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State of the State Address

Governor Doug Burgum Delivers address at UND

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On Jan. 29, the Governor of North Dakota, Doug Burgum, delivered his 2020 State of the State address at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Governor Burgum started his speech by thanking the legislative branch of North Dakota and tribal leaders from around the state for their continued determination for the success of North Dakota. The first-term governor focused on a variety of topics throughout the speech, including agriculture, energy, veteran affairs, etc., while explaining how important North Dakota is to the world.

Shortly into Gov. Burgum's opening statement, a drone made an appearance to deliver a clicker to the governor, which prompted appraisal from the governor for the aviation and unmanned drone industry. The address quickly shifted to different topics involving North Dakota.

When discussing the hardships that farmers and ranchers have faced over the years, the governor showed his support and respect for the agriculture industry. Gov. Burgum was humbled by the sense of support that farmers have for each other and their community.

"These are people who give without expectation of receiving anything in return, and I've seen this time and time and again, when we have a natural disaster, the incredible harvest that we had this fall with ranchers and farmers helping each other and helping their school districts and their townships," Gov. Burgum said. "I mean, it is really incredible that we've got such a special place to be here."

Agriculture is one of the strongest industries in North Dakota. Gov. Burgum displayed several slides to illustrate how successful North Dakota has been with farming. As the governor explained, North Dakota leads the world in production for seven crops. Gov. Burgum also illustrated that North Dakota is one of the

leading producers of honey.

"There were actually seven crops in this last year, in spite of the challenging harvest, seven crops where North Dakota still leads the world in terms of number one in production," Gov. Burgum said.

With North Dakota being the lead producer of a variety of crops, harsh conditions and failed crops can have a serious impact throughout the world. Due to the floods last year some farmers have been struggling, but Gov. Burgum declared a disaster to help get farmers the support they need.

"Billions of dollars of crop were unharvested this last year, and we're very fortunate that last week that President Trump, in a very quick manner, approved our request for a presidential disaster declaration, which covered 16 of those counties," Gov Burgum said.

Although agriculture is one of North Dakota's strongest industries, energy production is another industry that North Dakota excels at. Gov. Burgum explained the importance of energy production as the world becomes more reliant on energy.

"In (addition to) feeding the world, we're also powering the world. We're number two in crude oil, sixth in ethanol, seventh in wind, eighth coal, 10th in natural gas and biodiesel," Gov. Burgum said. "And this is at a time when the world needs power. There's a billion people on the planet that do not have electricity."

Gov. Burgum went on to thank veterans from around the state and showed his support for military families. The governor also spoke of a new budget that helps support military families and the burial of soldiers.

The governor spoke of diversifying the economy of North Dakota in the event of a collapse of the agriculture or energy industry. "The third option" as Gov Burgum put it, is technology, which North Dakota is starting to excel at. Everything from farming to aviation includes technological innovation, which is why it is



Governor of North Dakota, Doug Burgum

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so vital to continue research into new advancements.

"But all of this adds up today to the state of our state, and the state of our state today is that it's strong, it's growing and it's full of boundless opportunity," Gov. Burgum said.

"And by seizing the opportunities that are in front of us and rejecting that piece of our culture, that self-imposed limitation, that idea that somehow that we're in North Dakota, that we're too small, that we're too distant or we're too cold."

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UND 2020 Career Expo

What to expect & how to prepare

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On Tuesday, February 4, the Spring 2020 Career Expo will be taking place at the Alerus Center from 12-4 p.m. allowing undergraduates and graduates from UND from across all fields of study as well as UND alumni the opportunity to talk to numerous employers to create possible contacts in your field of study. The UND Career Expo allows a more efficient way of communicating with different employers in a short amount of time face-to-face.

The Career Expo Fall 2019 brought in over 1,200 students and 190 companies attended the expo giving a wide range

to all fields of study. The large number of career opportunities at Career Expos raises the chance of a possible interview. Interview space is available at the Alerus Center and at Twamley Hall on Tuesday, February 4, before, during or after the Career Expo and Wednesday, Feb. 5. If you have any questions about setting up an interview call 701.777.4103.

Students planning on attending the Spring 2020 Career Expo or any future Career Expos should come properly prepared. Students should bring their student ID, a letter-sized portfolio with a pen and notepad, copies of your resume, research notes on employers attending the expo and a compact, professional portfolio of work samples. Students

should keep themselves and materials neat and professional.

Before attending the Career Expo individuals interested in communicating with possible employers should dress professionally. How you are dressed can make an impact on a company before you say a single word. Individuals should dress in a professionally appropriate manner to the possible position they are applying. When in doubt, it is best to be conservative. Clothes should not have flashy colors and large jewelry should be avoided. Clothes should be comfortable but fit in order to present yourself well. Avoid wearing a large amount of perfume or cologne to prevent possible allergic re-

actions or distracting others. Hair should be clean and conservative avoiding flashy hair accessories.

