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Wang revitalizes Chinese program

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Since arriving at UND in January, Min Wang has been working hard to expand the university’s Chinese Studies program.

It’s been a busy fall for Wang as she is teaching all four of the Chinese studies classes this semester in addition to her work promoting the program.

“When I came to UND in January, I only had five students,” Wang said, describing some of the enrollment challenges she faced when she first arrived. “This fall semester, I have 50 students.”

Wang is the only professor in the Chinese Studies program at UND. She completed her Ph.D. in 2012, and conducted postdoctoral work at Harvard for two years prior to coming to UND.

She also taught Chinese language courses in the fall as part of the prestigious Middlebury College in Vermont.

UND offers both a major and minor in Chinese studies, giving students an opportunity to learn about China through a variety of dimensions, including the country’s language, culture, history and economy.

Students majoring in Chinese studies are required to take 16 credits of Chinese language courses and a capstone class. Students have studied the elusive Inuktitut language as well.

Ever since Pasch arrived at UND, he has contributed a significant amount not only to the communication program at the university but globally as well.

Pasch is a dual U.S/Canadian citizen and has a rich family heritage deriving from Manitoba. With strong Canadian ties, Pasch has progressively become a vocal advocate for the people of the Canadian Arctic.

During his time at the University of Washington, Pasch became involved with the University’s Arctic Studies Program.

He received a grant funded by the Embassy of Canada to spend time living with a native Inuit family in the Canadian Arctic in North Quebec.

While living with the Inuit family, Pasch was able to conduct valuable research and had the chance to experience life in the Arctic first hand by going on hunting trips and fishing expeditions with his Inuit family.

In addition to living in the Canadian Arctic, Pasch also had the unique opportunity to study the complex Inuktitut language.

Pasch describes his experiences in the North as a “wake-up call,” as many native people are slowly losing their culture due to effect of global warming, language loss, economic change and media influences.

When Pasch came to see how many traditions were in danger of being wiped out, he decided to act, using his knowledge and expertise in the field of communication.

"In the Arctic, I felt more than anywhere else to that point, that with my digital and cultural experience, and growing ability in Inuktitut, that I could help to make a difference,” he said.

Since Pasch has become involved and has reached out to the Inuit community, his endeavors have been challenging but also very worthwhile. Pasch has been associated with creating programs such as app development and Arctic unmanned aircraft system policy analysis.

“Working and teaching with Inuit youth and elders has been one of the most rewarding and fulfilling initiatives that I have ever been a part of in my entire life,” he said.

In addition to the Inuit culture, Pasch is also very involved with Japanese culture and language. Before pursuing a master’s degree, Pasch accepted an opportunity to live and teach in Kyoto, Japan, where he lived for nearly three years studying various aspects of Japanese language and culture.

During his time in Japan, he earned his first degree black belt in Aikido, and studied Japanese archery while studying the literature and philosophies of Inuit, Japanese and French and also has studied the elusive Inuktitut language as well.

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UND to host climate change event

- Climate and Culture Festival looks to add cultural involvement in climate change discussion

STAFF REPORT
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

Starting on Dec. 8, UND will host the Climate and Culture Festival, an event aimed at increasing people’s understanding of climate change through the use of cultural means.

The event, led by associate professor of earth system science and policy Rebecca Romsdahl was inspired by the nonprofit organization Cape Farewell.

Cape Farewell was started in 2001 by David Buckland as a means for people to connect with climate change in different ways. Since its founding, the group has worked with artists and creators worldwide on many different projects, and as part of its ArtCoP21 event, Cape Farewell encouraged groups to hold their own local expos on climate change.

The festival will start on Tuesday with the opening of the Climate and Culture Mini-Exhibition, as well as presentations from Robert Pavolska on the importance of the arts and humanities and a presentation by Will Steger on his experiences dog-sledding through the Arctic, Antarctica and Greenland.

On Wednesday, the event will continue with a panel discussing the societal effects of climate change. The panel will include, Jeff Vanllooy, Tim Pasch, Matt Gilmore, Carenlee Barkdull and Elizabeth Scharf. The panel will be followed by a showing of the film “Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret.” The film will be followed by a panel led discussion.

