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UNIVERSITY AVENUE RETAIL

Students are given a voice

Cortnie Cottrell
Dakota Student

A recent survey has been sent out to the student body via email here at the University of North Dakota, regarding some possible additions and changes in amenities for next year and years to come. After the proposal for the new Memorial Union was voted on and passed, private developers recognized this movement and potential and are currently seeking out the demands that UND students have for new amenities to complement their new Memorial Union.

A few potential ideas that the private developers have pondered are restaurant, shopping, and banking options that would allow for student living above, but it is up to the students to decide what they really want. The private developer's goal is to enhance our campus in making it the best and most vibrant that it can possibly be. There are currently no decisions finalized yet, but once the surveys are accounted for the student government hopes to begin to see changes from the developers in late spring or early summer of 2019. The time these new amenities will be available to the students will depend on when the Memorial Union is completed. Private developers are striving to have the new buildings and amenities readily accessible at the same time as the new union's availabilities.

The idea began about four years ago when there was talk about a new building for the Memorial Union. Two years later, the budget and plans were reevaluated which resulted in the price tag



The University is looking to expand retail options on their main street.

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“Main avenue is going to be an entire change for today, tomorrow and for many years to come.”

Erik Hanson, UND Student Body President

decreasing. With the price drop, the private developers decided to take action. With the help of U3 consultants from Pennsylvania, ideas based off what other campuses across the states are providing in order to be able to thrive and have an outstanding college community were

put into place. “Main avenue is going to be an entire change for today, tomorrow and for many years to come,” Erik Hanson, UND Student Body President said.

Hanson answered questions many may have about finances. Staff and students should

not fret about the funds coming from their own pockets. The private developers have agreed to provide 100 percent of the funding for all new coming amenities. They are not asking for a single penny of our money; however, they are asking for students' opinions. They want to

know exactly what we want, whether it is a pizza shop or a grocery store or a Target or a Gap, it is up to us, all that is needed is the surveys to be completed.

“I am really excited for the possible changes to come to the university and I think that it is extremely generous of the developers to place such high value in our opinions,” UND Freshman, Taylor Sagen said. “Therefore, I believe as students, we need to do our part by completing the surveys.” This is an investment for the entire campus.

“The biggest factor is that students are active and engaged in this project, we have elections every year and we are always hoping to hear feedback and criticism,” Hanson said. “Our main goal is for students to be involved, we truly want every student's voice to be heard.”

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, Erik Hanson would be more than willing to answer them.



University Avenue is a road that is traveled by many locals.

Caitlin Collins/ Dakota Student

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The state is currently reviewing the Blue Law.

Blue Law debate

Theresa Hanley
Dakota Student

There is a strong sense of frustration among most North Dakotans, specifically college students about the inability to go to Target before noon on Sunday. Blue laws have existed in North Dakota since 1889, and this may be the last year that they are in existence. On January 17, the North Dakota house passed a bill repealing blue laws 56-35. Later this session, the bill will enter the Senate and if passed, it will go to Governor Burgum for final approval. Supported by members of both parties, this has been a joint effort to make shopping on Sundays before noon more attainable. The last time that North Dakota voted on this bill, there were a wide range of comments in support of Blue Laws. One of the major supporters of the bill was State Representative Bernie Satrom. "Spending times with

your wife, your husband. Making him breakfast, bringing it to him in bed and then after that to go take your kids for a walk," Satrom said. However, the conversation has started to change and those who were strong advocates for the Blue Laws no longer are in office. Now, that the conversation has officially changed, there are representatives commenting on the possible repeal of the Blue Laws. "It doesn't make sense that I can buy booze on Sunday morning but I can't buy my children a pair of shoes," State Representative Roers Jones said. There have been two times that Blue Laws have been presented before the North Dakota Supreme Court, once in the 1960's and in the 1990's. Both times, the court had ruled that the background of the law was not for upholding religious beliefs, but to allow a time for "rest and relaxation". If the

