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Revamping the Curriculum

Cortnie Cottrell
Dakota Student

The Communications Department has lost one third of its students over the last three years, and because of that, the department has been seeking important revamping of the curriculum in hopes to give students at the University of North Dakota many fresh, new opportunities.

"We see communication majors becoming more important in society today," Dr. Jeffrey Weatherly, chairman of the Communications Department said. "The Department of Communications is making several changes in hopes to make communications a more effective program and attract more students to this major."

Approximately five years ago, the Communications Department examined content and revamped the program, introducing professional tracks classified as "A, B, C" classes, with theory-rich courses, writing-rich courses, and practical/technological-rich courses. The department recently realized that this set up was confusing for students; therefore, they have decided to eliminate this curriculum arrangement.

This could be confusing to communications majors that have already been enrolled in the A, B, C courses. Weatherly said that students will not lose their progress and they will be given the choice to continue their current path or choose the new curriculum. However, only the current students participating in the A, B, C courses will be given the choice. Once these students have graduated, this track will be eliminated and the new curriculum will be in place.

With the department re-examining the program, they are eliminating, revising and adding courses. Because there is overlapping content



Trevor Alvershere/ Dakota Student

The department of communication is looking to change their future curriculum.

within the curriculum, the department will eliminate Comm. 103. The reason for 103 being cut is the great amount of overlapping material between 102 and 103. These two courses will be combined to create an intro to communications course. There will be twelve courses revised and modernized to be 'up to par' with today's society. There will also be two new courses introduced; health communication and sport communication.

The requirement of a three-credit experience course now part of the communication major will be available to allow up to 12 credits in internships, undergraduate research and

undergraduate teaching.

Another change that will be introduced is undergraduate certificates. There will be a total of eight certificates offered, each requiring 12 credits. They will be available for all students who are majoring or minoring in communications. The certificates are also being introduced in hopes of attracting students who were possibly not planning on going to college in the first place, Weatherly said. Because the certificates only require 12 credits, it would be possible to complete it in one semester. However, that would only be feasible if all courses required were available in either spring or fall.

"I think that students completing only a certificate will not obtain as much credibility as those completing a full major or minor because it is only 12 credits" Annie Nistler said, a Junior UND student that is minoring in communications. "In order for students to have a solid foundation of knowledge, their education should require more than just a certificate."

Because the changes need approval from all three committees, when asked for a presumed timeline for the new curriculum, Weatherly said that most of the changes will be put into use Fall of 2019. The two new courses require extra examining from

the committees; therefore, if passed, they will be of use in Fall 2020.

Because the numbers of communication majors have significantly decreased over the last three years, UND is proposing these changes to ensure future success.

"Growth. We hope to see our department grow and expand within the next 5-10 years," Dr. Weatherly said. "You want to be a leader in action, you want to major in Communications."

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French Taste On Campus

Theresa Hanley
Dakota Student

On Valentine's Day this year, the students of the University of North Dakota got a special treat, a taste of France would be available in the Memorial Union for students to enjoy. Warren Sai, a junior studying marketing opened his own business, specializing in crêpes, a French taste that is not common in Grand Forks.

Sai's business started to take off this summer and he credits the Grand Forks community for their ability to offer a platform to allow his dreams to become a reality.

"The community of Grand Forks has a lot of opportunity to offer and the Farmer's Market and the New Flavors Food truck were one of the first non-profit organization to help me spread awareness of the French cultural food that I make from back home," Sai said.

It is common for UND alumni to do amazing things after their time on campus, from hockey superstars, to commercial airline pilots, to CEOs of popular businesses, but to open their own business while being a full-

time student is demanding. "Timing is an essential part of operating my business," Sai said. "Being a full-time student gives me a different lifestyle to manage my time as a business owner and a full-time student."

All students feel the pressure to balance all of the demands of college, but Sai has just one more big business, and dream on his plate. Despite the challenge of being a full-time student and full-time business owner, Sai has large plans for his future with his business. He sees himself growing in large ways.

"In a year from now French Taste will open a store in downtown Grand Forks," Sai said. "I believe five years from now French Taste will be in the new Memorial Union and will also have its products in stores such as Hugo's, Walmart and Target in the state of North Dakota and later expands its products out of state." This expansion is just getting started.

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Warren Sai is the owner and operator of French Taste LLC.