The event will conclude on Thursday with a showing of the film “Merchants of Doubt” followed by a discussion about the film, but participants are encouraged to continue the conversation even after the night is over.

The event is free and open to the public, and a full itinerary of the event can be found at https://blueamarbelnotes.wordpress.com/2015/11/13/climate-culture-a-festival/
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The program has also attracted Chinese students to join the classes during their time at UND. Qian Zhang, a business major from Shang-hai, and Jingtao Deng, a freshman chemistry major, are both enrolled in Wang’s Chinese film course this semester.

Wang regularly coordinates events for the UND community to further experience Chinese culture, including dinners, film screenings and assisting with Chinese culture nights. Additionally, she has taken to social media to expand awareness of the program, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

She also has conducted short Chinese language learning sessions while at UND. She explained that while people may be intimidated by some aspects of Chinese language, the characters can be put together like Legos and learning some of the key, frequently used characters covers a large part of the Chinese language.

Part of the Chinese studies program includes an opportunity for a three-and-a-half week study abroad trip to China. Participating students take a course on Chinese business in the spring semester to prepare them for their trip, and they conduct the research and fieldwork they discussed during the preparatory class.

The trip includes visits to a variety of important cultural and historical sites in Shanghai, Beijing, and Xian. It is available to all UND students, not solely students in the Chinese studies program.

Wang is optimistic about the continued growth of the program, and encourages any students interested in learning more about China to check out the available classes.

Next semester, the second section of first year Chinese will be offered, along with a history course on modern China and a course on Chinese business and culture.

These courses are still open for registration if any UND students are interested in enrolling for the spring semester.

To learn more about the program, visit http://arts.sciences.und.edu/languages/chinese/.

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"From a historical standpoint, it is very clear that China was a global power, but modern China is a bit different. The economy is still developing..."
Islamophobia is a serious issue today

BECCA DEVINE
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Many Muslims are peaceful people. Only a tiny fraction of all Muslims are extremists.

Don’t let history repeat itself. They say that history holds the key to the future. Examining past behaviors of world leaders and civilians can help us recognize dangerous situations today.

One thing I am sick of hearing is, “It’s okay to be a little racist.” I have heard this from friends and family. With the holiday season in full swing, I am mentally preparing myself for some of the comments that will be made at the table.

Racism is alive and well in America. Islamophobia is a serious issue that needs to be discussed because it is actually becoming more of a problem.

There is one presidential candidate that is scaring me more than anyone else; Donald Trump. Trump said in an interview that he would like all Muslims to carry some kind of identification to show their faith. Such identification isn’t the first time in history that this has been discussed or implemented. Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 after he promised Germany a better life, away from its grim economy. Eventually the Nuremberg Laws were put into place in the mid-1930’s, which identified Jewish people with special marks on their IDs.

November 9, 1938 marked the Night of Broken Glass. This occurred when a German politician was shot by a Jewish person. After this occurred, Nazi party members damaged homes, businesses and places of worship belonging to Jewish citizens.

According to projectandalien.org, by the end of the Second World War, approximately six million Jews were killed. This occurred in Germany due to centuries of antisemitism.

I agree with the sentiment that fear is the root of all evil. This past weekend in Texas, an anti-Islam militia group gathered around an Islamic center in protest. According to ibtimes.com, this group was brandishing guns while carrying U.S. flags.

I see this as a form of domestic terrorism. I would be very uncomfortable with a group waiting outside a place of faith with guns. Everyone should be able to practice their faith and live without fear in America, of all places.

There was one member of the group at the so-called ‘protest’ who said, “I don’t want them shoving their beliefs down my throat.” This is laughable because America is supposed to have religious freedom. According to the Washington Post, post-Sept. 11 anti-Muslim hate crimes were five times more common. I would like to add that along with these hate crimes, the Washington Post also indicated that Jewish people were victims of 60 percent of overall religious hate crimes.

It may be a bold statement to compare Donald Trump to Hitler, but I feel it is important to be aware of their commonalities. This is more than Donald Trump. This deals with structural racism in America.

Fear does strange things to people when unusual circumstances occur. Sometimes people point fingers at innocent groups of people out of fear, and that has been happening far too often in the United States as of late. Living in the United States is becoming more disheartening for me now more than ever.