Now having dressed the part, next is to communicate with possible employers and set up an interview. Having a successful interview isn't as easy as it seems. Students should keep in mind some of these tips when preparing for their next interview. It is important to research the companies you are interested in to be prepared for possible questions about the company. Understanding why you want the job is important not only for the student being interviewed but for the company as well. It shows you are interested and have organized your thoughts beforehand as well as show-

ing respect for the company's times. Be prepared for concerns or common interview questions. By anticipating questions and practicing how to respond professionally, it will help the interview run smoothly and discard possible unnecessary pauses. Lastly, remember to bring your resume and end the interview on a positive note by thanking the company for the interview.

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Are you ready for your future?

Career Expo story from front page

The day after the Career Expo students are encouraged to contact representatives they spoke with through email or

call. When sending an email, it is important to include your resume and proofread before sending.

Students who are unable to drive to the Career Expo, transportation will be provided. Three Shuttles will be running on campus from 11:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 4. Shuttles will be marked that are for the Career Expo. Shuttles pick-up and drop-off at Odegard, Gamble and Upson on the hour, 20 minute and 40 minute. Drop-off and pick-up are located at door eight at the Alerus Center.

For students interviewing on Feb. 5, there will be two passenger vans running between 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The vans will be marked clearly and will drop-off and pick-up at the same locations instructed on February 4. Pick-ups on campus are on the hour

and half-hour all day.

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Coronavirus Updates

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On Saturday, Massachusetts became the 8th state in the United States affected by the coronavirus. In addition to the newly confirmed case in the U.S., the first death due to the coronavirus outside of China was confirmed in the Philippines on Sunday.

UND and multiple other universities have suspended all travel to and from China for faculty and students in an effort to get ahead of the virus before it lands on the UND campus or other campuses around the country. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus a global health emergency on

Thursday and the US has restricted travel to and from China. Several other countries have imposed similar travel restrictions.

Over 25 countries around the globe have now confirmed cases of the coronavirus with China still being hit the hardest. As of last Tuesday, with over 7,000 infected, the number of confirmed infected cases has more than doubled with more than 14,500 confirmed cases around the world. China has confirmed more than 300 deaths, which is also more than double than it was on Tuesday.

On Friday, the University of Hong Kong had a paper published in the medical journal, The Lancet, that doubted the numbers



Avoid travel unless necessary.

of the infected. The article explains that there might

be more than 70,000 infected.

195 Americans who were in Wuhan during the start of the outbreak are currently under quarantine at a military base in California. No deaths have occurred in the US as of Sunday, but the death in the Philippines has prompted anxiety among many countries.

The 44-year-old man who died in the Philippines was the partner of the country's first reported coronavirus case, but she was asymptomatic for most of her time back in the Philippines. The couple had been traveling back from Wuhan, China and they went through Hong Kong, after which they stopped at other travel destinations including the islands of Negros and Cebu before heading back to the Philippines.

The period in which infected patients have not experienced symptoms has ranged from a few days to up to two weeks.

During the asymptomatic period, the spread of the disease is hard to stop. The asymptomatic period is one of the gut-wrenching factors of the coronavirus that has scientists and researchers paranoid for the depth of the outbreak.

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New Year, New Me

Do New Years resolutions actually stick?

Cortnie Cottrell
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“New year, New me.” We have all heard this before and maybe even said it ourselves, but do we really mean it, or do we ever truly become a ‘new’ person?

For some reason, every year we all believe that when the clock strikes midnight and the Times Square ball drops on December 31, that the scales will magically forgive us for all of the Christmas goodies that we ate during the past week and that our bank accounts will be granted back all the money we spent on presents for our friends and family. Somehow, we think that because it is the “beginning of a new chapter” that we are really going to get it right this time. Every year, this mentality never fails, but why?

New Year’s resolutions are the “promises” that we make to ourselves year after year, only to fail and be more disappointed with ourselves. With losing weight and increasing finances being the top two most common resolutions made for the new year, oftentimes people give up on their resolution even before February, so if you are still kicking, you are apart of the 55% that doesn’t quit.

The success rate for New Years Resolutions is 12%, meaning the failure rate is 88%! Because the odds of succeeding are so low, I choose not to believe in making New Years resolutions anymore being that I too fall under that 88%.

However, I do fully be-



Set realistic and attainable goals for yourself.

lieve in making a daily resolution every day. Yes, I still believe that it is good to look long term and set future goals, but when we make goals that are so far out that it is hard to even picture succeeding, that is where we invite trouble.

I choose to make daily goals, weekly goals and monthly goals. Taking it one day at a time is the best way to not get overwhelmed with just getting to the end goal. I think that it is healthy to see the big

picture and keep the end goal in mind, but when the end goal is more focused on than the steps to getting there, you are simply going to feel stuck and end up quitting.

Every morning when my feet hit the floor, it is a new chance to get it right-not just once a year on January 1. By merely making a long-term goal to change your entire life in just one night of the year puts a lot of pressure on that one day to get it right for the whole

year ahead. Each day is a new chance to change.

I think of it like the first day of class, Syllabus day. When the teacher hands out the syllabus that has the whole semester’s schedule on it and every topic that will be covered, is very daunting and seems impossible to cover all that material. However, taking it one assignment at a time and not getting ahead of yourself can help ease anxiousness of the content size.

