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Political posters representing candidates can be found around Grand Forks.

VOTING: IT IS OUR RIGHT

Madison Feltman
Dakota Student

Driving throughout Grand Forks you will stumble upon political signs scattered throughout front lawns, with names such as Heidi Heitkamp and Kevin Cramer displayed. There is a short week until election day and the race continues. Heitkamp and Cramer are fighting for an open spot in the North Dakota Senate next to John Hoeven. They have been attacking each other's character with political ads for months in hope of gaining popularity and votes.

Heitkamp is in hope of re-election as she was elected previously in 2012 with her promise

of being an independent vote as her winning factor. This term she has taken a major blow due to the fact that she has voted with the democrats 68 percent of the time in recent sessions of congress.

Cramer was elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives in 2012, he is now taking it a step further and campaigning for a seat in the North Dakota Senate. Cramer gained support from his career in North Dakota politics but is also taking a blow from losing the support from farmers.

In the end it all boils down to whether or not the citizens of the state of North Dakota vote on November 6. It is our right and our duty as Americans

to vote, but there is a large majority that do not vote especially young people, due to lack of interest or lack of education. According to a survey performed by USA TODAY only 35 percent of Americans ages 18-29 are certain they will vote on election day. The young-voter turnout is following the fashion of the 2014 elections which also at low, perhaps the lowest turnout ever in the last three decades. There is many reasons for a low turnout amongst young-voters with the main reason being uninformed.

"We have norms in society not just about being a voter, but being an informed voter," Robert Griffin,

associate director of research at PRRI, said in an interview with USA TODAY. "If you have a portion of the society that judges itself uninformed, that will potentially have an effect on their likelihood of voting."

Young-voters also believe that there is little change that will come from their votes, so they choose to opt out of voting. What is important is that young-voters choose to get out and vote because change can come from their votes due to the fact that young-voters account for half of the voting population. Young-voters are also a diverse group of individuals that are hit hard by political issues such as the recession. In the end every vote counts as some individuals have been elected with only a couple hundred votes separating them from their opponent.

In today's modern world, it is easier than ever to educate yourself about the different

political parties and their representatives. It is as easy as doing a google search, reading the newspaper, or turning on your nightly news.

As a college student you are able to vote in North Dakota if you are a resident or if you have resided in North Dakota for at least 30 days. So as a college student you are able to vote in the state of North Dakota as long as you can provide a valid form of identification that includes your address and date of birth. You can also provide proof of address with other forms of documentation. If you decide that you would like to vote with your home state you are also able to request an absentee ballot through your state.

Find your local polling place and remember to vote on November 6!

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Letter to the Editor

Voting: A Treasured Right, A Serious

Donald MacDiarmid

In any healthy democracy, it is your right as an adult citizen to vote. In a like manner, it is also your right not to vote. No matter whether you vote, or for whom you vote, a tricky catch that attends our voting rights is

that collectively we get the government that we deserve. Young people (ages 18-30) tend to be less likely to vote than all other age cohorts. (They also have the longest remaining period of their lives to be impacted by the decisions of elected politicians.)

This youth under-representation tends to be even greater in midterm election years like 2018 than in presidential election years. College and university students, many who are eligible to vote for the very first time, and who may be far away from the locale in

have extra hurdles to surmount before they can vote. At the same time, future leaders in our society are disproportionately drawn from those now pursuing higher education. We need your input.

So, don't let anyone tell you how to vote. Go ahead and ask others for their opinions. Be respectful of your fellow students'

beliefs that vary from your own. Do your own research of the issues. If you need information on getting an absentee ballot or voting in an advance poll, contact a candidate of any party and ask for information and assistance. Then, exercise your right and step up to your responsibility: Vote!

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- Wayne Stenehjem

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Spooked by Shootings

The scary reality of gun violence in the United States



The Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Photo Courtesy of Associated Press

Bilal Suleiman
Dakota Student

Halloween is nearly here. But who needs Halloween when you've been scared all year?

There seems to have been an uptick in violent shootings in this country. Every week there seems to be a school shooting, racially motivated shooting, or police officer shooting of an unarmed suspect to get outraged about. We bemoan the lax gun laws or the state of mental healthcare in this nation for about a day a two, then we go back to our lives

at a Pittsburgh synagogue where 11 Jewish worshippers were killed, I am officially spooked.