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RARE EARTH ELEMENTS

UND has now been awarded over $1 million in coal research in the last six months. The first research grant came in late August, when UND was awarded $400,000 to research coal conversion technologies.

Officials say it will allow scientists to take a closer look at more efficient fossil fuel based power generation.

The research will be done through computer simulation, and school leaders say it is great hands-on experience for graduate students.

“It’s definitely a very big deal. We would like to be thought of as having a very high energy focus,” chemical engineering professor Gautham Krishnamoorthy said. “We definitely like to be thought of one of the good institutions to do energy-related research.”

The research is being done as a collaborative effort with the University of Utah.

More recently, UND was awarded $748,847 from the U.S. Department of Energy. The purpose of the research is to better extract rare earth elements from coal. Some of the common rare earth elements that can be extracted from coal include glass, metal alloys, ceramics, phosphors and magnets.

The rare earth elements are chemically essential to technologies, health care, transportation and electronics. Due to their unique magnetic, luminescent and electrochemical properties, these elements help make different technologies with reduced weight, reduced emissions and less energy consumption. They can also give more efficient performance, miniaturization, speed, durability and thermal stability.

There are 17 rare earth elements,—most of which are found in the lanthanide series. The lanthanide series contain all elements within range of the atomic numbers 57 to 71.

Given our technological dependence to these metals, I think it’s important to advise caution when harvesting these materials. After all, these metals are not nearly as abundant as nickel, copper, aluminum or iron. Eventually, we will run out of harvestable rare metals and technology will have to adopt other resources for production.

Recycling old phones and other electronics is a great way to keep the rare elements in use. Since 2010, China has produced 97 percent of all rare earth elements in the market today. Recently though, they have limited their exportation, causing as much as a 2000 percent increase in value for some rare earth elements.

If you have an old phone, now would be a good time to see how much you can get from recycling the rare earth elements found inside.

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Beard owners need the right kind of style

LUKE PRICE
THE DAKOTA STUDENT

With No-Shave November at an end, tensions are higher than ever for beard-growers and baby-faces alike. Some participants are relieved as they finally are able to shave off their unwanted beards. Others were new experiences they thought were swell. They are finally able to shave off their fuzzy faces while men who continued to shave through November remain unshaven.

But how should you, dear reader, react to the end of November? The following is a series of questions to help you decide whether or not to keep your beard now that November has come to an end.

Are you a fine arts major? Do you ride a long board to class every day? Do you frequently wear one of those baggy sweaters that appear to be made out of carpeting from the 1960s? Do you shop organic? Do you enjoy the outdoors more than the average person? Are you frequently told that you smell of granola? Would your friends describe you as a 'lumberjack-y' sort of guy?

If you are capable of growing a solid, full beard like Santa Claus or our very own photo editor Nick Nelson, that may very well be something you want to keep. But whoever you share the season with, it is all about spending time with the people you love. I thought of the tree as a common connection for all those who shared their stories.

These stories symbolize what I believe is the true height of the season: Being around people you love and care about. For some, it may not be immediate family. It could also be a partner, a best friend or a surrogate family.

However, a beard is a powerful thing and not all are capable of pulling it off. Having the right attitude and style is essential to successful beard ownership. Are you a fine arts major? Do you ride a long board to class every day? Do you frequently wear one of those baggy sweaters that appear to be made out of carpeting from the 1960s? Do you shop organic? Do you enjoy the outdoors more than the average person? Are you frequently told that you smell of granola? Would your friends describe you as a 'lumberjack-y' sort of guy?

If you answered yes to at least half of these questions, rejoice! In all of my omnipotence, have judged you of those questions, rejoice. I, in all of my omnipotence, have judged you as a 'lumberjack-y' sort of guy.

ly acceptable. Ladies everywhere lose patience with their significant others’ fuzzy faces while men who continued to shave through November remain unshaven. But how should you, dear reader, react to the end of November? The following is a series of questions to help you decide whether or not to keep your beard now that November has come to an end. Think hard about your options, for the choice to come is not an easy one and will determine the fate of your face forever. Or at least the next month or so, after which you could probably get away with your beard intact even after November comes to an end.

