Parking pass prices increase while availability to students decreases

PARKING PANDEMONIUM

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Many students off campus are discovering a shortage of S permit parking areas

UND parking leaves students with less time in the classroom and more time looking for a place to park.

Madison Feltman
Dakota Student

The beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year also marks the sale of parking permits for the impending semesters. Parking has always been considered a hot topic here at UND. In past years, space was always considered limited for students who live both on and off campus. Over the summer, drastic changes were made to the parking here at UND both positive and negative. On the lighter side of things, new lots were constructed and existing lots were striped and repaved such as the lot south of Columbia Hall.

On one hand, UND parking services started out on a bad foot with students this academic year when they increased their prices from $155 to $190 for an off-campus student permit. Other changes that were made include the major change in the parking ramp, as levels four and five were changed from student parking to ‘pay as you go’ parking which has been considered a huge loss for students.

“The changes in the ramp to remove all S Permit parking and changing it to pay-as-you-go parking shows how the university is focused on making more money versus making life easier for the students paying tuition,” senior Amber Rene said. “There’s too little parking for the volume of students either living on campus or commuting to campus,” Rene said.

Parking space on campus has always been considered limited especially by students. With the new changes space continues to dwindle for both off-campus commuters as well as students who live on-campus in residence halls. With parking being limited near the residence halls many students are forced into parking in an overflow lot. This lot is farther away and can cause a potential danger to students as they walk at night as well as in the below freezing temperatures that are right around the corner.

A vast majority of UND students have been affected by these parking changes and are requesting that action be taken in changing the system to bring more benefits to the student population.

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Kennedy angers key donor

Madison Feltman
Dakota Student

As temperatures heated up over the summer months, so did things here at UND. In early May, Kris Engelstad Mc

Garry, daughter of Ralph Engelstad and trustee of the Engelstad Family Foundation requested an interview with the Grand Forks Herald in which she explained her faltering relationship with University, particularly her relationship with President Mark Kennedy.

Kris went on to explain that her relationship with the university has been declining as a result of how her family has been treated by past and current administrations. McGarry noted specifically that her relationship with current UND President Mark Kennedy has been “quite hostile at times.”

She explained further that Kennedy had been unaccommodating and that he only seemed interested in different investment opportunities in their most recent conversations. McGarry also commented that her relationship with Kennedy was further damaged as a result of releasing the news that he only seemed in the arena, she went on to explain in a later interview that her relations with University are not affected by the stem confusion’ as the family of ‘creating the arena had been in use by many different administrations in the last 15 years and that the issues involving the family of ‘creating the Engelstad Arena, which was gifted to the University by the Engelstad family and opened in 2001. Mc

Garry pointed out that the arena had been in 2011 the foundation has donated more than $12 million to UND. Mc

Garry countered McGarry’s words by saying that he has always been accommodating and cordial.

Madison Feltman, News Editor

The Engelstad family foundation donated one of Grand Forks greatest landmarks to the University of North Dakota, the Ralph Engelstad Arena. The Engelstad Family Foundation also recently disbursed $1 million as a part of its annual distribution that is a part of their agreement.

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The United States of Football

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Welcome to the United States of Football! The land where winning football games matters more than domestic violence abusers. The latest domestic violence incident in sports happened in Columbus at the Ohio State University, with this incident came the exposing of Urban Meyer. As many sports fans know, Meyer has been a highly successful college football coach, but now people know exactly what he is about and that is strictly winning football games.

Meyer is a fraud and he has continued to show that time and time again. It only takes a quick google search of Meyer’s history to see that he does not care what kind of man you are, despite the fact that he preaches being good people. But fast forward to today and you will do their best to bury this scandal as long as Meyer keeps winning games. The actions of Meyer and the university are despicable. Worst of all, the Buckeye faithful immediately came to Meyer’s defense and now they will do their best to bury this scandal as long as Meyer keeps winning games.

