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Mary L. Collins of Vermillion is "hooded" by Professor Garreth Zalud during the 37th winter session commencement exercises of the University of South Dakota, held Saturday, Dec. 15 in the DakotaDome at Vermillion. The hooding ceremony marks Collins' earning a doctor of education degree from the university.

(Photo by David Lias)

Icy interstate factor in three fatalities Tuesday

Three people were killed Tuesday in separate accidents that occurred near Vermillion Tuesday, Dec. 18, due to icy conditions.

An Iowa woman died in a one-vehicle crash on Interstate 29 about 12 miles south of Beresford on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Tonya Marie Anderson, 38, of Akron, IA, was driving north in a 2004 Chevrolet Colorado when the vehicle went out of control. The roadway was slippery from freezing drizzle. The vehicle entered the median and rolled. Anderson, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from the vehicle and received fatal injuries.

No further information is immediately available.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating. Union County Sheriff's Office assisted.

An Emery woman died in a two-vehicle crash on Interstate 29 about a mile south of Elk Point on Tuesday.

Angela Beth Snoozy, 27, was driving a 2006 Chrysler 300 M northbound when her vehicle went out of control and crossed the median into the southbound lane. It struck a 2006 Peterbilt garbage truck driven by Loren Harold Fischer, 49, of Vermillion. The roadway was slippery from freezing drizzle in the area.

Snoozy, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from her vehicle and received fatal injuries. Fischer was wearing a seatbelt. He was uninjured.

A secondary, non-injury crash occurred when a third vehicle struck the engine assembly of the Chrysler, which had been dislodged in the crash with the truck.

No further information is immediately available.

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Patrol is investigating. Union County Sheriff's Office, Elk Point Police Department, Elk Point Fire/Emergency Medical Service, South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation and South Dakota Department of Transportation assisted.

A Garretson man died of injuries received in a one-vehicle crash on Interstate 29 just north of the Vermillion exit on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Justin Charles Wehde, 27, was a passenger in a 2010 Ford E35 armored van being driven northbound by Andrea Martin Jacobson, 33, of Sioux Falls. The van went out of control on the icy roadway, entered the median and rolled across the southbound lanes into the west ditch.

Jacobson was wearing a seatbelt. She suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Wehde was taken to a Sioux City, Iowa, hospital, where he died later from injuries received in the crash.

Matthew Charles Thompson, 26, of Sioux Falls, was riding in the vault of the van. He was thrown from the vehicle as it rolled and received serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Thompson and Jacobson were taken to a Vermillion hospital.

Currency in the armored van was taken to the Union County Sheriff's Office and turned over to representatives from the company.

No further information is immediately available.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating. Union County Sheriff's Office, Vermillion Police Department, Vermillion Fire Department, Vermillion Emergency Medical Services and South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation assisted.

Willson 'frustrated' with library architect

By Travis Gulbrandson

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Some members of the Vermillion City Council expressed their dissatisfaction with the architecture firm that designed the addition and renovation of the Vermillion Public Library.

The comments regarding Architecture Incorporated of Sioux Falls were made when the council members approved the project's fifth change order at their regular meeting Monday night.

"I am becoming very frustrated with the fact that our architect has missed so many items, and we've had to make change orders," said council vice president Howard Willson.

Willson went on to say that many of the changes should have been found during the architect's preliminary inspection of the building.

"I hope that when this is over with, that we write a letter expressing our concern that they did not do a very good job," he said.

Change Order #5 concerns three different items. The first is regarding the plan to replace the cedar soffit along the west side of the building with exterior insulation finishing system (EIFS).

Assistant city manager Andrew Colvin said that the existing cedar soffit was found to be in very good condition and has the potential to last longer than the EIFS soffit that would have replaced it.

Acceptance of the proposal to leave it reduced the contract price by \$1,100.

The second proposal is to replace the glazing (glass) along the west side of the existing building, as it was noticed during construction that the window seals are starting to fail.

The cost to replace the windows is \$4,613.

The third proposal would replace the original ductboard in the

Gilbertson to grads: Never stop learning

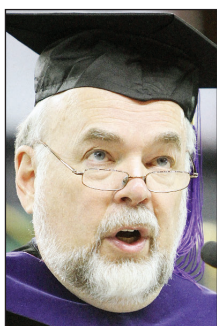
By David Lias

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South Dakota Chief Justice David Gilbertson told graduates of the University of South Dakota Saturday that what they've learned during their time at the university is no doubt important, exceeded only by "how" they've learned.

"The world's knowledge is increasing every 10 years, and in some areas, every four years. Coming out of this institution knowing how to think and how to reason may be your greatest asset as you head out into your life," he said, "because your education is going to continue, whether you go on to further your formal education or whether you do it in a self-taught manner. The days when you can leave a university with a degree knowing you are set for life are gone with the wind."

Gilbertson was keynote speaker at USD's 37th winter commencement exercises at



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held Saturday, Dec. 15 at the DakotaDome. He is a native of northeast South Dakota and a 1975 graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Law.

Putting a somewhat contemporary twist on the standard graduation speech format, the chief justice offered to the university graduates what he describes as "the top 10 things I think you should know:"

10: Do not be afraid of failure. Learn from your past experiences and your past mistakes, and the experiences of others. Those who ignore the past generally wind up repeating it. Never give up.

"Al Neuharth didn't succeed at his first publication attempt. Joe Robbie ran for governor of the state of South Dakota and got clobbered," Gilbertson said. "But Joe Robbie didn't give up; he went into business and ultimately became the owner of the Miami Dolphins, which still boasts the only undefeated season in the history of the National Football League."

The two men's eventual success has had a direct benefit on the University of South Dakota, he added, noting that the campus is home to the Al Neuharth Media Center. The DakotaDome, where USD's commencement exercises were held Saturday, became a reality over three decades ago thanks to the hard work and leadership of Robbie.

9: There is no such thing as a self-made person. "You got here through the help of a lot of parents, spouses, teachers, preachers,

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