Congratulations, reader. You are now properly informed to make the important choice of whether or not to keep your beard now that November has come to an end. Think hard about your options, for the choice to come is not an easy one and will determine the fate of your face forever. Or at least the next month or so, after which you could probably get away with your beard intact even after November comes to an end.

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In addition to his academic, family and international contributions, Pasch is well traveled and takes the opportunity to see new places whenever he can. When traveling, Pasch says he likes to stay in a country as long as he is able so he can absorb the local culture. “I prefer not to be a “tourist” but rather to experience life in that location and work as hard as I am able, to speak the language,” Pasch said. Traveling offers Pasch a unique experience and cultural perspective, which he carries with him as a professor and advocate for ethnic understanding. Pasch has traveled to many locations around the world including France, South Asia, Japan, Northern Canada and many other destinations across the globe.

“It is my hope to create communicative moments of clarity and understanding, despite language barriers that may exist.” Pasch said.

While Pasch has an impressive international and education background and also is very well traveled, he believes that being a faculty member at UND is one of the most rewarding positions that he could hold. “Where else can someone who is passionate about aspects of their lived and learned experiences, enjoy the opportunity to share this information with many enthusiastic young people who seek to learn and benefit from this teacher?” Pasch said.

Pasch continues to apply his experience and passion for the field of communication to inspire those he teaches and to further advance international connections. “I am entirely grateful to my students both for their patience with me, and also for their interest and engagement with the knowledge that I have gained, that I hope to continue to share to the very best of my ability moving forward,” he said.
UND trying to gain ground against the Beavers

Women’s hockey sits fourth in the WCHA standings behind Bemidji as their home-and-home series looms

ALLYSON BENTO
The Dakota Student

As the winter months continue, the Fighting Hawks are heading into the weekend with more on the line than ever before.

North Dakota will take a home-and-home series starting on the road in Bemidji, Minn., and wrapping up Sunday afternoon at the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Recalling the last series against the Beavers in mid-October, the Fighting Hawks were able to capture a comeback win in game one, while game two was taken by Bemidji in overtime.

The first half of the season is coming to a close and the Fighting Hawks have only been able to sweep two teams this year, both coming back-to-back at the beginning of the season against RPI and MSU, respectively.

North Dakota will need to start taking both games in a series if they hope to see the finals this year.

A prime example would be last weekend’s series with Syracuse where the Hawks took the first game 3-0, but then failed to complete the sweep in the second game.

The Fighting Hawks now remain in the ninth spot in the latest USCHO.com Division I Women’s Poll and Bemidji moves up one to the sixth spot after a bye week.

UND is looking to make the necessary adjustments and gain back the lost ground by winning the crucial conference games.

Primarily looking to capitalize in game two, the Fighting Hawks have fallen to their opponents in the second game in four series this season. In the first series against Bemidji, the squad was able to hold off the Beavers until the final minutes of regulation when BSU tied the game and would later go on to win in overtime with seven seconds left on the clock.

The Beavers have been the greatest threat to the Fighting Hawks success this season, as the teams have interchanged in the polls and put on a nail biting show on the ice.

BSU is coming into the series off a bye week with fresh feet, while UND made their return from Syracuse last weekend and looked to the drawing board to develop a winning game plan.

With UND’s first-line producing a majority of the points for the team, a change in pace is needed from the rest of the team to contribute as well.

Junior forward Amy Menke is the team’s leading scorer and totals up 23 points with 12 goals and 11 assists, while her offensive partners Meghan Dufault and Becca Kohler come in right behind with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

The Fighting Hawks have been unable to hold a win streak since a four-game win streak in the beginning of the season. Looking to continue their own streak, Bemidji has won two in a row after sweeping Minnesota State.

With both squads ready to win, the weekend will show if the Fighting Hawks finally have a winning formula, or if further adjustments need to be made before facing the last series of 2015 against the undefeated Wisconsin Badgers.

UND and Bemidji State begin the home-and-home series this weekend.

The first game will be played in Bemidji on Friday when the puck drops at 7:07 p.m. Game two will be played at 2:07 p.m. Sunday in the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

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UND men’s hockey looks to stay hot versus the Pioneers

In the final home series of the semester, the Hawks face Denver in a crucial NCHS series

Jack Harvey
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After a Thanksgiving weekend sweep of Michigan State, the UND men’s hockey team will look to pile on more wins as it plays host to NCHC opponent and long-time rival, the Denver Pioneers.