While we still don't know much at this point, we know the shooter expressed his desire to kill Jewish people during the rampage. He also made many anti-Semitic posts on social media, one specifically about Jewish Aid groups helping refugees come to the US. His last post before the rampage mentioned these aid groups, saying they like to "bring invaders in that kill our people. I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered.

Since when are Jews bringing in invaders that "kill our people?" What are you even talking about? Either the guy was completely out of his mind, or he's been reading tons of fake news online. Not just fake news, news that is completely made up.

The other reason this is so scary is the fact that he targeted Jewish people. Jews have been persecuted for millennia, but after the holocaust hating Jews is not socially acceptable anymore.

It's a sad fact, but if he had targeted a Muslim mosque or a black church, I don't

while that in itself is a heinous and unjustifiable crime, the fact that Jews were targeted in a synagogue on their holy day means that no-one is off limits anymore. Anyone could be a target, anywhere, anytime. And that is the scariest thing about this story.

People like to think "oh, that could never happen here." Let's not forget, it was here in Grand Forks where someone burned down the Juba cafe, a

somalian restaurant and spray painted nazi symbols on the walls. The underlying factors which may have led to Saturday's shocking killings are present here too.

The purpose of a terror attack is to spread fear and divide the population, usually in pursuit of political aims. That's why in these tough times, it's going to be so important to communicate and work together regardless of what

one's political views are. A bullet doesn't discriminate against whether you are a democrat or a republican. I hope our government leaders understand this and start working together soon to figure out how to stop the hate. Until that happens, I have my concealed carry permit to protect myself. I suggest you do the same.

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Bilal Suleiman, Columnist


only to have the same conversation after the next violent shooting. After all, that could never happen here, right?

Not anymore. After this Saturday's attack


Screw your optics, I'm going in."

This is scary because what does that even mean? Where are you watching your "people get slaughtered?"

think we'd be nearly as surprised by the attack. Muslims and blacks are two groups that have been blamed and targeted by white supremacists in the recent past. And



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The Stress on Students

The common stressors that students face on a daily basis


Megan Vogt
Dakota Student

Imagine a seventh grader knowing exactly what they want to do with their life. Knowing the school they want to go to, the major they want and their overall dream job. They have it planned

college, even seniors in high school, to come up with an idea of what they want to do or become when they are older. Some have it figured out and stick with it for their entire college careers. Others, like me, change it three times in one

don't know that. We as students are taking it one day at a time. One class at a time to try and get by. We are held to a standard that often leads to disappointment. We hold ourselves to be the best possible version of ourselves 24 hours

"free" to students. We have resources on campus to help us get through the tough weeks and the tough days. We are not alone. We do not always have to have a front up. We don't have to have it all together all the time. We are young, we have our whole lives ahead of us. So what if you change your mind on what you want to do with your life? It is your life. Choose the dream and follow your passion to become the true best version of yourself. Know that you are not alone and there are resources out there to help you with the hard exam you have coming up, or help get through the tough week you may be having. College is tough, but college is fun. Let's enjoy the time we have with our new friends before we all have




We are held to a standard that often leads to disappointment. We hold ourselves to be the best possible version of ourselves 24 hours a day seven days a week. The high standard that we place on ourselves is simply setting ourselves up for failure.

Megan Vogt, Opinion Editor

out down to the location of their dream job. That was me. I was that seventh grader. I had always wanted to go to medical school to become a pediatric oncologist. I had the plan when I came to school here at UND. Then it shifted. I didn't want to commit to the time commitment of medical school. I wanted to start my life. Then I started my journey of changing my major. If it wasn't for dual credits in high school, I would have been very far behind in classes. I have completed my essential studies, thankfully, so now I can play catch up on the classes I missed all last year. Some students are not as fortunate. There is a lot of pressure on freshman in semester. The pressures on students are unmet. Students these days pay ridiculous amounts of money for a degree, work multiple jobs to pay rent and to go to school, study and try and maintain some sort of social life. We as students often feel the pressure of classes and professors telling us this will be the real world. Will this be the real world? It easily could be, but we a day seven days a week. The high standard that we place on ourselves is simply setting ourselves up for failure. We have to take time to let our guard down and just take a step back and breathe. Often times, we feel alone and stuck inside our own minds and we don't know where to turn. Fortunately, we have help here at UND. The counseling center is paid for by our student fees so it is

Megan Vogt/ Dakota Student
A group of Vogt's friends who are her support system throughout her college experience.

