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Memorial Union hours extended

By Megan Hoffman
The Dakota Student

After a bill was passed by UND Student Senate last semester, the Memorial Union is now open 24 hours a day, Sunday through Thursday. The semester is still in its early stages though, and student response to the extended hours is uncertain.

"The numbers right now are not extremely high," Student Body President and author of the bill Tanner Franklin said. "We expect the numbers to increase throughout the duration of the semester. Students are receptive to the idea and are excited to be able to use the building at night."

The Union hasn’t run into any problems in the first two weeks of the semester, according to Interim Union Director Cassie Gerhardt.

"It’s too early to gauge," Gerhardt said. "We are looking at the space and what kind of services people are looking for in the middle of the night."

Since the extended hours began, the convenience store in the Union is now open until 11 p.m. and a vending coffee machine has been added to the lower level for student use.

"We will utilize Stomping Grounds and the convenience store," Gerhardt said. "We are still looking at the possibilities."

Part of the bill included funding for an electronic door access system, which would only allow students in with their student IDs after normal hours.

The University Police Department put out bids for that system before winter break, but is waiting for those to come back. Instead of overnight monitors to patrol the building, UPD will be in the Union to provide security. UPD is also working on setting up a kiosk in the old Athletic Ticket Office on the lower level of the Union.

Franklin is working with parking services to see if there is a spot for those to come back. He went on to describe his hope to get the word out about the building’s new hours to students in the next couple weeks through emails and posters.

"This is a pilot test for the future to see what’s needed and if students utilize the building and services," Franklin said. "The idea is to start reaching out to students and make students aware."
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Smith said, “I think we’re just getting more reports. Some of the reports are of incidents that did not happen recently but for one reason or another are being reported now. We still want to make sure those individuals have the support and resources they need.”

With encouragement from Smith and other officials, some professors have started including Title IX policies in their syllabi as a means of increasing awareness.

This includes information about where students experiencing sexual violence, harassment, or discrimination can get help, as well as indicators often exhibited by those affected by these behaviors — so fellow students and faculty are better able to identify those in need of assistance.

“The faculty were strongly encouraged to include language addressing Title IX on their syllabi,” German professor Thyra Knapp said. “I included the language provided by the university on all of my syllabi this semester and hope that its presence will encourage students who need help to reach out and get it.”

Getting the facts straight

Although UND’s 2014 Clery Report shows a decrease from eight reported sexual assaults in 2011 and seven in 2012 to five in 2013, this doesn’t necessarily mean less incidents are taking place.

A common misconception around campus is that a report will be filed regardless of where a student, faculty or staff member goes to talk. Community Violence Intervention Center, University Counseling Center and Student Health are all places that will listen, and none of them are obligated to file reports.

If Smith, the campus Title IX coordinator, receives a report of sexual violence involving a student, she informs the dean of students, who then reaches out to the individual and informs him or her about the support options available, and also about the class and housing accommodations that can be made to make the individual feel safer and in control.

If a person who has experienced sexual violence goes to the CVIC, University Counseling Center, or Student Health Services for assistance, there will be no report of the sexual violence to the Title IX coordinator or the Dean of Students Office, unless the individual wants to make a report.

A filed report does not mean the student’s name will be released to the public or that the aggressor will be approached, it simply means the student will be included in the aggregate number of reported sexual violence incidents accessible in the annual Clery Report. Students always have the option to pursue further legal actions, but are not obligated to do so, and can remain anonymous while still seeking out support.

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How many of you have heard of Internet "A Gap"? What does interfaith even mean? Interfaith dialogue is the cooperative interaction between people of different religions on all levels. However, what does that actually mean? Quite simply it means focusing more on what you have in common with people of different religions, than what makes you different. It's very easy for people to develop an us vs. them mentality. People of all religions — and even people without religions — are capable of falling prey to this type of behavior. Christians, Muslims, atheists and many other religious or nonreligious groups often have various individuals that give the rest a bad name.

Any group unified by a singular ideology is capable of having members that do more harm for it's cause than good.

The Westboro Baptist Church has done nothing but inspire hatred and mockery. Islamic extremists have inspired far more hatred and (for the bravest amongst us) far more satire. Yet, it's not just the extremists who damage the name. Sometimes rational people can hurt their own cause by going about it in the wrong way.

Often in these groups we see those who disagree with us as enemies. After all, they don't agree with us and goals, so therefore they must be working against me.