This weekend marks the final home stand of the semester as well as the first of two pivotal NCHC matchups between the Pioneers, followed by a series against the Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs.

This won’t be the first time the two have met. The first game played between UND and Denver was February 1, 1950, with the Fighting Hawks routing Denver for a 18-3 victory.

Since then, the two have played a total of 270 times with the Hawks holding the advantage of 140-120-10.

UND will have plenty of firepower to enhance the win percentage even further with the help of NCHC’s player of the month, Nick Schmaltz. Schmaltz tallied two goals and dished out 13 assists with a plus-14 rating in eight November games, closing out the month on a seven-game point streak. He also led the NCHC with an average of scoring and assists per game with 1.62 in the last month.

But Schmaltz isn’t the only one receiving awards, as Drake Caggiula received Offensive Player of the Week, Cam Johnson received Goaltender of the Week and Tucker Poolman earned Defenceman of the Week.

The Hawks will have their talons full facing off against Denver this time through.

The No. 9 ranked squad in the NCAA was red hot through November, going 4-0-2. While UND and St. Cloud State are at a gridlock atop the NCHC, Denver is in a tie of its own with Nebraska-Omaha with 10 points on the season.

The best offense is a good defense, and the Pioneers boast that statistic. Despite having the second fewest goals scored this season compared to other NCHC teams, they also take the lead in fewest goals allowed, with only five.

Denver coach Jim Montgomery knows what the Pioneers are up against with some of the best players in the NCAA.

“This series will be a huge test for us,” Montgomery said.
Women’s hockey looks to muzzle the Bulldogs
Amy Menke and Meghan Dufault lead the way for the Hawks in UND’s last home series until Dec. 6

ALLYSON BENTO
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Finishing a six game homestand, the Green and White look to capture the first sweep on home ice this season. Minnesota Duluth is currently suffering a four game losing streak after playing the Minnesota Gophers and the Wisconsin Badgers, two of the top three teams in the league.

As history shows, Minnesota Duluth and the Fighting Hawks have always been evenly matched, with every series being split with at least one game requiring overtime or a shootout dating back to the 2011-12 season.

The Bulldogs prove to be a tough competitor, but they do not hold a rank in the USCHO.com Division 1 Women’s Poll after the most recent changes, where the Fighting Hawks took the seventh spot after splitting last weekend’s series against Ohio State.

Losing to OSU in the first game made it evident that changes needed to be made and it showed in game two when UND utilized the powerplay chances with two powerplay goals to win 4-1.

“IT’s huge, these next three weeks are huge,” UND coach Brian Idalski said. “This is a big month for us, this is going to go a long way for us and determine what kind of season we have, and what the second half looks like. We’ve put ourselves in pretty good shape, if we can take care of business.”

With a strong freshmen presence in the Ohio State series, this developing team finally took a hold of the talent on the roster.

“There’s some talent in that group,” Idalski said. “And it’s about being patient and bringing them along, and putting them in situations for being successful.”

The first line of offense has put up the most points this season with junior Amy Menke bringing in 15 points on the season, while senior forward Meghan Dufault has posted 11 points.

As the player between the goal posts for the last four games, Shelby Amsley-Benzie has put up a middling 2-2 record but has also made 84 saves against some impressive would-be goal scorers.

Since her freshman year, Amsley-Benzie has assisted the Hawks in bringing home the win from Minnesota Duluth and keeping the Bulldogs at bay with less than three goals in a game.

The Bulldogs currently split the time in net between senior Kayla Black and freshmen Madie Rooney. It is uncertain who will start the series against North Dakota as both have taken quite the beating from both Wisconsin and Minnesota in the previous series.

This series will wrap up the conference play for North Dakota before heading on the road to Syracuse for the last non-conference game for the first half of the season. North Dakota returns to the Ralph Engelstad Arena for this weekend’s series against Minnesota Duluth. Friday’s game will begin at 7:07 p.m., and Saturday’s puck drop is scheduled for 4 p.m.

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UND forward Amy Menke crashes the next against the Gophers in an earlier game this season

Photo by Nick Nelson/The Dakota Student