The website apa.org suggests to start small, not making any outrageous goals that are not attainable, changing one behavior at a time-small changes last, drastic changes are short-lived, talking about your goals and having a support system and lastly, allowing yourself grace-since we are all human and are not robots that have one perfect setting.

Life happens and one or two slip ups will not completely ruin your progress.

Keep moving forward, no matter how small or slow the progress is, it is still progress. One day at a time, one choice at a time.

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Where do you come in?

Why not fight for yourself?

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Throughout history, college students have been notorious for speaking their minds about certain issues and they fight for what they believe in. Some famous examples of this include

fighting to end the Vietnam war, fighting for the true meaning of free speech, Black Lives Matter movement and the feminist movement are to name a few over the years. Students are willing and able to raise their voices and gain knowledge on things

that concern them and impact them, but how come it is such a struggle for students to stand up for themselves against others or wrongdoings to them?

We all fight for something we believe in. It may be something that impacts our current situ-

ation, or it could impact our future. But it could also simply impact our neighbor and we want to help fight their fight with them. But for some reason, when it comes to the one person, we know best, ourselves, we can’t manage to fight for them?

This day and age is all about negative self-talk. It is full of depreciating who we are and all we have been put through. We truly are our own worst enemy. The voice in the back of our heads constantly strives to tell us things on how we can be better and how we should be better, but it oftentimes takes it too far.

Standing up for yourself takes tremendous courage. It causes us to take a glimpse of who we are as a person and find the positive things to talk about and stand up for. We can put countless hours and hundreds of tears into organizations and actions that we want to fight for, but we barely give ourselves time to breathe.

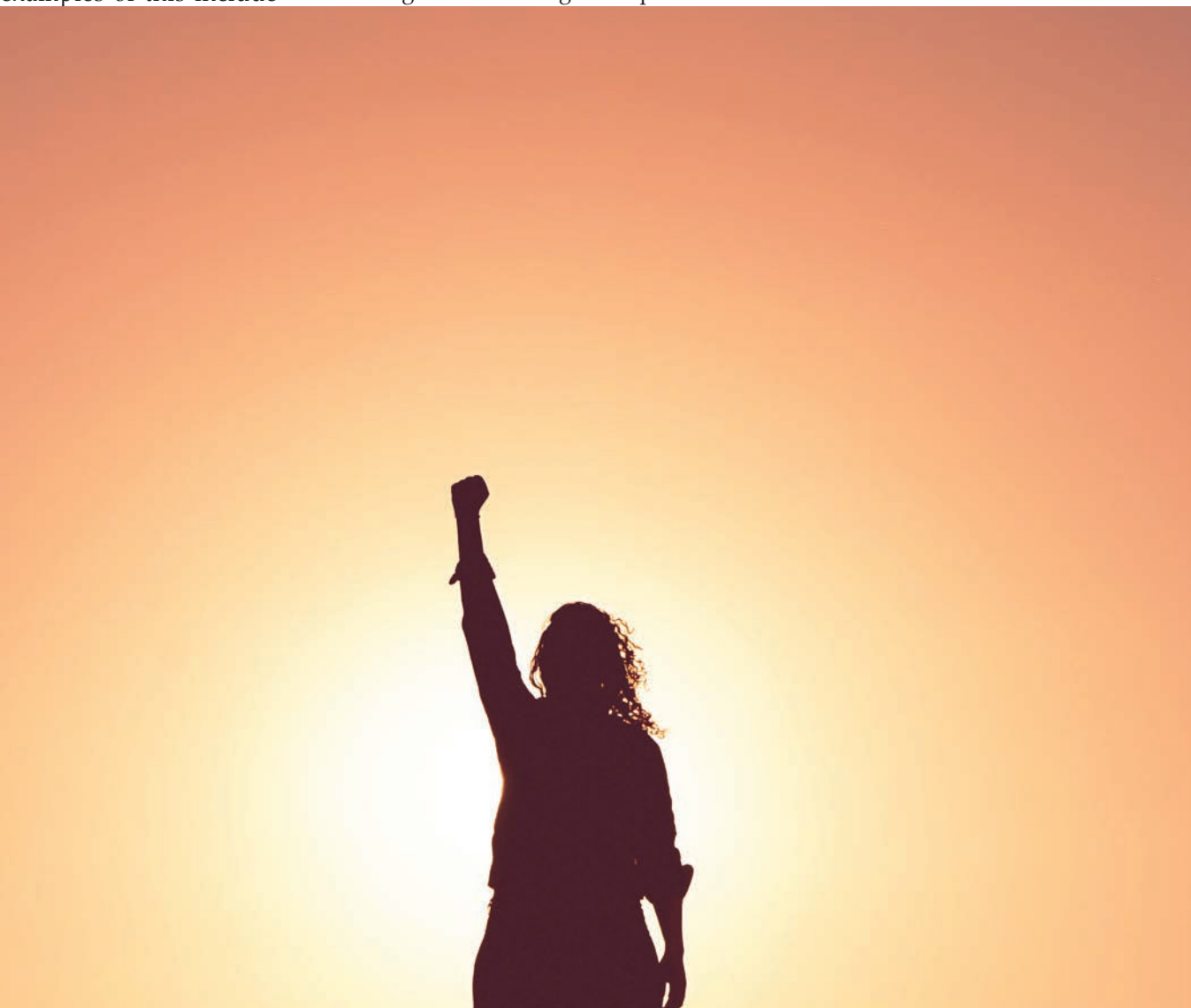
The stigma around rooting for yourself and being your own biggest cheerleader needs to change from cocky to confidence. People need to stop putting other people down because of their ability to love themselves. Standing up for yourself --by yourself or with others-- is just as important as those causes that we act so positively on to try and change the world. The first person and the cause we should focus on is ourselves.