Mike Rauser
The Dakota Student

Those of you interested in Stedman's message may be pleasantly surprised to hear that he is coming here to UND for interfaith week to speak on his experience as a Christian, an atheist, and also a faiahtist.

The circumstances behind his invitation to UND are a perfect example of what can be accomplished through interfaith dialogue. Chris Stedman was invited to UND as part of a collaboration between the Freethinkers of UND, the Christus Rex center, and the Ten Percent Society. The Freethinkers are the campus secular group, the Christus Rex is a Lutheran center and the Ten Percent Society is an LGBT group. All these people coming together for one person is not common (although it should be more common). Christians stereotypically are against both atheists and homosexuals, so for a Christian group especially to collaborate with both groups shows a truly progressive nature and truly noble desires of promoting diversity rather than division.

If there are those of you out there interested in finding common ground between the seemingly insurmountable divide of the religious and nonreligious, I highly recommend going to see Chris Stedman when he speaks at UND on Feb. 2.

It will certainly be an educational experience. There can be a lot to learn from someone who has been on both 'sides' and discovered a bridge.

Religion is a touchy subject, and not one that many people enjoy delving into. However, Stedman is not focusing on his religious differences from you. Stedman is talking about why religious differences don't have to keep us from accomplishing great things together.

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A world of acceptance: The importance of interfaith relations
Indulging in the right to be yourself

Kjerstine Trooien
The Dakota Student

Looking back at my first couple of years in college, I see a pretty prominent theme: I like to blend in. I didn’t want to stand out in the crowd, but hide in the background. Attention of any kind from strangers — positive or negative — sent me into fits of anxiety. I wasn’t antisocial, but I was really shy.

I even remember my first roommate mentioning the way I “hid” behind my bangs, like Violet from the Disney movie “The Incredibles.”

But, as with many mistakes, I learned from them. I learned that people care about my appearance about the same amount as they care about grass in winter.

So, a while back, I broke out of my routine. I got to play with colors and shadows that made my eyes pop and my cheekbones look sharp enough to cut glass. The makeup ruined any sort of social camouflage I’d so carefully worked up in previous years. It was terrifying. It was exhilarating.

I won’t lie. I made mistakes. I’m sure there were days when I walked out of my apartment and left strangers and friends wondering “What was she thinking this morning?” Even positive feedback, such as “I like your eyelashes,” was terrifying.

But, with as many mistakes, they were wondrous ones. I learned from them. I learned that raccoon eyes are not a good choice. I learned that I care a lot less about what people think than I’d previously believed. I learned that people care about my appearance about the same amount as they care about grass in winter.

Photo via Stylist.com

I remember my days as a child and how I would spend every waking minute of my breaks outside. I loved building forts, sledging, riding my bike, and sleepovers with friends. I felt as though I was taking full advantage of life. I garnered immense joy, but more importantly, I remember the intricate details of these activities with unobstructed clarity.

Conversely, I try to recall my recent winter break, and I find the memories are murky. It’s because I was so preoccupied with recording my every activity. I was failing to experience the visceral elements.

So, what precisely does this mean?

First, I should be clear in my attitude towards technology and social media. I believe social media is profoundly innovative. Similarly, the potential benefits for global society are endless. Nevertheless, I fear we are failing to realize specifically how social media is changing society. When we post something online — we’re expecting judgment, and ultimately that’s the inherent goal we are striving to achieve.

But life’s experiences should not be predicated by others’ judgments. Rather, one should have no qualms or trepidations. Deriving pleasure should be wholly one’s own inward experience.

I’m afraid our society is morphing into a strange dystopian type of interaction between humans and electronic screens. A part of this is the temporal flux with which our social media exists. When we post online we know it is temporary, sometimes just a few seconds. We know our experiences online will inevitably disappear.

It is precisely this nature of activity that I find disturbing.

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But no one cared. It didn’t matter that it looked like I’d taken a Crayola melting down and spread it all over my lips. The only person who cared was — me.

Now, a year or so later, you’ll rarely see me without my red lips (though I have a much better color for my skintone than I did previously). They are as much a part of my routine now as brushing my teeth.

Everytime I line my lips, every time I brush the red creme on top of the liner, I’m reminded that this face is mine and mine alone. What I do with it is my choice — other opinions don’t matter at the end of the day.

My lipstick is my reminder of the struggle it’s been to accept myself and to let a lot myself the same amount of respect I give other people. I may not be Taylor Swift, Marilyn Monroe or Audrey Hepburn. But I am me, and that in itself gives me the right to wear the red without shame.