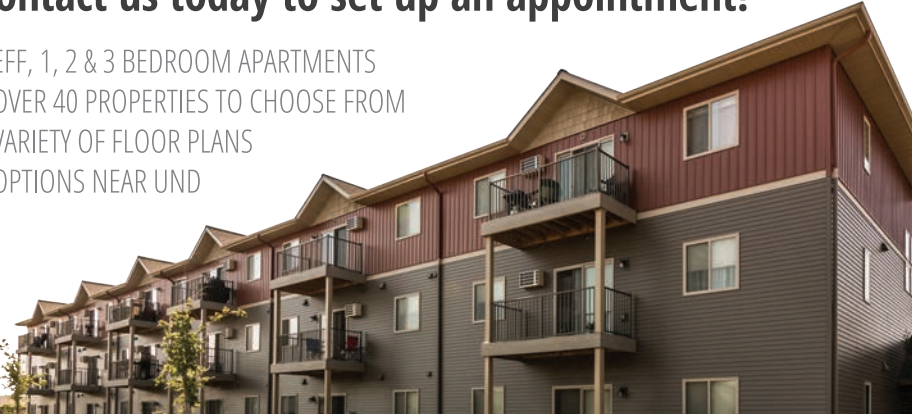
bill passes, it is not very likely to go to the State's Supreme Court, and will be enacted in law. There are those that are in the legislature that have changed their mind since the last time the vote was brought to the floor in 2017. Fargo Republican Representative Jim Kasper flipped his vote in favor of the repeal. "I voted what I think is the best interest of my district and the city of Fargo," he said. Not only does HB 1097 include the repeal of Sunday shopping laws, but it would also allow alcohol to be served at 11 instead of 12 on Sundays. Currently any business that does not follow the law enacted is subject to a class A misdemeanor.

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Editor's Note

In our story titled Major housing changes (Page 1, News, Jan 29,2019) we stated that McVey and West were being torn down, in a quote from UND student housing employee Olivia Gadeerry. When in fact it has not been decided that these buildings will be torn down. The university is currently looking into alternative uses for those structures.

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College Cat Lady

The benefits of having a furry friend in college

Maddie Two Crow
Dakota Student

I've been in college for six semesters. I've spent four of them by myself, and two with a couple of cats. If I could do it all over again, I'd get the cats as soon as I could live somewhere that would allow them. My cats, Aleister and Gucci, are both rescues from Circle of Friends Humane Society. Aleister is a big white cat with blue eyes and Gucci is small, white and gray and has thirty toes. I adopted them both as older adults, since I prefer calm cats and older cats have a harder time getting adopted. Both of them light up my life with their crazy cat personalities and at this point, I can't imagine my apartment without them. There's something about being greeted at the door by a couple of happy cats that makes hard days at

school a little better. Cats are the ideal college student pet too. They're low maintenance; I put food and water out in the morning and whenever I come home, and they're obedient; as long as I make sure to leave the bedroom door open so they can get in and sleep on all my blankets. They're inexpensive and they don't need much, just a few blankets and toys. They don't need to be brushed or bathed. All they want is a few minutes of playtime and some cardboard boxes to sit in. I can leave them alone for a weekend, and they don't mind. They're quiet and quintessentially chill. They sit with me, and occasionally sit on my laptop while I do my homework. They don't mind that I'm busy. They're just happy to be here with me. The cats also offer a mental health boost to

me. There's something so relaxing about having a cat next to you, purring while you pet them. I 'talk' back and forth with my cats, imitating the meows and chirps they give me. I love watching them wander the apartment. For some reason, it's so relaxing to watch how they move. Living with cats means I'm never lonely. One of them is always snuggled up by my feet. Or, both of them are sitting on me and I can't move. Either way, they're always calm, happy and relaxing. They also love to sit and watch me work. I learned that cats don't do that to be creepy, they do it because they think humans are interesting and like to see what we're up to. Whenever I need a self-esteem boost, I just remember that my cats like me, and as trivial as it sounds, it makes me happy to think that my

cats are as happy here with me as I am with them. Knowing I saved cats who needed a loving family is also really satisfying. I am a strong proponent of rescuing, especially with cats. Cats have a much harder time getting adopted than dogs and shelters almost always have more of them. Both of my cats came to the shelter as strays, but Aleister had almost definitely gotten away from a family and never been come back for. He brings me so much joy; I would be devastated to lose him. Gucci sat at the shelter for about a month waiting for a family. He's such a ham, everyone who passed up this funky cat missed out. Maybe I'm just a twenty-something crazy cat lady, but my cats have been one of the best things to happen to me. They're the best

college family I could ask for, and I'm hoping for a good job after graduation so I can spoil them more.