Photo Courtesy of French Taste LLC Facebook

French Taste story from front page

Crêpes are available for brunch on Sunday mornings at Bully Brew coffeehouse. Sai mentioned that at the Farmer's Market this summer, the idea of coffee and crepes was created. Sandi Luck who is a professor and a business owner in the Grand Forks community had the idea to partner Sai's crêpes with her coffee. Now on Sunday mornings, members of the community can enjoy a delicious brunch.

Throughout the expansion of French Taste LLC, Sai keeps a common theme throughout his dream, he wants to spread culture awareness of the French culture through great food,

great customer service and a great experience.

"Most students never had a crêpe that is savory, and I have the opportunity to bring the French experience from Paris to taste here in the community of Grand Forks," Sai said.

You can enjoy a crêpe from French Taste LLC in the lower level of the Union from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. On Sundays, you can enjoy brunch at Bully Brew, in East Grand Forks, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

You can find them on Facebook and follow them on Instagram to keep up to date with Sai's business adventures, aspirations, and achievements.

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French Taste offers a range of sweet and savory crêpes.

Photo Courtesy of French Taste LLC Facebook

The Return of the Infamous Girl Scout Cookie

Madison Feltman
Dakota Student

The most wonderful time of the year is upon us once again, as Girl Scout Cookie season is officially underway. Between the months of January and April the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world takes place all thanks to the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

The mission of the program is not only to provide the community with mouth-watering cookies, but to also help girls in the program learn five specific skills that are essential to leadership. These include goal setting which helps girls define a goal and create a plan, decision making which helps girls make their own decisions, money management which helps the girls create a budget and properly handle money, people skills which help girls find their voice and business ethics which helps girls act honestly and responsibly.

This year Girl Scouts will be selling their cookies for \$4 to \$6 a box with 100 percent of the proceeds staying within the local Girl Scout council and troops. Proceeds this year are estimated at a



Girl Scout Cookie sales usually begin in January and last through April.

Photo Courtesy of Flickr

\$800 million.

"When you make a Girl Scout Cookie purchase, you're helping the next generation of girl entrepreneurs get an important taste of what it takes to be successful—teamwork,

planning and a positive outlook," Girls Scouts says.

This year's cookie line-up is filled with fan-favorites such as Thin Mints, Samoas and Tag-A-Longs. Yet many of the cookies are

only exclusive to a certain region of the United States. Certain cookie names are also only exclusive to certain regions. For example, the very popular caramel-coconutty treat that is considered as Samoas here in North Dakota, is considered Caramel DeLites in states such as Texas, Alabama and Indiana. This is all attributed to fact that Girl Scout Cookies are produced by two different bakers, ABC Bakers and Little Brownie Bakers. Both producers exclusively handle Girl Scout Cookies.

ABC Bakers in Richmond, Virginia produces a wider range of cookies and is the primary baker of the classic Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades, Girl Scout S'mores and Caramel Chocolate Chip cookies. Whereas, Little Brownie Bakers in Louisville, Kentucky has a smaller range of cook-

ies including all of the fan-favorites but they provide cookies for a wider-range of states.

If you are wondering where you'll be able to snag a box of the delicious delicacies, keep your eyes out for a local Girl Scout's cookie booth or if you find yourself needing the cookies in a hurry download the Girl Scout Cookie Finder App on your mobile device.

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Madison Feltman, News Editor

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Is going to university worth it?

A breakdown in the true cost of attending UND

Mason Dunleavy
Dakota Student

So, what is the price of going to a university? Does anyone know the true cost? Think about it. Statistics may vary from program to program at UND considering all the factors in tuition cost, so I'll use my own. I owe \$12,130 to the government from FAFSA and I'm two years in, which means \$6,065 borrowed per year. Now let's factor in the actual

cost. The first year is the most expensive at \$11,861, this is after FAFSA by the way. My second year came out to \$3,618 after FAFSA. Why is the first year so expensive? It's due to living in the dorm and buying the meal plan, which was about \$4,000 per semester. The cost of schooling for two years comes out to \$27,610, but I did have some medical costs that were charged with my tuition, these came out to about \$100.

Since I don't live in the dorms anymore, I pay for rent and my food. I spend about \$450 a month on rent, utilities, and food. Now some of you may be questioning that amount, but I've been living on Walmart frozen chicken breast and rice, I know how to budget. Plus, Grand Forks housing is awesomely cheap. Considering it's a yearlong lease that comes out to roughly \$5,400 for this year. Quite a savings from the first year \$8,000

on the dorm and meal plan.