It takes time. One foot in front of the other mentality is how it begins. It takes effort. You have to put the work in to see

the results. It takes courage. Not being afraid of what others are thinking or how you are being perceived is a key way to start seeing the good in who you are. We are only human. Making mistakes is a good thing because we learn from them. They give us an opportunity to grow and better ourselves. It shouldn’t hinder us from trying again or dwell on what could have been.

This is a hard time of life. We have so many decisions that will impact our lives in the next couple of years. It is tough being a college student. Knowing how to divide your time and give yourself time to breathe is important to your success now and in the future. Looking back at this time of your life, I would hope you think about the experiences that made you the best person you could be, and not the moments that you wish you treated yourself differently.

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Be your own superhero!

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Are you ready to find love?

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Are we ready to love someone if we don't love ourselves? Most of the time it's probably not something that comes to mind. However, it is something to consider if you are doubting yourself or your current relationship. There is obviously a reason for that doubt even if you aren't exactly sure what it is or if you want to face it. Maybe it's because you aren't quite sure how things will work out, or maybe it's because you're afraid that it's too good to be true. You could be experiencing this lingering sense of doubt because you feel

as though you don't deserve the love you have in your life. That could be due to a lack of self confidence within yourself, not seeing your own self worth or value. You aren't alone in this.

As someone who's recently been through a breakup I can say that I know what it feels like to doubt yourself. I also know what it feels like to not value yourself, and feeling like you don't deserve love in general. It is a completely human thing to feel, it's normal and it is scary. In my opinion the ending of my last relationship has given me a lot to think about, and I feel as though it has changed me for the better. I am more confident in myself and

more sure of myself than I've been in a very long time. I'm putting myself first for once, making the tough decisions and living with them. I've been on a few dates, trying to find what I like or don't like about people.

You may not be in a relationship right now, but you might be seeking one or just "seeing where things go." That's completely fine but you do need to ask yourself an important question, am I ready for this? Am I willing to make this commitment and am I confident enough in myself to take this next leap? If you are unsure of the answer then I would suggest that you take some time to think about what you want.

It's important to not feel pressured to make a decision right away. Love takes time and communication, even if it's loving yourself. There's this

quote I once read and it said, "I am learning to love the sound of my own feet walking away from things that aren't meant for me." That will

stay with me forever.

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Relationships are a two way street, you have to learn to love yourself as well. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

Presidential Candidates

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With the expectation of a swift acquittal of President Trump from the senate, I thought it was appropriate to look into the remaining candidates for the 2020 election. Some of the candidates on the Democratic side have similarities within their planned policies, others are completely different. The Republican candidates challenging President Trump have not had the airtime that they'd like, so I do not know much about them, but I'll weigh in on them. Starting with Bernie Sanders, let's discuss the Bernie Bro phenomenon. Sanders has fought for a plethora of government reform, including more benefits provided by the government. Sanders champions a healthcare reform, free tuition, housing for all and the Green New Deal. All seems good, right? However, the way Sanders plans to pay for all the above comes down to taxes. "Tax the Billionaires" as we often hear from Sanders, but would taxing the billionaires pay for these policies? No, it would not. The taxes would come from everyday Americans. Therefore, I can not support Sanders with his socialist policies and his want for a centralized government. People my age, with nowhere to go and hatred for Trump, will vote for Bernie Sanders because he promises free stuff. Elizabeth Warren has

made a strong push in the polls, but I can not see her winning. People who say Trump lies too much and then support Warren are the biggest hypocrites. However, when it comes to her free tuition policies, she doesn't lie. Warren plans to tax people to pay for the "free tuition." In a recent video circulating Twitter, a man asks Warren if he'd receive his hard-earned money that he saved and spent on his kid's tuition when other people haven't saved. What was her response? "Of course not." Warren is like off-brand Sanders with her policies, so I do not think she'll win.

Andrew Yang, Tulsi Gabbard and Pete Buttigieg are the strongest democratic candidates. Although I do not support Yang's universal basic income policy, I do support him as a person. Yang seems like a genuine and intelligent man with lots to offer, but his cult following may shy some people away. Gabbard has a similar following due to her passionate speaking skills and intelligence. Although Gabbard and Yang are progressive and line with the democratic side, a lot of people would say that they're centrists compared to the "democratic" socialists Sanders and Warren.