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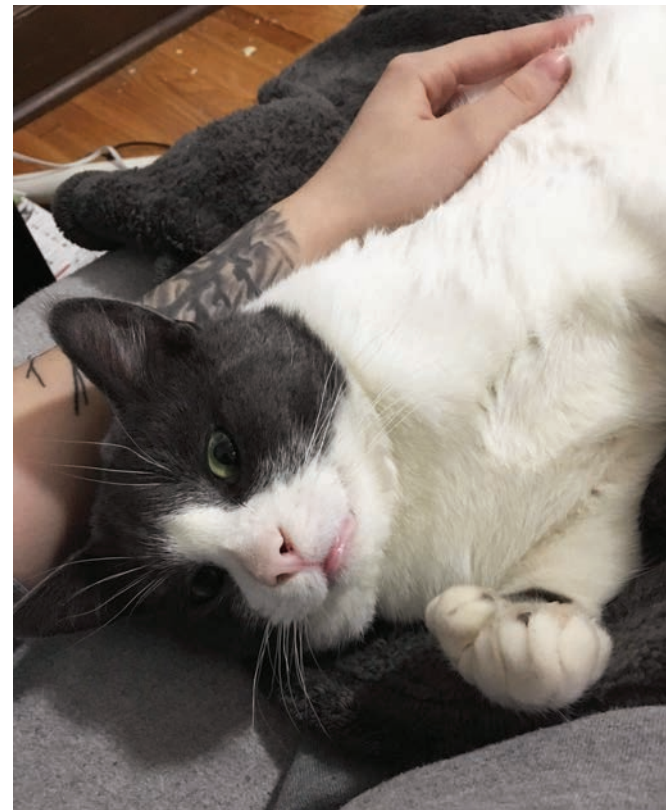


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A photo TwoCrows cat that was rescued. This one is Gucci.

Parking Pass Problems

Oversold lots causing problems for students academics and finance

Se Kwon
Dakota Student

Rumor has it that the University of North Dakota oversold their parking permits this year. UND offers certain zones that require parking permits; 'A' is only offered for the administrative faculty/staff, 'S' is offered for the student lots, 'H' is for on-campus housing zones such as residence halls and apartments, 'A/S/H' lots are for anyone with any of the A, S, or H parking permits and a UND parking permit of any kind is also required for accessible (handicap) parking. Students at UND who are interested in bringing cars to campus are required to purchase a parking permit of some sort. UND Parking Services offers many types of parking permits; HJFS, H18, HMU and HPR, depending on which lot is most efficient for the students. For example, if a student lives in residence halls like Squires, Walsh, Bek or Hancock, they

are assigned to the HPR parking lot, since that is the closest lot to those residence halls. Parking permits at UND however range from \$65-\$400 for a full year and students have had enough with the unavailability of parking spots. Students have complained about being late to classes due to the lack of parking spots in certain lots, many even feel that they are not receiving what they paid for. Students purchase parking permits to 'play it safe' and not risk getting any violations. "I think the pricing of the ticket is fair but the biggest problem for me is that our overflow parking lot is really far away from our assigned lot," UND freshman Olivia Drane said. "I'm a resident of Squires Hall and when our assigned lot is full, it frustrates a lot of people since our overflow parking lot is by the Gorecki Alumni Center. I don't want to walk in negative weather conditions when I purchased a parking permit for the full year, more specifically

purchased a parking permit for the lot of my choice. This makes it difficult for students to find parking around campus if they need to go somewhere so to me, it just seem more like a waste of money than anything else." Students who don't live on campus also have problems with parking as well. Many students who attend UND live in apartments or houses around campus but a car is usually preferred when going to classes. Columbia Hall has the most 'chaotic' parking lot according to students. In an attempt to beat the chaos, you can see students arrive 30-40 minutes prior to their class just to avoid the chaos of finding a valid spot. Some students admit that there are not enough student parking spaces available, so they will park in the administrative or staff faculty lot and pray that UND Parking Services didn't give out tickets. UND should reconsider their parking permits. Students have started to speak out on behalf

of other permit holders, the frustrations are only getting worse from here on out. It is with strong belief that more parking lot spaces should be available to students, especially since students are paying for their space.

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Photo by Trevor Alvshere
A full parking lot on campus.