So, my total living and schooling cost for two years comes to \$33,010. Is that all I'm really losing though?

You always have to think about opportunity cost. In August I was working at \$14 an hour, 40 hours a week, which would come out to roughly \$2,200 a month. If I had continued working through the nine month school year I would earn about

\$19,800 a year, so add that to the cost.

Now, the total cost is at \$72,610 for two years or \$36,305 per year.

Let's look at a couple of things that could make college life more profitable. People often say college is supposed to be about having fun and exploring. I don't know about you, but I'm not spending that amount of money to waste it on fun. So, what is there to do to occupy my free time while also working towards my future? Other than the occasional hockey game, I'm working two jobs (an office assistant and writer) and taking 13 credits. If I really wanted to maximize my tuition costs I could take more classes, but I get burnt out with a big school load. Why these jobs? Couldn't I be earning more money somewhere? Probably. So why don't I? To me, it's all about my resume. I feel like an office environment and writing is going to look better than working unskilled labor, even if it means getting paid less right now.

Well? Is going to a university worth it?

It depends. I've only spoken for myself. Who am I to say that others will follow the same path as I have? Some students pursue majors with no backup plan and that's when they get hurt the most, or they just simply have too much

fun. College is supposed to be expanding your knowledge in a variety of subjects. Focusing in on a single area is where I believe students go wrong, especially if you're majoring in something with few job opportunities. It's also a wise move to go to community college for the first two years to save money. People must think, most people go to college, our population is expanding vastly, that means heavy competition for jobs requiring degrees. If you don't put in the work while you're here, someone else will get the job, someone that has put in the work.

For a final four-year total based on my average yearly total, it would be approximately \$145,220. That is a hefty sum, but how much will I have increased my average income just by doing the work and going to school? I guess we'll see when I graduate. With what I've done with my time at UND, and the connections I've made through school, I'd say college is worth it, only if you put in the work.

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Some books that are offered at the bookstore that you can purchase for your courses.

Dining Center Troubles

The problems of Squires being closed on the weekends

Se Kwon
Dakota Student

As freshmen, we are offered two different types of meal plans for each semester. Both meal plans are 'unlimited' or also known as 'anytime' meal plans. The first meal plan

called 'Anytime Access' consisting of \$50 in dining dollars and three bonus meals for a total of \$2,402 per semester.

At UND, we have two different dining centers that students are familiar with-- Squires Dining Center and Wilkerson

for students who reside in dorms such as Squires, Walsh, Bek and dorms that are across University Ave. At Wilkerson, it's pretty common for residents of the dorms on the other side of campus.

I am a resident of Squires Hall, which is so convenient

If the university really thinks it's necessary to provide shuttles for students, maybe it's time we open up Squires Dining Center on the weekends.

Se Kwon, Columnist

that is offered is called 'Anytime Access Upgrade' which consists of \$150 in dining dollars and 12 bonus meals for a total of \$2,523 per semester. The other meal plan that is offered to freshmen is

Dining Center. Of course at the Memorial Union, you are allowed to use dining dollars to purchase meals/snacks/beverages as well.

Squires Dining Center seems to be the most common dining center

since the dining center is in the same building as me, more specifically just downstairs from my room. Squires Dining Center is also very convenient for residents of dorms in close proximity since there are



Dakota Student file photo

Squires Dining Center full during the night hours of operations.

underground tunnels to take them to Squires but on the weekends, it can be a big inconvenience to students.

Squires Dining Center is closed on weekends, which makes it difficult for students who reside close to Squires Hall. The only option we really have as students is to commute to Wilkerson, commute to a restaurant nearby and purchase food, or use dining dollars at the Memorial Union to purchase food. I've heard many students complain about the walk to Wilkerson and to be honest, I am definitely guilty of this. For us students, it's not ideal for us to walk in negative degree weather conditions to eat so we are usually spending more money either Ubering to the dining center on the

weekends or perhaps even using UberEats to get food delivered to the dorm.

I know what you're thinking- I'm just a lazy student who doesn't want to walk three to five minutes in the cold. I get it, I would probably think the same thing. But I know of more students who munch on snacks that they have in their dorms instead of actually walking to the dining center to eat food. This is honestly just a typical college student thing. We go to school in Grand Forks, ND, which happens to be one of the coldest cities in the U.S. and we choose to avoid walking outside at all costs. I am aware that there are 'dining center shuttles' that drive students every 15 minutes from Wilkerson Dining Center to the residence

halls, but if the university really thinks it's necessary to provide shuttles for students, maybe it's time we open up Squires Dining Center on the weekends. The fact that the shuttles are provided for students who don't want to step outside into the cold seems to be the first problem here.