Joe Biden seems to be on the fall every day. Biden started off with a strong following, but Sanders is catching up to him in the polls. I know that the polls aren't as accurate as we hope, but it gives a glimpse into what might happen. So



Pete Buttigieg is one of the candidates running for the Democratic Party nomination for President. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

far, Biden has lived off his former glory as the VP for President Obama. He may win, he may not. I haven't seen as many damaging policies from Biden as I've seen from other candidates, so I wouldn't mind a Biden victory over Sanders.

The two Republican candidates with any coverage are Joe Walsh and Bill Weld. Most wouldn't know that Walsh and Weld are running for president because most do not know who Walsh or Weld are. Weld is a former ambassador to Mexico under Bill Clinton and identifies as a Libertarian. Walsh is a former congressman who doesn't like Trump. That's about it.

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Going Beyond the Grand Forks Community How Engineers Without Borders is connecting the world

Molly Andrews
Dakota Student

The University of North Dakota is filled with opportunities for involvement. Whether it be in the Grand Forks Community or beyond, students are able to experience and indulge in different communities. One way that this can be possible, is through the different clubs and organizations on campus.

One organization on campus that is connecting borders globally is Engineers Without Borders. EWB has been on campus since 2016 and was made possible by the hard work of many different students.

The overall mission of this organization is simply along the lines of empowering communities to meet their basic human needs and equip new leaders to solve the world's most pressing challenges.

The current President of EWB at UND is Jonathan Wirkkala. He is an electrical engineering major. He first arrived on campus in the Spring Semester of 2019 and has been heavily involved ever since.

"I was hanging out in the union and decided to wander around the student org fair. Since I was a new engineering student I saw the only sign that had engineering in the name and started talking with the then president," Wirkkala said. "I joined right away and started attending meetings."

Ever since then, EWB has been doing immense amounts of work behind the scenes so they could fulfill an international project that had taken place over winter break.



Mother and newborn daughter posing for a photo after being interviewed by the travel team.

Photo Courtesy of Jonathan Wirkkala

The UND chapter traveled to the community of Pambón, Guatemala. It is located about 6 hours north of Guatemala City in the mountains. Their main goal was to assess the community's water problem. Currently, with the data they collected from their trip in early January, they are designing a water sanitation and storage system for the community. They will have a team returning to the community this coming

summer and in subsequent years in order to build the overall project and make sure it is performing up to the standards.

The travel team consisted of 7 UND students that are active members of EWB as well as a professional mentor. Among them were Brian Mager, who was the mentor of the group who graduated from UND and is a Civil Engineer professionally, Annie Miles, Mechanical Engineer-

ing major, Jessica DeVillers, Chemical Engineering major, Brook Anderson, Chemical Engineering major, Madison Jaeger, Civil Engineering major, Savana Schauer, Civil Engineering major, Nicole Dolejs, Civil Engineering major and Jonathan Wirkkala, Electrical Engineering major.

Many months of planning went into this trip. The project originally got picked up in May and since then, the members of EWB have been hard at work preparing and planning to make sure everything would go smoothly during their travels.

Wirkkala reflected on his experience on this trip and how it has impacted him as a student and as a person.

"On this trip I gained a wider view of problems affecting the world and experienced that not all of those problems are one-dimensional," Wirkkala said.

Through the EWB's hard work and dedication, they are able to impact a community in unimaginable ways and make their quality of living better. Not only are they contributing to the worldly community, they also help with the local community by doing projects such as habitat for humanity.

Wirkkala has been greatly impacted because of his involvement with the organization.

"It has impacted my college experience by providing tangible goals that affect real world problems

for me to work on. It also allows me to apply what I've learned in not only my engineering coursework, but my writing and communication courses as well."

Although Engineers Without Borders sounds like an engineered based club, anyone is welcome to join and participate. Whether it be to contributing ideas in meetings or writing grant proposals, the EWB chapter at UND is open to any and all majors on campus. There are currently 48 UND students and there are always opportunities for leadership roles.

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Jonathan Wirkkala, President of EWB and UND Student

Travis' Corner

Oscar Snubs: Leading Actor and Actress

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Early January saw the release of Hollywood's most anticipated list, the Oscar nominations. Overall, I was quite happy with the list but some of my favorite films didn't make the cut. I have plenty of opinions about the Best Picture and Directing categories, but I will focus on both the Leading Actor and Leading Actress category. For both of these categories I have picked four performances that I think deserved nominations.

Breaking Oscar protocol; three of my favorite performances by a leading actress this year have been in horror films. Those being, Lupita Nyong'o in *Us*, Florence Pugh in *Midsommar* and Samara Weaving in *Ready or Not*. Nyong'o portrayed the matriarch of a family being attacked by their doppelgängers. This allowed Nyong'o to show off her range playing both the loving mother and her evil counterpart. This film seemed as if it was written as an Oscar vehicle for the lead actress but was ignored due to its genre.

Newcomer, Florence Pugh, also showed off her range in *Midsommar*, a break-up film gone terribly wrong. Pugh's portrayal of her character's loss, search for identity and eventual descent into borderline

madness had me leaving the theater immediately searching her IMDB page. Pugh is nominated for a supporting actress Oscar this year for her work in *Little Women*. But, if Scarlett Johansson can be nominated in both the lead and supporting actress categories why can't Pugh?