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Stop making excuses

A reminder to stop making excuses and start doing

Quinn Robinson-Duff
Dakota Student

Stop making excuses. Everyday we run into people who always have an excuse for something in life. "Oh, I just have no time, I wouldn't even know where to start, its so hard to be successful at that". Well guess what, something worth obtaining in life always has its challenges and difficulties. No successful person ever achieved goals without going through tough time. When all is said and done, having a strong mental fortitude will be the most crucial. The ability to overcome all odds at a point of despair, to power through and keep going, because the majority of being successful is just the act of showing up.

"I don't FEEL like working out, I don't FEEL like waking up earlier, I don't FEEL like going to a career fair", well guess what if you want to better your life, you will have to do and achieve things you may not FEEL like doing. If it's going to better your life in anyway, do it. Develop the routine and habit of forcing



A positive way of thinking in regards to changing your mindset.

yourself to wake up earlier, forcing yourself to workout. Because when its all over, you will have achieved something and feel good about yourself.

Nothing happens overnight, but boy would that be great.

The unglamorous truth is becoming successful takes, long hours, hard work and determination. Starting the business, you've always wanted to will cause stress, headaches, uncertainty in the future. Becoming a star athlete requires

practice outside of practice, living and breathing the very sport you are trying to master. Building up your mental fortitude to power through and keep going through those tough times, not stopping for anyone will allow you to chase and accomplish anything you desire in life.

Find what you want in life and go after it. One of the most common sayings people have on their deathbed is regretting never trying to follow the dreams they had. SO WHAT if you fail, most people do, it builds character, get up and try again, then try some more.

Being successful is moving from failure to failure without lack of enthusiasm. You know how important it is to keep trying and not fall and stay down. When doubt and discouragement is in your mind, keep going, move onto the next goal, next task and do not let anyone slow you down. This is your life, you need to create it, you set the terms and conditions. Don't make excuses for your dreams, just take that first step and dive in. Stop the useless complaining. If you can do something about it, do it, don't just sit back and bitch about the

problems in your life. If it's worth complaining about then its worth dusting yourself off and doing something about it.

Complaining and making excuses for everything you do is just not a healthy and productive way to go through life.

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God Talk on Tap

Noah Sell
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This past Thursday night, Half Brothers hosted God Talk on Tap, an event that gives people a chance to sit down and discuss their faith, ask questions of people who may hold different beliefs and learn a little more about their neighbors in a relaxed setting. The event featured five faith leaders of different religions and beliefs who spent time at each of the designated tables to speak and answer questions about their faith.

The event typically takes place once a month, but this month it was put on as part of the tenth annual Interfaith Week. Interfaith Week hosts many other faith inspired events throughout the span of seven days, but was affected by the cold weather early in the week. Chad Brucklacher is a campus pastor at Christus Rex, the Evangelical Lutheran Church next to Archives Coffee House, and has been an integral part of Interfaith Week since its beginning over ten years ago.

"It was something that began as a dialogue between our student organization and the Muslim Student Association back when we had a mosque being built near ground zero, and as I was talking with the Vice President of Student Affairs and for Health and Wellness, Dr. Laurie Betting, I was saying, 'How can we have conversations that are better than the ones we are having in our national public and our national rhetoric?'" Brucklacher said.

Dr. Betting then introduced Brucklacher to the Muslim Student Association, where he met an officer with whom he created a group called the Muslim-Christian Dialogue, which met for four weeks.

"We had these conversations back and forth about, 'What does it mean to be Muslim? What does it mean to be Christian? How are we the same? How are we different?'" And we walked through that together

because the reality that we knew very little about one another, so it was an educational experience trying to teach ourselves about who our interfaith neighbor is," Brucklacher said.

From that experience they posed the question "How can we broaden this group to include more than just Christians and Muslims?" From that, Interfaith Week was born.