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In Wilkerson Dining Center, one of the areas to get food is the wood-fired italiano.

Universal Basic Income

A way to help provide for our future with technology

Quinn Robinson-Duff
Dakota Student

The future is coming. Automated cars, trucks and services will be the way. We already have self-driving cars in the works. Automated grocery services such as Amazon Go, where you can walk in and walk out without human contact, and self-check outs which are more commonly seen.

"Autonomous driving technology could replace some 294,000 long-distance truck drivers over the next 25 years," Jennifer Smith said in a Wall Street journal article.

It may not be now, but the day will come when truck drivers will be replaced by computers. Begging the question, what is going to happen with all the jobless drivers?

In the Appalachian Mountains, coal miners who are losing their jobs have turned towards other industries, such as coding. Local coding tech companies in the east have been trying to turn coal miners into coders, but this has had varying results with some individuals not believing in the program.

"You can't teach coal miners how to code," Michael Bloomberg said.

It's hard to transfer a person in their 40's or 50's to change careers' to a completely different industry. To think you can do this with other industries such as truck driving would prove to be an incredibly

complicated task.

The average age of a driver is between 45 and 55 years and most only have a high school diploma. No formal education is required for driving a truck, most companies prefer employees with a high school diplomas but only a commercial drivers license is required.

From that it can be inferred that schooling and education is not something truck drivers are incredibly invested in. Most drivers are not going to be interested in going back to school to learn a new skill like coding. So what's going to happen when are those jobs are lost?

Let's say automation in trucks starts only on the interstate where fewer decisions have to be made and a person takes over in a more urban area. There is nearly 47,000 miles of interstate in the US with most of them passing through small towns that rely on travelers. Drivers need to rest and eat, they spend money in those small towns. If there are less drivers then less money will be flowing through those towns.

Automation will not just affect the drivers but local communities that rely on them, those economies will suffer. Jobs will and are already being replaced by robots and technology. Not just truck drivers but retail workers, nearly five million in America, coffee shops, shopping and other means that were recently employed by people could see



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

possible replacement in the near future.

One solution is implementing a universal basic income (UBI). UBI has recently gained a rise in discussion over the past years has a viable way to stabilize the economy and provide financial security.

One point that is often misused is the idea government just gives money away and does

not see it back. This is false. When people have money, they spend money. Whether its on food, car repairs or healthcare. Whatever we spend, we get taxed on, those taxes go back into the government.

One idea that could be implemented is the idea of paying robots a wage. Then with that wage, it will get automatically transferred or taxed into the countries UBI fund.

This will reduce the money the government will need to spend on the actual fund itself.

UBI is still in its infancy, it's becoming a more and more serious talked about.

Presidential candidate Andrew Yang is currently pushing for it heavily. He believes in providing a future now and wants to act. Its something we need to discuss now while we still have time to modify

and adjust these issues.