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Cast members perform "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on Friday night at the Empire theater in down town Grand Forks.

Noah Sell
Dakota Student

Take what you know about seeing a movie, add what you know about seeing a live show, mash them together and forget everything you know about both of them and you are left with the start of a general idea of what "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is.

I attended my first live performance of the show this last Friday night at the Empire Theater and nothing could have prepared me for the experience that was waiting behind, or in front, of the curtain.

The audience was the most lively and interactive one that I had ever seen with devotees and newcomers alike losing themselves in the performance and music and freely speaking their minds about events and characters throughout the show. Not to mention that the interaction was only further encouraged by the sale of prop bags full of things for the audience to use at different points of the show.

As for the performance, the cast was fantastic and so much fun. I would have believed that they were a part of some big name travelling group if Kelly Clow

hadn't informed me otherwise. Clow, a Grand Forks native as well as the Executive Director of Nine and Numb Entertainment, puts on the live show each

Rocky Horror Picture Show," we would get up and do it in front of the television set at after parties for Nine and Numb when our improv comedy troupe was

the block and decided 'Oh, forget the haunted house, we're doing this now.'"

I can't be blamed for assuming the professional background of the

"I use local actors because they are honestly some of the best in the country and they're so unrecognized for that fact. They're fantastic out here and that's why I do it. They work really, really hard."

Kelly Clow, Executive Director Nine and Numb Entertainment

year.

"It's been 16 years that we've been doing this and it started kind of almost by accident, quite frankly. We were doing a haunted house in this very building when I still lived in Grand Forks and the fire marshall came by and shut us down and shut everybody down on the same night," Clow said. "So we were just sitting there thinking 'Okay, we have to rebuild this thing to fire code and whatever' and at the time the Executive Director of this building said 'Well you have the whole building for the night, if you wanna show a movie or something.' I thought 'Okay, maybe we can do "The Shining" or something.' And then I remembered that we used to do "The

here in town. We thought 'Okay, we'll just throw that on as an extra, no big deal.' Next thing you know we had a line around

cast as Clow also commented on their work ethic and quality of performing.

"These guys work so hard," Clow said.

"I use only local actors from Grand Forks and the area. Sometimes I've gotten some people from Fargo, but I use local actors because they are honestly some of the best in the country and they're so unrecognized for that fact. They're fantastic out here and that's why I do it. They work really, really hard."

Although Clow no longer lives in the area, Grand Forks still holds great value to him.

"I want to thank the people of Grand Forks," Clow said. "I really do. I want to thank them for still coming to this thing after 16 years and making it all

worthwhile. Because you heard that crowd tonight, that's nuts! I've never heard that on a Friday night before. This was a fantastic crowd, so I would just like to say thank you to the students at UND and to the people of Grand Forks for continuing to give us a reason to be here."

This year's final performance of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be on Wednesday, Oct. 31 starting at 11:59 p.m., and tickets are available at the door for those 18 years of age and older.

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Trevor Alveshere / Dakota Student

Cast members Anthony Robert Paradis and Brenna Skallet took the stage as Brad and Janet from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Mutton Bustin'

Molly Andrews
Dakota Student

Wojo Rodeos joined Patch on Point for a good mutton bustin' to kick off the weekend in Grand Forks. Patch on the Point is new to East Grand Forks and they have a lot of things to do for people of any age. The have a variety of pumpkins and gourds to buy but

they also have a bunch of fun things to do. They have pony rides and a little train for kids. For adults, they have a food truck and a big slide. They also have a bunch of animals to pet and look at and other things to do. Although there was rain, that didn't stop people from spectating one

of the most intense events of the month. So what is mutton bustin'? It is when kids, in this case under 50 lbs, ride sheep and try to stay on for as long as they can. It is the kid version of a rodeo but that's not to say it is any less challenging. The event started to get kids introduced to the different events

a rodeo offers. In this case, the event was just for fun and gave kids the opportunity to try something new. Each contestant fought to stay on for as long as they could so they could be the days champion of the mutton bustin' competition. There were multiple brave