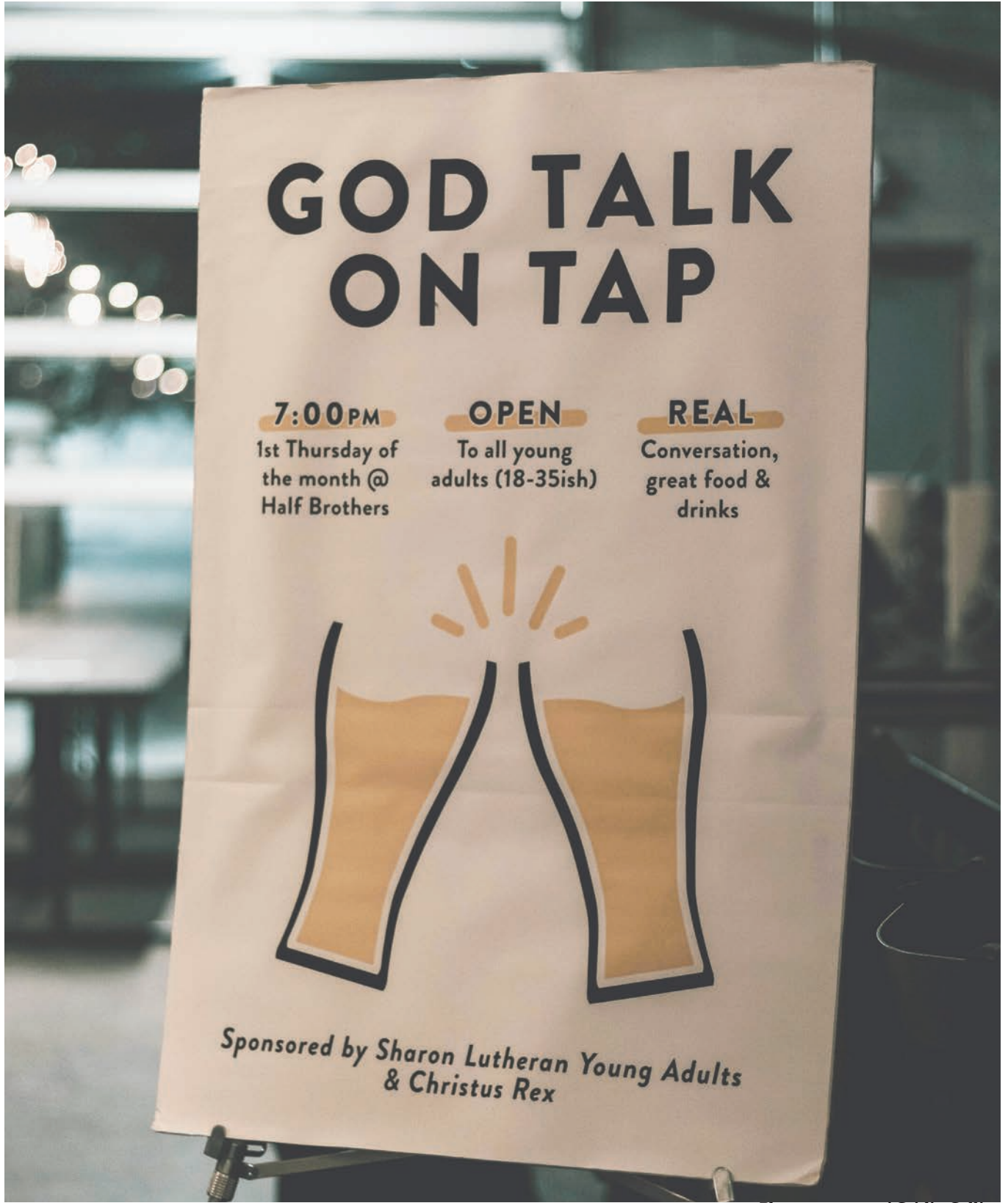
"There are a lot of different interfaith neighbors that we don't know very much about, but that doesn't keep us from pretending that we know them, or judging them for things we think we know about them. But our educational process, learning about each other, can help bridge that gap and make us a little bit more sympathetic, or a little bit more friendly, towards each other when we get a chance to know one other in a more personal way," Brucklacher said.

Interfaith Week has only grown over time, and it now has at least thirteen different faith groups connected to it. For the past two years, the event has even been given its own budget by the University, since it was taken under the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, Cara Halgren.

"She created a budget for us to host the week, and she's created a staff-person, Jeff Gibson, who works in Student Involvement and with diversity and inclusion, as the person overseeing Interfaith Week now. And this year is the first year where I am no longer the coordinator as a volunteer, but there is a staff-person connected to UND coordinating all of the events, so I am just a participating member," Brucklacher said.