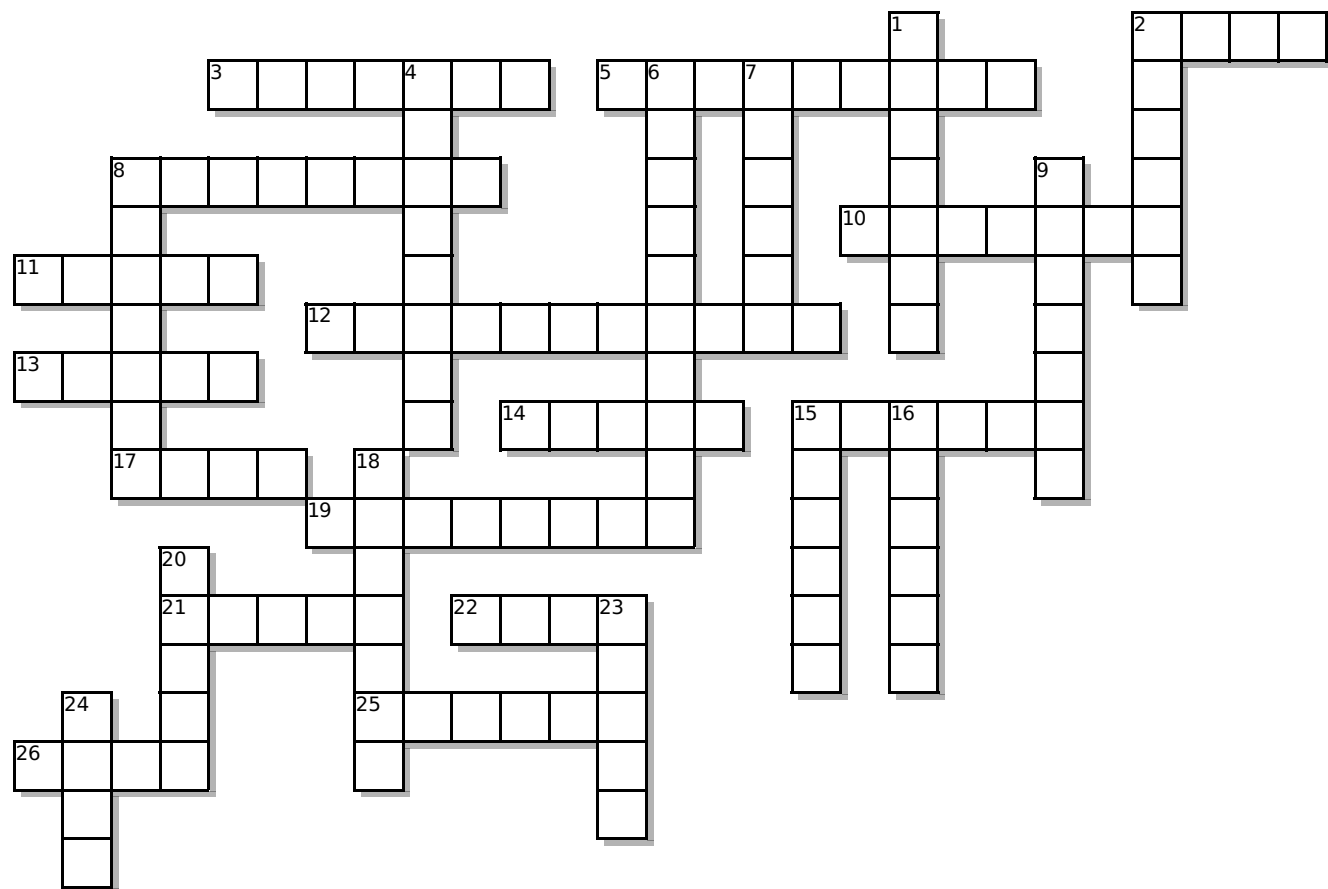
The complete shift is still some years away, but we need to organize and act now to insure a better future for our kids, our families and our communities.

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TAKE A BREAK

Food



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- 5 Valentine's Day gift
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- 10 Ballpark must-have
- 11 Popular breakfast meat
- 12 Popular burger side
- 13 Mixed greens and dressing
- 14 College student go-to noodles
- 15 Bread and _____
- 17 "No ___ for you!"
- 19 Tall or short stack
- 21 Eight slices of heaven
- 22 Sunny-side up or over easy
- 25 Chips and melted cheese
- 26 Wedding and birthday must-have

DOWN

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- 4 "We all scream for _____"
- 6 McDonald's and Five Guys specialty
- 7 Chocolate chip or Snickerdoodle
- 8 Brined cucumbers
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BATTLE OF THE BEARDS

Blue Moose bar and grill hosts second annual beard contest

Noah Sell
Dakota Student

22 beards, some wizard-like in length, others mere mustaches, competed on Thursday night at The Blue Moose for a chance to win the grand prize.

This was the Second Annual Surly Craft Beards event to be hosted by The Blue Moose. It was once again well-received by the public, who packed themselves into the restaurant to take part in the event.

Megan Hedstrom, the Front of House Manager of The Blue Moose, explained that the idea behind the beard competition was born out of a single misheard word. They took the idea and ran with it, creating a panel of four judges and coming up with prizes for the top three winners in each category.

"There are two categories, partial beard or full beard. We have four judges on our panel, Amelia and Corey, who are our reps for Surly. And then my brother, Josh Bleninger—he is working over at the Josef's School of Hair Design here in Grand Forks—and his wife Alyssa, who works at the Avant Salon downtown," Hedstrom said.