kids that took on the challenge this Saturday at Patch on the Point which is located in East Grand Forks. They did two rounds for this event, one took place at 2 pm and the other at 5 pm. Because of the rain, the later section was moved inside but the 2 pm crowd wasn't intimidated by a little rain. The stands were full of people watching and cheering on each contestant. They started by rounding up the sheep which sometimes seemed easier when compared to other times. Right before the last round of kids there were some escapees, but it took little to no time to round them back up. The young cowboys and cowgirls waited patiently to the side while they watched each other go. They each got suited up with a helmet and were on their way. Each contestant was timed to see who stayed on the longest but everyone

was awarded a goodie bag for participating. The average seemed to be about 5 seconds while some lasted more and others less. Either way, it was impressive to see the kids participate in general. The winners from each event were awarded a cool belt buckle. They had a little holding pen where they helped each kid get on and grip the sheep. As soon as the gate opened, the sheep ran while they tried to stay on. The sheep ran very quickly and there were some hard hits, but no one was hurt. There were cheers and applause coming from the stands which made it all that more exciting. And most kids came running to their parents after with a smile on their face. Mutton bustin' is a great fall activity especially at a family fun location.



Molly Andrews/ Dakota Student
Children get ready to compete in the Mutton Bustin' competition at Patch on Point in East Grand Forks, MN.



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With Hayden “Shawtsy” Shaw

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Consistent. Smart. Tough. Reliable. Generous. All define North Dakota’s senior defensemen and alternate captain Hayden Shaw. Shaw has developed into an almost irreplaceable asset in the lineup on the back end. Shaw is one of three North Dakota players with over 100 games played in their careers. Shaw has dressed in 105 games for North Dakota while boasting seven goals and 23 assists for 30 points. While the numbers are necessarily “there,” Shaw’s hockey I.Q., defensive play, and leadership have made him who he is today.

How’s this season been for you, personally, so far?

“I feel this year I stepped into more of a leadership role, even more than last year. I feel part of that comes with some more confidence. Working hard every day and competing with my teammates builds to that and builds to my confidence. It has been transferring to weekends.”

Have you taken any of the new guys

under your wing?

“Yeah, I’ve tried taking the new freshman defensemen kind of a little bit. I’ve tried to show them the ropes and hopefully I can lead them in the right direction. But, they seem to be figuring things out.”

What did you learn from players like Troy Stecher, Gage Ausmus, and Paul LaDue?

“My freshman year was so crazy. Soaking everything in and seeing what these guys do on a day-to-day basis. For me, I hope that I can shed some light to this year’s freshman because I know I looked up so highly of those guys.”

Where have you seen the most growth in yourself on the ice? For instance, has it been skating ability, shot, hockey IQ, etc.?

“I think the things I have in my bag are the things you can’t really teach, kind of my hockey IQ. I have had four years here now, and I have gotten a lot stronger. Mark Poolman does an incredible job. My strength on the ice and my skating has been a major point in my offseason too. I think it is starting to translate.”

Would you change

anything you’ve done so far? Or you think everything you’ve done has led you to the point you are at now?

“I couldn’t be happier where I am at today. To have this opportunity is rare. People do not have the opportunity to win two national championships here, and that is what we have this year. I think that is what we are pushing for.”

Shaw’s on-ice play was instrumental in the 2015-2016 NCAA National Championship. Shaw’s play has only become better and more consistent. Shaw’s leadership ability and mentoring will now be instrumental in bringing a ninth banner to the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Shaw is mostly known for his abilities and play on the ice. But, the man under the pads is what truly makes Hayden Shaw who he is. Shaw’s generosity, willingness to help, and just overall kindness has made him a fan favorite over his time at North Dakota.

Where have you seen the most growth

in yourself off the ice?

“Probably just being leader and becoming a good person. You come in your freshman year and you think you’ll have all the time in the world here. Everything is structured for you, but we’re getting close to the real world, and you’re almost done with college now. Senior year has not really sunk in yet, but I think becoming a better person and maturing on and off the ice.”

What have you cherished most about your time here at UND?

“The friends I’ve made. Obviously, getting to play in this arena. I’d say that is my crown jewel is getting to play games and practice every day in these facilities. It is such an honor. But for off the ice, I have made a lot of close friends here, and a couple lifelong friends. This community has been awesome to me and my family. My family lives here now, and I wouldn’t change a thing.”

So, I assume most of your family has moved here from Woodbury then?