And you know what? The more I think about it, the less I want to be Taylor, Marilyn or Audrey. I’m pretty happy being Kjerstine.

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Recording the moment distracts from living in it

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Over winter break, in a moment of careful introspection, I realized I had a strange addiction.

Every day I would meet an old friend for lunch, go shopping, hit the gym, the movies and countless other pleasurable activities. I realized I was constantly recording my life online. I was infatuated with recording my activities on Snapchat and Instagram.

As I look back, I seriously question my inherent desire to constantly record my life online. Likewise, I notice it isn’t just me doing this. It’s an epidemic spreading through our society.

We are obsessed with recording our lives online. Unfortunately, I find that we are losing the ability to fully live.

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Beating the United States Air Force Academy and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the UND Aerobatic team once again earned the top spot at the International Aerobatic Club competition this fall. This marks the seventh year UND has earned the No. 1 spot in nationals of the IAC — the world’s largest aerobatic association throughout the country.

“It’s fantastic (to win the national championship),” said senior Amelia Gagnon, who placed 12th at the IAC national championships. “I’m really glad we had an opportunity to win again.”

The 2014 competition season opened with the Midwest Aerobatic Championship in Seward, Neb. and ended at the IAC U.S. Nationals in Denison, Texas, where UND took the win.

The team was led by coaches Michael Lents, Greg Gilmer and Jonathan Sepulveda and faculty adviser Joe Vacek.

“I am really excited to get the team ramped up,” Lents said. “One of the advantages we have is that even though it is an individual sport, the team can help each other and share knowledge, which gives us a leg up over the competitors.”

The winning team comprises of Wolfgang Brink, Rosemary Coe, Amelia Gagnon, Cameron Jaxheimer, Patrick Mills, Houston, Alexander Sachs, Jennifer Slack, William Sullivan, Jackson Hole and Alexander Volberding.

“I feel like the season went very well,” Gagnon said. “The team as individuals competed well, which helped us score well as a team.”

The team will begin its next season in April, where it will start with tryouts and team practices. Throughout the season, the aerobatic team will compete against airshow, military and many other pilots.

“I want to train up and get things together a little bit earlier and get some more team practices in,” Lents said. “I want to help everyone get ready in their own categories to up the collegiate standings for the next years. We will work on tailoring flight maneuvers to everyone’s individual style.”

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Retirement of UND staff

By Katie Haines
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After providing 15 years of service to UND, Director of Libraries Wilbur Stolt announced his retirement in June.

Stolt began his position in July of 2000, taking responsibility for programs and services at the Chester Fritz Library.

During this time, the library expanded access to informational resources, adding databases and thousands of electronic journals to support student learning and faculty research. The library also worked with UND Student Government to establish a “Popular Reading Collection” that provides students with a selection of print and audio books for recreational reading.

“I have been here at UND for 15 years,” Stolt said. “I feel like it’s time to move on and try new things. After retirement, my wife and I would like to move closer to our children and grandchildren.”

Stolt is a Grand Forks native, and he graduated from UND in 1974 with bachelor’s degrees in education and history.

He later earned master’s degrees in history and in library science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, in 1978 and 1979, respectively.

He has served in various library administration positions in Wisconsin and Oklahoma, including Director of Public Services and Library Systems and Associate Professor of Bibliography at the University of Oklahoma, before returning to his alma mater in 2000 to head up the Chester Fritz Library and to serve as UND’s Director of Libraries.

“I know it sounds cliché, but I will miss the people, my colleagues,” Stolt said. “They are a great group dedicated to providing resources and services for students and faculty. The interactions with faculty and students have been very rewarding.”

In addition to serving several times as chairman of the Online Dakota Information Network — which serves libraries across North Dakota and started at UND — Stolt also for the past several years served as a delegate to the Online Computer Library Center Global Council.

He was one of 14 librarians from North America, Latin America and the Caribbean representing OCLC members from the Americas Region. The OCLC is a worldwide library cooperative, owned, governed and sustained by members.

“Wilbur has done an outstanding job during his long tenure at UND, and he will be sorely missed,” UND Provost Thomas DiLorenzo said. “We wish him well in this next chapter of his life.”

The alleles band members. Photo courtesy of facebook.com/thealleles the band’s Facebook page.

Charlie Sigurdson was quietly sitting in his biology class freshman year at UND when he wrote the word, “alleles” in cursive.