Brucklacher explained that God Talk on Tap is typically aimed at young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 because their generation seems to be moving away from organized religion, but isn't necessarily any less spiritual than other generations.

"This represents a chance for us to be a more moderate to progressive group to say, 'You can be



The schedule of God Talk on Tap.

Photos courtesy of Caitlin Collins

religious, but it doesn't have to look like what you imagine it to be. Instead we can have faith conversations and whether you're religious or not religious, it doesn't really matter because I think that we as human beings kind of want to have those kinds of conversations, and we don't have to be limited by where we come from or if we have any faith at all. I think people

are curious, this provides a way for people to ask their questions in a judgement free zone," Brucklacher said.

Brucklacher understands that sometimes people feel the need to get people from other religions to see the world from their point of view.

"I think it's nice to have a format where you don't feel threatened by your questions or their

responses, but you can step into a more honest curiosity and dialogue and just learn something about them that you may not have known. So the goal I think is to try to create an environment where we're not trying to convert one another, we're trying to learn from one another," Brucklacher said.

If you're interested in attending the next God Talk on Tap, they are held

on the first Thursday of every month at 7p.m. at Half Brothers Brewing Company, and will begin meeting again in March.

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Skiing in the Park

Molly Andrews
Dakota Student

Despite the freezing weather that happened during the week, the cold let up for a day of family fun. On Saturday, the Grand Forks Park District held the Greenway Ski Day, which has been a Grand Forks institution for more than 20 years.

The Greenway Ski Day event was held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Lincoln Park. The event was completely free and had a lot of fun activities to offer for people of all ages.

The Grand Forks Park District provides the Grand Forks community with parks, programs, facilities and other resources. It helps people live a healthier and more enjoyable lives within the community.

The Ski & Bike Shop was located in the warming house and was sizing people and giving them free rentals for the day.

Skating rentals were also available.

Point Paradise Stables, located in East Grand Forks, supplied horse drawn carriages that went through the park.

Besides skiing, ice skating, and horse drawn carriages, they had sledding, snowshoeing, a chili feed which was donated by Southgate. There was also hot cocoa and coffee to warm up.

All were encouraged to participate, try something new and find something they enjoy.

Lynn Roche, the special events manager for the Grand Forks Park District paired up with Terry at the Ski & Bike Shop to make this happen. Roche has been working for the Grand Forks Park District for over 20 years.

She enjoys this event and although it has been going on for a long time, the overall meaning and goal remains the same.

"We have to utilize what we have here. I know the kids get to cross country

ski at school and this way they get to bring their family and make it a family affair" Roche said.

Although the list of things to do outside in the winter is short, events like this make it enjoyable to be outside and get some fresh air. Not only that, this is a great event for skiers and beginners who are thinking about giving cross country skiing a try.

"It's about enjoying the outdoors," Roche said. "It's an opportunity to get out and have quality family time and to meet a new friend."

The Greenway Ski Day is a way to bring the community together. It is a well organized event that is for people of all ages because it offers a little bit of everything.

Cross country skiing is an activity that can keep people busy and give them another option instead of staying inside.

"It's something simple. You can start young and go until your 90" Roche said.

Although the entire event offers a lot Roche said her favorite part is seeing people enjoy themselves.

"Just watching people enjoy themselves. If they

fall they make fun of themselves and there is a lot of smiles," Roche said.

The Greenway Ski Day was an event fit for all ages and an overall fun time.

If you missed the event on Saturday but would still like to give skiing a try, the warming house in Lincoln Park is open during the week and they have free rentals. The hours are Monday - Friday

3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on the weekends it is open from 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. They also have free skates and sleds in the

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Sledding at the Greenway Ski Day.

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The Big Move

Two former UND athletes discuss the reasons behind why they moved on

Kyle Kinnamon
Dakota Student

The decision to transfer colleges is a difficult task for many, but for athletes it can make or break their careers. Both Fallyn Freije and Chris Wilkie transferred from North Dakota, but like many, it was for different reasons.

Fallyn Freije
Fallyn Freije played three years at UND for the women's basketball team. Freije was a centerpiece for UND during her career. In Freije's 90 games played at UND, she averaged 24.3 minutes, 9.3 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. While the numbers were there, the passion was not for her. This led to her decision to transfer late in her career.