Overall, I thought *Ready or Not* was possibly the most fun I had at the movies last year. The film follows a young woman who must try to survive initiation into her new husband's family via a deadly game of hide and seek. Tonally, *Ready or Not* is aware of this outrageous, semi-campy premise and plays into it. Samara Weaving leads this film and also plays into the films tone and is able to give comedy as well as horror in her performance. Weaving also gives the most convincing and haunting scream that I've seen in cinema.

Lastly in the actress category is Ana de Armas in *Knives Out*, the only non-horror film on my actress list. This film is a mystery/thriller about the unexpected death of a family's patriarch and family member's motives come into question. With this films large ensemble cast including Chris Evans, Daniel Craig, Jaime Lee Curtis, Toni Collette and many others, de Armas shines through as a strong leading lady.

Next, are the performances by an actor in a leading role that I thought were deserving of Oscar nominations. First is Zach Gottsagen in *The Peanut Butter Falcon*. Gottsagen's character is a man with Down syndrome that goes on a Huck Finn-esque adventure with a man running from the law. This film was Gottsagen's first feature length film and the Oscars usually loves a newcomer. Gottsagen was truly the heart of this lovable film and would not have been the same without him.

In *Jojo Rabbit*, twelve year old, Roman Griffin Davis leads the film with an amazing performance of a young German boy dealing with the politics of World War II era Germany. *Jojo Rabbit* is a satirical dramedy that allows Davis to show off his comedic timing as well as his talent for dramatic scenes. This was Davis' first film and after seeing *Jojo Rabbit* I think his name will be popping up in more movies in the future.

Robert Pattinson is one of only two characters in *The Lighthouse*. While on a small island with only a lighthouse, reality begins to break down for these characters. This film allows Pattinson to show off what I think he does best; brooding with a little crazy behind the eyes. Having only



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What are your Oscar Predictions? two characters, *The Lighthouse* has plenty of monologues that allow Pattinson to show off his talent for drama.

The World War I epic, 1917 is nominated for best picture which makes me surprised that it got no acting nominations. George MacKay leads this film with heart and runs the gambit of human emotion. Also, the way 1917 was filmed required perfection from its actors. This

film consist of long scenes all filmed in a single take. Meaning that this film feels more like a live theater production.

An honorable mention in this category would be Taron Egerton's performance as Elton John in *Rocketman*. If Rami Malek can win the Oscar for his portrayal of Freddie Mercury in *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Egerton at least deserves a nomination.

I understand the Acad-

emy can only pick a few actors from an entire year's worth of films and the selection process must be difficult. However, I do think the Academy should widen its scope into other genres of film, like horror, when choosing acting nominees.

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The History of The Herald

How has the Herald come to be?

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History is the essence of our life. It can give us a fuller understanding of our past, of our common humanity and ourselves.

It is crucial for us to know the history of where we live. We can assume that many of you know the history of our town, Grand Forks.

In case you are not familiar with Grand Forks, it is the oldest major city in The Dakotas. Prior to settlement by Europeans, the area where the city now sits (at the forks of the Red River and Red Lake River) had been an important meeting and trading point for Native Americans. Early French explorers, fur trappers, and traders called the area "Les Grandes Fourches" (meaning "The Grand Forks"). During the mid-19th century, Les Grandes Fourches was a stopping off point for the Red River ox carts which carried goods on the Red River Trails between St. Paul, Minnesota and Fort Garry (now Winnipeg, Manitoba).

On June 15, 1870, the first post office was opened and "Les Grandes Fourches" was anglicized to "Grand Forks," according to Wikipedia website.

Grand Forks has many historical buildings and each has their own unique story. Many of you know the Grand Forks Herald building, but do you know its history?

Korrie Wenzel is a publisher at the Herald who helped me to learn more about the Herald and its history.

The Grand Forks Herald is a daily broadsheet newspaper which was established in 1879 and is published in Grand Forks, ND. It is the primary daily paper for northeast North Dakota and northwest Minnesota.

Its average daily circulation is approximately 7,500, in the city of Grand Forks plus about 7,500 more to the surrounding communities. Total circulation includes digital subscribers. It has the second

largest circulation in the state of North Dakota.

Korrie Wenzel described the work process at the Herald.

"The Herald is a daily newspaper that publishes six days per week. On weekends, we typically have a circulation of about 13,000 to 14,000, depending on the time of year. Of course, there are thousands who also read the Herald online," Wenzel said. "In recent months (as of September), we put our content behind a paywall for the first time in our history. That means that going forward, people will have to pay if they want to read more than a handful of Herald stories per month."

The Herald has some rich history that includes multiple ups and downs. Some of which include the switching of locations and being burned to the ground.

"The original building on that site was built in the 1930s. Prior to that, the Herald was in another location downtown. It stood at this site from the 1930s until 1997, when the flood and fire hit downtown Grand Forks," Wenzel said.

Despite losing its offices during the flood, the Herald never missed a day of publication. Temporary offices were set up at the University of North Dakota and at a nearby elementary school. Papers were distributed free of charge to flood "refugees" in neighboring towns. Following the flood, the newspaper rebuilt its office building in downtown Grand Forks. Its distinctive features are a tall clock tower and the symbolism built into the structure, as well as parts of the old building that survived the fire.