“Yeah, we do not even have a

house anymore in Woodbury. My mom is redoing our house here right now.”

How has it been having your dad be an assistant coach here? It is unique that you and the Poolman’s have that opportunity.

“It has been great. I was committed here first, so I like to say that I got him the job and joke around. But, it has been awesome. He is such a great coach and such a determined guy. He really meshes well with our coaching staff here and the players. It is nice to see a familiar face every day. I go home for dinner every once in a while, we shut the hockey side off and just catch up. Yes, he is my coach but also he’s my dad.”

Do you plan to stay in Grand Forks post college?

“I’ll go play somewhere. Hockey is what I love to do, and unfortunately, I can’t stay here. I wish I had a couple more years. But that is not the case. Where ever gives me an opportunity I will play.”

The Gophers. Obviously, you have played them twice already. You were interviewed last year about them coming to the Ralph for the first

time in years. What does this game mean?

“Growing up and being a Minnesota guy, you think of college hockey as the Minnesota North Dakota rivalry. Everyone was kind of confused I did not pick the Minnesota route. But this is my culture. This is where I wanted to be. I was offered to play there but I came here and fell in love right away. As for the one game in Vegas, I couldn’t think of a better place to play them.”

Shaw is set to graduate this upcoming May. North Dakota will not only miss his on-ice play, but his presence in the lineup with his intangible assets. North Dakota will feel the effects of Shaw’s time at North Dakota for years to come. Through Shaw’s mentoring of the underclassmen, and ability to promote the culture of North Dakota hockey. Shaw embodies everything a North Dakota hockey player should be.

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UND falls short against Weber State

Luke Askew
Dakota Student

The University of North Dakota football team had one of their biggest tests of the season on Saturday, October 27 against Weber State.

The Fighting Hawks have had an excellent year so far. They’ve beaten FCS contenders multiple times, including wins over No. 5 Sam Houston State and No. 22 Montana. The Hawks are coming off a 41-15 blowout victory on the road against Sacramento State.

On Saturday, UND (ranked No. 22) would take on the No. 4 ranked

Weber State Wildcats. With both teams entering Saturday’s tilt at 4-2, the result of this game would have major implications as far as potential playoff berths go.

UND got off to a slow start as they went scoreless in the first quarter. Weber State, on the other hand, had a nice 15 play, 80 yard drive that resulted in a touchdown with 2:25 left in the first quarter. Then, they would score again only 10 seconds into the second quarter when sophomore quarterback Jake Constantine connected with senior wide receiver Darryl Denby on an impressive 69 yard touchdown pass.

At this point, it looked like UND might be in over their heads going up against an extremely tough Weber State team, but immediately following the long touchdown strike from Constantine to Denby, Evan Holm (a defensive back/returner for UND) would have an incredible 99 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. This would be the first of two huge touchdowns for the UND special teams. The second would come near the end of the game - we’ll get to that soon.

A few possessions after the kickoff return for a touchdown, UND would get another big touchdown. Then, the two teams would trade

touchdowns (with UND missing an extra point), bringing both teams to halftime with a score of 21-20 in favor of Weber State.

The second half would involve far less scoring.

After a field goal for UND and a touchdown for Weber State, the Fighting Hawks would find themselves down 28-23 entering the most important fourth quarter of the season for UND.

Weber State would score a touchdown with 12:28 left in the fourth quarter, putting UND in a rough 35-23 hole.

With approximately three minutes left in the fourth quarter, Weber State would attempt

a 46 yard field goal in hopes of putting the Wildcats up by 15 points, making it nearly impossible for UND to mount a comeback.

Just when it looked like the game might be out of hand (UND had no timeouts left), the UND special teams came up with another huge play - Deion Harris came around the edge and blocked the kick, which led to Donnell Rodgers returning it for a 60 yard score. All of a sudden, UND was only down by five points.

After a failed onside kick, Weber State would get the ball and never look back.

Final score: Weber State 35, UND 30.

Junior wide receiver

Noah Wanzek had the biggest day offensively for the Fighting Hawks, tallying 10 catches for 111 yards and a touchdown.

A close loss to an extremely talented Weber State team surely won’t eliminate UND from playoff contention, but they’ll likely have to win the remainder of their games if they want to get in.

The Hawks will look to bounce back on Saturday, Nov. 3 when they travel to Idaho to take on the University of Idaho Vandals.

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