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There used to be a time when the diligent students of the University of North Dakota could come together for a joyous occasion and celebrate the finale of the long and grueling winters of the north. Where once vibrant, bright and lustful environment was witnessed in the opening months of a hopeful school year would soon dramatically return to a dark scene of despair caused by the relentless frigid temperatures called winter. It’s November, and the wildness they must gather supplies needed for survival in the harsh bitterness of the darkness. The wildlife slowly diminishes, leaves fall to their certain death and temperatures drop past the point of absolute discomfort, but the worst is yet to come. December, finals are here and students are stressed, the only hope nestled in their minds is the fleeting four week break to help nourish a false hope of sanity into their life. Once returned, the reality sets in. It appears that light hours spent inside studying and binge watching every show on Netflix. Winter break just ended and the snow is still there. As March approaches, it would seem that the worst is over. After all, it is spring. But this false sense of reality must have been formulated by the countless false hopes of past months. It’s April, school is almost done and snow covers the ground once more. All hope is abandoned. Then a blast of what seems to be an unforeseen miracle occurs. The sun rises and the birds chirp with great excitement. Spring comes and at last a week, filled with hyper extended growth of trees and flowers as warmth comes out of nowhere. Thoughts of happiness begin to storm through the minds of the students as an overwhelming feeling of ecstasy time to celebrate their first winter. Springfest was our last hope. It was something to look forward to. Where friends and families could come together in loving harmony to sing songs and be free of the shackles of winter. It was nirvana. Springfest was the Alamo, the last stand before finals where students can forget about their stress and power through triumphant victory to bring back those grades that some need to get desperately up. Springfest allowed for bonds to be formed with shared long lasting friendships. Springfest created memories, memories that would last an eternity. Springfest created something so much more for the students. It created an idea of hope to be looked at during the darkest hours of the winter. Hope that allowed prosperity for the youth in Grand Forks and the future of Grand Forks and the University of North Dakota.

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Grand Forks, North Dakota is the last place one might expect a thriving, multi-day LGBT+ Pride event, but they would be underestimating the LGBT+ and ally community here. Grand Forks Pride has socials, movie screenings, a vendor park, a drag show, spoken word poetry and informative panels. This is the fourth year pride has been in the Grand Forks community and it has grown every year.

Frank Galbraith, an assistant organizer of Pride, believes it is an important event for this community.

“This town needs more exposure and it opens people’s eyes,” Frank Galbraith said. “It opens the eyes of the smaller towns to the idea that love has no gender.”

Sarah Galbraith, also known as B.J. Armani, has been hosting drag shows in the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks community for 6 years. She is also the organizer of the Pride drag show.

“Visibility is increasing every year,” Sarah Galbraith said. “More and more businesses have reached out to us about involving themselves.”

Every monthly drag show she hosts gives all of its profits to various community charities.

“We’ve sponsored sports equipment for over 100 kids and done shows to benefit the humane society,” Sarah Galbraith said. “This one is going to support the Pride organization.”

Sarah Galbraith has been working on increasing the number of inclusive events in the town. This year she is organizing a New Year’s Eve party, a drag show and dance, that is completely LGBTQIA+ inclusive. She also sees the change having a few inclusive events has made in the town.

“The Ramada is donating 80 percent of the cost of the New Year’s Party so we can give more to charity,” Sarah Galbraith said. “Five years ago, they turned us away. They wouldn’t have anything that said LGBT in their space, but they got a new manager and she reached out to us asking what she could do to help.”

Kyle Thorson, another driving force behind the event and the owner of Archives, believes it’s essential to have spaces in Grand Forks for LGBT people. To Thorson, the most important thing about having Pride in Grand Forks is that it creates a safe space for LGBT people to celebrate.

One man who came to the vendor park today said he hasn’t been out of his apartment after work in three months until he came here, Thorson said.

Thorstom’s favorite part of Pride?

“Katie Wirsing, the spoken word artist,” Thorson said. “There’s such a sense of community at her event. We can’t have a parade here because 10 people would show up and it would be lame. But this is the same sense of community.”