A new printing facility was also built in an industrial park in the western part of Grand Forks. The historic building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. It was a two-story Art Moderne brick commercial building built in three parts, in 1939, 1949, and 1959, according to Wikipedia.

"After the flood, the



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When was the last time you picked up the newspaper?

Herald was one of the first businesses in town to declare that it would rebuild downtown. The inside of the building has all sorts of creative nods that remember the flood. There are blue and red inlays in the lobby floor (signifying fire and water). The spire outside on top of the building is 97 feet high, signifying the number 97 (as in 1997). Inside, the rotunda is 54 feet high, signifying the flood level reached by the Red River during the 1997 flood," Wenzel said.

While the building was burned down and rebuilt again, it also switched multiple owners. Knight Ridder sold the Herald to The McClatchy Company on June 27, 2006. McClatchy had arranged the sale of the Herald to Forum Communications, owner of The

Forum of Fargo-Moorhead and WDAZ-TV in Grand Forks.

Recently, The Herald switched its owner again.

In April, 2019 the city's Jobs Development Authority, consisting of all seven City Council members and the mayor, agreed to purchase the Herald building in downtown Grand Forks from Forum Communications for \$2.75 million. UND and Grand Forks Public Library have preliminarily agreed to help the city pay for this project.

Shortly thereafter, the city hired consultants to help brainstorm ways to fix it up. Some of those ideas include turning the building's community room into a newfangled library branch. The forum hoped for a \$3.47 million sale price when it put the build-

ing on the market in 2017. The building has sat in its current configuration at 375 Second Ave. N. since 1998. The Herald's then-owners paid to rebuild it after the Flood of 1997. The JDA agreed to let Herald staff stay for a five-year lease with the option to renew. The Grand Forks Economic Development Corp. and Grand Forks Public Schools will also continue leasing space from the city, according to the Grand Forks Herald.

The paper now rents space on the second floor of the 36,00-square-foot building, where its editorial, advertising, business and administrative staff work, according to the Grand Forks Herald.

Korrie Wenzel shared his experience of The Herald's rearrangement.

"The important thing for the Herald is that we remain in Grand Forks. Many people think that since we sold the building, we moved our operation somewhere else. It's just not true."

Korrie Wenzel, Publisher at The Herald



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"We already knew it would be selling, so we made our changes (moving into different areas, for instance) prior to the sale. We didn't know it would be the city that would buy it. The Herald has gotten smaller in staff in recent years, so it just made sense to sell the building," Wenzel said. "However, instead of being on both floors like we were in the past, we now are only on the second floor. We also did some construction to remake offices, etc. to better accommodate us."

The Herald is set on staying and operating in Grand Forks.

"The important thing for the Herald is that we remain in Grand Forks. Many people think that since we sold the building, we moved our operation somewhere else. It's just not true. While we do print our paper in Fargo each day, we still keep our news, advertising, circulation and business staff in Grand Forks, and most of them work out of the traditional Herald building," Wenzel said. "How we gather the news and produce our product really hasn't changed. Our staff size, and the room we take up in the Herald building, has changed. But not much else."

It is not a surprise why this building is so popular among many businesses. It is a centrally located area in downtown, right across from City Hall. It makes sense for the city to own the building.

City staff estimates the renovations will be finished by February 2021. The result "will create a new space in downtown Grand Forks focused on innovation and collaboration," according to the request for qualification, according to the Grand Forks Herald.

The city is currently looking into ideas for the building. There were some ideas brainstormed at a preliminary planning meeting, such as turning it into a greenhouse, make more collaborative office spaces, make a board room, make a spot for teens to hang out or a classroom for the University of North Dakota. There were also ideas to make it as a place to grab a cookie and a coffee, or take salsa lessons or even record a podcast.

As you can see, there are many ideas to think of for the city. Today, all we know is that the changes will include more public meeting space and a library of sorts on the first floor.

We are wishing the city to have a successful rearrangement of The Herald. We hope that the city will make a great use out of the Herald building and turn it into something great.

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Hockey Back on Top after Winning Weekend

UND has their eyes on tournament after Colorado College sweep

James DeArman
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The number two team in the nation returned home this weekend to the Ralph after suffering just their third loss of the season in last weekend's split series with Minnesota Duluth. This weekend's tilt came against the team that is occupying the bottom spot in the conference standings in Colorado College and was a match up that weighed heavily in North Dakota's favor. In two very different games UND showed how well rounded their squad is and look poised for another tournament run this spring.

Game one of this weekend series against the Tigers of Colorado College diverged into a goaltending battle as only 1 of the 55 shots on the night found the back of the net. The first and only goal of the night did not come until a power play halfway through the third period. Luckily for UND that shot came off the stick of their second-round draft pick of the Ottawa Senators, Shane Pinto.

Pinto scored the game winner but the star of the night for the Hawks was junior goaltender Peter Thome, who came away with 25 saves and his second career shut-out. Thome's number was called in the starting line up for just the third time this season as Adam Scheel has been at the helm for the majority of the first half.

