective.

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When people hear that the University of Minnesota and the University of North Dakota are playing in an athletics event, they think of hockey.

North Dakota and Minnesota have a rivalry people in the area call "The Border Battle." That "Border Battle" will be renewed this Friday night in the Twin Cities. The Sports Pavilion is home of the number one team in the nation for Volleyball, the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

The Gophers head into the NCAA Tournament as the number two overall seed and co-champions of one of the toughest conferences in the nation, the Big Ten. It's safe to say it will be a very tough test for the Fighting Hawks in their first ever NCAA Division I Volleyball tournament.

The Hawks will be traveling south to Minneapolis to take on the Gophers in the Minneapolis region will be the University of Southern California, and national powerhouse University of Hawaii.

Coach Mark Pryor has his team playing outstanding Volleyball right now, including two weekends ago at home in the conference tournament. Hosting the conference tournament, the Hawks didn’t lose a single set in three games. Those three wins were part of a now current 11-game win streak, and that has the Hawks flying high heading into Minneapolis this weekend.

UND currently sits at 26-9 overall. The Hawks will be looking to get revenge on the Gophers who already defeated the Hawks in September, also in the Sports Pavilion. That match went four sets, with the Hawks winning the second set 25-21. If that match says anything, it’s that the Gophers should be at least weary of the Hawks.

Hawks senior star Chelsea Moser was pleased when she saw the Hawks matched up with the Gophers on "Selection Sunday." "A lot of our girls grew up watching the Gophers and playing against their players in high school," Moser said. "We’ll have more family and friends there than if we went somewhere else to play. And we had a fun time the last time we played them."

The Hawks have been very good at the Betty Englestad Sioux Center. The Sports Pavilion is a good four and a half hours away from Grand Forks, but there might be a good chance that Coach Pryor and his squad could have a decent contingent on Friday.

"We won’t have as many fans as the Gophers, but we’ll have a good contingent of fans," Pryor said. "There’s some comfort level because we’ll have some fans and because we have played there before. The Gophers are vastly improved from our first meeting, as we are."

The Gophers and Hawks will renew a rivalry this weekend in a win or go home match for both squads. The match is scheduled for 7 p.m. following the Hawaii-Southern California match.

Hawks fans will have to keep an eye on this weekend. The Volleyball team at 7 p.m. on Friday, the football team in a FCS playoff game at 5 p.m. in the Alerus, and the Men’s hockey team in Madison Square Garden against the Boston College Eagles.

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Tamara Merseli (right) spikes the ball against Idaho at the Betty Englestad Center on Nov. 5.
The Dakota Student
Jack Harvey

Two weeks ago the Fighting Hawks were able to stop the bleeding that was a six-game losing streak with a sweep over NCHC-stormy St. Cloud State. This sweep also saw back-to-back shutouts from goaltenders Cam Johnson. Johnson took to social media to express his thoughts, tweeting, “I’m back around shortly after shaking out the dust for the second night in a row. This message boosted confidence from the junior tender but saw mixed messages from fans. This Friday night is a different story, they lost and tied to Michigan State. With the loss and tie, UND has only won two of the last 10 despite sweeping the season 5-0.

Although Johnson isn’t the only one to take the blame, people were quick to jump back to the popular tweet and called the goal out with tweets questioning him, “Are you back around?”

Johnson took the responses in stride and gently reminded the doubters that he did play the entire season for national championship and he has full attentions on trying to do it again.

Despite the two games above 3-0 record as we go into December, we have to be ready to go into the post season. Back in the 2013-14 season, UND started at the year at 6-7-2. However they finished 13-7-2 in the season.

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That said, UND has been able to add the game including scoring four goals in its game thus far.

UND’s opponents’ goals average isn’t incredibly far behind, where they have averaged 2.27 goals a game.

It’s unbelievable how well we play when we’re on and we’re firing on all cylinders forwards, defense and goalies,” sophomore defender Christian Wolanin said.

“We turn it off for a period, turn it off for five minutes and there’s a human element on trying to do it again.”

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“Tragically, the Hawks lost to the number 1 ranked Michigan State in the season opening game and were left reeling after taking the game to a second period tie.”

The Hawks have been close, at one time down 2-0 in the third period and the fans can feel the intensity in the arena.

“You guys have been great this year, please come out and support the team this weekend and let’s make the final tournament run.”

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