"A big part was my relationship with the coach," Freije said. "I feel like he did not have my best interest in mind, especially over the second half of the season. I had a few injuries and talking with him about that, and the future, was kind of tough. He had acted similar to me in my previous years, but I felt he would have changed in time. But, I did not want to go through my last year like that. I wanted to enjoy basketball and use my abilities to their full

potential." Transferring at any point in a college athlete's career is difficult, especially when it is in the later stages of their career. For Freije it was well worth it.

"Yes it was hard, especially because you grow so close to those teammates that are with you, and those underclassmen that are like your little sisters at that point. I think it would have been easier if it would have been earlier in my career," Freije said. "But, I did not feel as moved to transfer earlier in my career because I loved playing for my home state, being in my home state and all of the friendships. Plus I think the school is phenomenal, and the athletic department. It was super tough because I would have to leave all that my final year. But, when it came down to it, I needed to enjoy basketball again."

Freije had reached her breaking point and did not see a future here anymore.

"It was all with the coach," Freije said. "I talked to him a lot about things I was not receiving as a player for him and things that were just tough on me. It was a lot of mind games and manipulation. It got to the point where I was not

enjoying basketball, and I knew it would not change my senior year if it had not changed in the three years prior. I did not want to end my career regretting staying there."

While Freije had her reasons to transfer from UND she loved all other aspects during her time here.

"Everything else at UND was 10/10," Freije said. "The athletic department is fantastic, the town, the community

"It is tough seeing articles supporting him. Seeing what we think is a fake positive side."

Fallyn Freije

that supports the athletes and the professors. They work well with us athletes with traveling and our busy schedules."

As for possible solutions, Freije believes listening is key.

"For our voices to be heard. I think for the people who have graduated, and the people who have quit or transferred. I think eventually we hoped somebody would finally listen to us and hear our side of it. Not just what gets put on display and what gets put on show in front of people," Freije

said.

"It is tough seeing articles supporting him. Seeing what we think is a fake positive side," Freije said. "It is really tough because I had a lot of friends either quit or transfer to small schools. I just had to be bold and know it would work out transferring to a Division I school only with one year left and being fortunate enough to receive a scholarship."

There are many

different reasons why athletes seek to transfer schools during their career. In the case of Freije, it was more of a last resort decision. Chris Wilkie, who spent two seasons at UND with the hockey team, just wasn't having the success he wanted.

Chris Wilkie

In his 62 games at UND, Wilkie boasted six goals and 13 assists for 19 points. Wilkie was drafted by the Florida Panthers in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft in the sixth round, pick number 162 overall.

Wilkie showed promise coming into UND, but things just did not mesh or click here. A fresh start was needed.

"It was a mutual agreement to move on. It was not this one event that happened, I just needed a fresh start," Wilkie said. "I think my two years there did not go as well as I hoped. I think at the end of the day I was needing a fresh start. Sometimes I think that can benefit someone, and at the end of the day it worked out for me. I have no regrets about transferring to Colorado College."

Wilkie had a different path than Freije. Wilkie had to redshirt this past season, just being able to watch from the press box each game. This can be hard on a player, but Wilkie put his head down and saw the silver lining.

"Things are going really well at Colorado College. I've enjoyed it a lot since I've transferred," Wilkie said. "Obviously, nice to get through the redshirt year and get to be playing again. I'm happy with hockey here and everything, so no complaints."

Wilkie had the opportunity to play his former team at the Ralph Engelstad Arena just a few weekends ago. Wilkie scored a couple points in

the series and got to go against some of his best friends.

"It was fun. A little different being on the other side of it, but it was nice to be back at the Ralph again. It was something I had circled on my calendar for a while," Wilkie said.

Wilkie, just like Freije, loved all other aspects of his time at UND. He developed relationships that will be with him for years to come.

"I made a lot of friends there that I stay in touch with all the time. Not only teammates, but other students as well. The guys that came in with me in my class are some of my closest friends. Away from the rink, and everything like that, I loved my two years at North Dakota," Wilkie said.

Both Wilkie and Freije have no regrets about transferring colleges and love their new schools. Both have had great success already since transferring. Although transferring can be one of the toughest decisions a collegiate athlete can make, sometimes it really is for the best.

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Chris Wilkie in a game for Colorado College.

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