“All the community needs is one voice and everyone is ready to help,” Sarah Galbraith said. That’s the story of Pride in Grand Forks. One person spoke up to another, saying what if we did this, and it grew from there.

“As soon as we mentioned the idea to businesses, they were asking what they could do to help, Sarah Galbraith said. “All it takes is one voice.”

The one voice of Pride has had an impact on the community far beyond a one weekend event. For the first time, the Grand Forks Target had a section of Pride items during June (which is Pride month). Archives Coffee House has started putting out rainbow umbrellas and other pride symbols to let the community know it’s a safe space. Romantix will soon begin carrying items to help transgender people begin their transition safely.

The impact of a few dedicated people on the Grand Forks community has been far more than just Pride. Their work has made the Grand Forks community a safer and more welcoming place for all.
Queen of Soul Gets Her Wings

Kings and Queens of Grand Forks

Aretha Franklin dies at age 76; remembered for more than her awards

Maddie Ardelean
Dakota Student

We lost a legend the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin. She was born March 25, 1945 in Memphis, Tennessee. Franklin began her career singing gospel in her church in Detroit, Michigan. At 18, and she filled the American Legion recording for Columbia Records. She was awarded commercial fame on her first albums starting in 1966, with hits like Respect, Chain of Fools and Think. By the end of the 1960’s, Franklin had been crowned the Queen of Soul, a title she would prove she earned for the rest of her career. Franklin went on to have 112 Billboard charted singles, including 20 number one R&B singles. She won 18 Grammy Awards over her career and is still one of the best selling artists in history. She is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a National Medal of the Arts, a Presidential Medal of Freedom awardee and was ranked key advocates and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Performing a duet together to open the show on August 13, 2018. Franklin had been key advocates and supporters of Native American rights and frequently would quietly support their activist groups. Franklin had struggled with her health throughout her life, dealing with weight issues and smoking problems. She became very ill, entering hospice care on August 13, 2018. She died on August 16, 2018 at age 76 in Detroit, Michigan, her near-lifelong home. The world lost a true queen and a professional model of strength and kindness, and her legacy lives on in her music, which will continue to inspire future generations.

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UND Men’s Hockey welcomes fresh faces

Kyle Kinnamon
Dakota Student

It is almost that time of year again here in Grand Forks. The University of North Dakota Men’s Hockey team takes to the ice, but the teams that North Dakota looks to hang with their ninth NCAA Championship banner at the Ralph Engelstad Arena, North Dakota is a hungry team with loads of young talent waiting to show off what they can do. The 2018-2019 North Dakota team resembles the championship roster of the 2015-2016 team.

While North Dakota lost many good players to graduation and the National Hockey League after the 2017-2018 season, North Dakota is confident in their ability to fill those holes in the lineup with the addition of the incoming freshman class. North Dakota has seven incoming freshmen looking to crack the lineup and make their mark. North Dakota has brought in four forwards, one goalie and two high-profile defensemen. Both of whom were drafted by the Ottawa Senators in the first and second rounds of the 2018 NHL Entry Draft. The class as a whole has four players drafted by a NHL team. Those young men have proven themselves on their former teams, but now they are ready to prove themselves to the proud fans and members of the UND Men’s Hockey Team.

The freshman forward group has four incredibly talented players that could make an immediate impact for North Dakota. Gavin Hain The 18-year-old, 91st-round forward out of Grand Rapids, Minnesota played for the US U18 U.S. National Development Team this past season. Hain showcased his ability playing for the U.S. team. Hain had 15 goals and 20 assists in 61 games for the U.S. team. He notably added a goal in the 2018 World Junior Championship. Hain was also drafted by former North Dakota head coach Dave Hakstol and the Philadelphia Flyers in the sixth round of the 2018 NHL Entry Draft.

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The North Dakota freshmen class have proven themselves on their former teams. Now it is time for them to step up and play for the University of North Dakota and the greatest fans in college hockey.

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