“I knew right there that this alternative form of a gene was going to be our new band name,” the 24-year-old drummer and lead singer of the alleles said.

The alleles are a trio of Grand Forks area natives — Sigurdson, Alex Simmers on bass and Ryan Keehr on guitar. The three formed the band in 2008.

The alleles describe themselves as a shoegaze, psychedelic rock and roll band with a dark but enlightening sound. The music is defined by loud guitar riffs and powerful vocals.

Sigurdson said they share a love for Nirvana, Modest Mouse, Velvet Underground, Led Zeppelin, Joy Division, Jesus and Mary Chain and the Icelandic group, Sigur Ros.

The alleles went on a two-year hiatus when Simmers left Grand Forks after high school to further his education in Madison, Wis. Simmers studied at Madison Technical College for two years but eventually came back to share

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"We weren't happy with the first game of it," Hakstol said. "We felt like we left a little bit on the table there. We didn't play the way we wanted to play, and we lost at home. From there, we turned it. We took advantage of being here at home. That's real important. There aren't many points left here at home."
North Dakota women chop down Beavers — UND women's hockey team claims 4-1 Friday victory, 5-1 Saturday win in home building

By Ben Novak
The Dakota Student

Amy Menke's two-goal game lead women's hockey to a win over Bemidji State on Saturday when the team played host to the Beavers at Ralph Engelstad Arena.

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“Last weekend, UND played host to Colorado College in its final home series in the stretch before hitting the road, when it clinched a sweep with a 2-1 victory Friday en route to sending the visitors home with a 5-3 Saturday loss,” UND head coach Brian Idalski said.

Sophomore forward Amy Menke skates at Ralph Engelstad Arena. File photo/ The Dakota Student

The win over Bemidji moves the women’s hockey team into a tie for fourth place in the WCHA conference with Ohio State. The team currently is sitting with an overall record of 13-10-2. North Dakota will continue its stretch of tough conference competition next weekend, facing Minnesota Duluth on the road.

The Bulldogs will host UND while riding a five-game win streak, all of which wins have come against conference opponents.

The much anticipated match-up against Minnesota also is right around the corner as the Gophers come to Grand Forks the weekend after the match-up against Minnesota Duluth.

“Something that's kind of been said all year, especially what we believe in the locker room, the depth of this team,” MacMillan said. "If we're going to go a long way like we plan to, then our depth is what takes us there.”

Colten St. Clair joined the trek against the Tigers, playing in his first game back since Dec. 4 after sustaining an injury, though Troy Stecher and Trevor Olson remain out.

Despite the handful of absences, Hakstol remains hopeful after St. Clair’s return.

“I thought he did a real good job,” Hakstol said. “Some of the timing wasn’t quite right there, but he was a big part of the game as you look back … I felt like every player on the bench tonight, we could trust in every situation. He was one of them.”

UND will travel to Omaha this weekend to face another NCHC conference foe before a weekend off.

Despite losing the first game of the homestand, what sits behind the team remains encouraging with crucial points ahead.

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Sophomore forward Amy Menke skates at Ralph Engelstad Arena. File photo/ The Dakota Student

The win over Bemidji moves the women’s hockey team into a tie for fourth place in the WCHA conference with Ohio State. The team currently is sitting with an overall record of 13-10-2. North Dakota will continue its stretch of tough conference competition next weekend, facing Minnesota Duluth on the road.

The Bulldogs will host UND while riding a five-game win streak, all of which wins have come against conference opponents.

The much anticipated match-up against Minnesota also is right around the corner as the Gophers come to Grand Forks the weekend after the match-up against Minnesota Duluth.

“Something that's kind of been said all year, especially what we believe in the locker room, the depth of this team,” MacMillan said. "If we're going to go a long way like we plan to, then our depth is what takes us there.”

Colten St. Clair joined the trek against the Tigers, playing in his first game back since Dec. 4 after sustaining an injury, though Troy Stecher and Trevor Olson remain out.

Despite the handful of absences, Hakstol remains hopeful after St. Clair’s return.

“I thought he did a real good job,” Hakstol said. “Some of the timing wasn’t quite right there, but he was a big part of the game as you look back … I felt like every player on the bench tonight, we could trust in every situation. He was one of them.”

UND will travel to Omaha this weekend to face another NCHC conference foe before a weekend off.

Despite losing the first game of the homestand, what sits behind the team remains encouraging with crucial points ahead.