Thome took advantage of this opportunity and made impressive saves all

night. None more so than an early second period stop of former UND player and the nation's second-leading scorer, Westin Michaud, on a breakaway. Colorado's Goaltender, Matt Vernon, son of former NHL pro Mike Vernon, came away with 29 saves on the night and was one bouncing puck away from matching Thome.

Thome credited UND assistant and goalkeeping coach Karl Goehring with his success Friday night.

"It's pretty special when, in college, you get to work with an NHL-level goalie coach. It's not just once or twice a week. Every day he's at the rink. He spends all day here," Thome said. "He's always available to chat if I have questions or anything. I can't say enough good things about him. He's always pushing me, never letting me be satisfied."

On Saturday night it was the same result but a completely different story as UND completed the sweep with an eight-goal barrage as the nation's number one scoring offense let loose. In a display of their complete offensive attack, the eight goals scored were netted by seven different players.

Jordan Kawaguchi, the junior forward from Abbotsford, BC, claimed his spot at second in the country in points with a two-goal, one assist performance. His line, along with Collin Adams and Grant Mismash, combined for four goals and seven assists on the night. Coach Brad

Berry was happy to see this line progress.

"The years have ups and downs," Berry said. "I'm not saying they were down. They were clicking early and it wasn't coming easy for them over the last couple of weekends."

Another key to the success on Saturday night was the performance of UND's "shutdown line" of

Mark Senden, Cole Smith, and Gavin Hain. The line denied the top line of Colorado a point this weekend and forced them to finish with a combined -11 on the weekend. This line included former UND player and number two scorer in the country Chris Wilkie.

Thome got the nod in goal after his performance in Friday night's game and turned away 14 of the 15 shots he faced. Thome has yet to lose a game in net this season.

With a loss this weekend, Cornell is likely to drop leading to UND retaking the top spot in the national rankings. This will be the perfect lead up to the weekend as the number four team in the country, University of Denver will travel to Grand Forks for a showdown at the top of the conference. For a series with potential tournament implications between two eight-time national champions, it will surely be in the national eye.

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Freshman Forward Shane Pinto scored Friday night's game winning goal.

UND Women's Basketball Ends Losing Steak

After an aggressive Summit League game UND steps up their defensive game play



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The University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks women's basketball team ended their four-game losing streak and notched their 13th win of the season, beating the Western Illinois Leathernecks who were on a four-game winning streak 77-71, Sunday January 26.

"We had a meeting and we talked about a couple of things; I just told them, 'Gang, we have to be better on the defensive side,'" said UND coach Travis Brewster. "Scoring is not an issue for us. And we have to understand one thing: I need to do what's best for the team, so we can have success on the floor and that might not necessarily be the best for you. You have to understand that and let your teammates have their moment and when it's your moment, you're ready to go."

In the first quarter UND came out hot, scoring 22 points while the Leathernecks only scored 12. The UND defense held Western Illinois to three field goals in the first 10 minutes of the game. Western Illinois shooting percentage was a low 16 percent in the opening frame, but the Leathernecks came out on a 6-1 run to begin the second quarter. Before half-time Fleecs recorded a career high of 12 rebounds.

At half-time break, the Fighting Hawks led

the Leathernecks by nine. UND went on a 5-0 run in the third where they shot well making 10 out of 15 from the field and shot 100% from the free throw line. The Hawks outscored the Leathernecks 25-18 during the third quarter.

When the fourth quarter started the Fighting Hawks led the Leathernecks 59 - 43. With 2:33 left in the game, Western Illinois closed the scoring gap to get within nine points of the Hawks, 72-63. UND held off the late push brought on by WIU, ending the game with the win 77-71.

UND had three players in double figures. The Fighting Hawks were led by freshman Kacie Borowicz who scored 13 of her 23 points in the second half. Borowicz went 9 of 17 from the field and shot 100% from the free throw line and dished out a game high six assists. Julia Fleecs added a double double with 14 points and 16 rebounds while Jaclyn Jarnot followed with 11 points. Mikayla Renike also helped out the Fighting Hawks grabbing 10 rebounds. The Hawks shot 42 percent from the field.

"We stepped up and did what we needed to do," said Brewster. "I thought we matched tenacity on the offense side and on the defensive side. I was really proud of how our group handled things."

This Summit League game was very aggressive

on the defensive side tallying 58 fouls and 66 free throws where WIU struggled shooting 60% from the line where UND shot 72%.

The Hawks saw a pressure defense from the Leathernecks that caused the Hawks to turn over the ball 24 times. WIU turned those turnovers into 25 points.

"Our defense was better than it has been," said UND junior Mikayla Renike. "But there is always room for improvement."

UND's defense made the Leathernecks shoot a low 30 percent from the field.

UND is now 13-8 overall and 4-4 in the summit while WIU dropped to 11-10 and 5-3 in league play.

"We're at a decent spot," said Borowicz of UND's Summit standing. "I think we understand what it takes to win these next couple games."

UND goes on the road for one game against Fort Wayne and then is back in The Betty for two important Summit League games against Oral Roberts and No. 24 South Dakota.

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