The judges scored each beard based on four categories: length, body, uniqueness and upkeep. They took their time with each competitor, sometimes requesting to feel the beard in order to better gauge its volume and other times questioning the contestant's taste in music, most commonly by asking whether he preferred The Beatles or The Rolling Stones. It took about an hour and a half for the judges to get through the contestants and then place



First place partial and full beard

Photos courtesy of Trevor Alvshere

them accordingly.

While the judges worked on placing the competitors, the crowd was treated to live music performed by a local band called The Dank, who captivated the crowd with three original songs before

the judges returned with their results.

"The top six competitors win a beard kit. Third place in both categories wins a \$25 gift card to The Blue Moose. Second place wins a \$50 gift card to Happy Harry's. And then first

place in each category gets a Surly tour of the brewery in the Cities on us. It's a good prize, I'd do it if I could grow a beard," Hedstrom said.

The Blue Moose tries to host events all throughout the year in order to bring

more people from the community together, with Surly Craft Beards being their first of this year.

"It does have people come together that do have things in common, such as Surly Craft Beards, and also we just like to be a family-oriented restaurant. We like to think of this town as our family, so the more we can have people over here and get to know them, the better," Hedstrom said.

It's important to Hedstrom that the The Blue Moose continues to foster a family friendly environment, and she believes that the workers are the reason why the restaurant stays

that way.

"I think it starts with how close-knit our staff is," Hedstrom said. "I would not trade our staff for the world, they are amazing. And they want people to come in here and feel like this is home away from home."

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Megan Hedstrom, Blue Moose Front of House Manager

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Slam poetry comes to UND

Pages Matam teaches writing and performance workshop

Ana Chisholm
Dakota Student

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, as part of the Perspective Speaker Series, the University of North Dakota brought Pages Matam to campus to conduct a creative writing and performance workshop as well as a performance later in the evening.

Pages Matam is a national and two-time regional poetry slam champion, Callaloo Fellow and a performer and featured artist on Upworthy, Okay Africa, Huffington, Macy's, The Apollo Theater and many others. Having received his MFA from the University of Maryland, Pages Matam is now an educator himself and is currently residing in Washington, D.C.

The day started with Pages Matam leading a

creative writing workshop and a performance workshop. Here he helped aspiring writers and performers work on their craft.

In the evening, he performed in the Memorial

experienced performer who had great crowd interactions. He started the evening by hopping down off the stage to be closer to the audience. He informed the crowd about slam poet-

number of his works. His voice flowed seamlessly from talking into poetry. Matam's interests lay heavily in immigration reform, youth advocacy, the education field, violence and

many have when talking about such serious issues.

To help keep the air light and atmosphere fun, Matam read from a new collection of poetry that he will be releasing in the next month. This collection is made up of haikus. Matam said that he wrote the collection after a breakup. He went through a period in which he was listening to a lot of Drake songs, therefore, he calls them Drakus. This collection is a wonderful mixture of funny and heartfelt poems that many can relate to. They were a hit at the event and had numerous requests for him to read more from his collection.

The night ended with a question and answer session with Matam which would have lasted most the night if it had not had a time limit for much of the audience felt comfortable

enough to ask him questions.

Finally, at the end of the event Matam was asked to announce the winner of a five-hundred-dollar scholarship the Student Involvement Office was giving away to one of the people attending the events. This was a surprise to most of the audience as it was not announced that there would be such an award and it came as a very pleasant surprise to the recipient of the scholarship.

Matam stayed late after the event visiting with many of the students who attended.

"Poetry is not like golf, it's interactive."

Pages Matam, Poetry Slam Champion

Union Ballroom reading many of his slam poetry pieces. Amidst the cold there was still a good turnout for the event and excitement filled the air as he began his readings.

The evening proceeded in much merriment as Matam is a very relaxed and

ry and what typical poetry reading etiquette is.

Pages Matam said, "Poetry is not like golf, it's interactive."

He wanted the audience to feel free to comment or express themselves as he read.

He proceeded to read a

abuse trauma were, heard and felt through his works.

Throughout the evening Matam told the story of his life, all the ups and downs, the good and the bad, and managed to do so in a way that kept everyone smiling which is a skill not

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Feast of Nations

Alerus Ballroom sells out for biggest cultural event of the year



Northern Sky Nation

Photos courtesy of Trevor Alvshere

Molly Andrews
Dakota Student

On Saturday night the Alerus Center took a trip around the world for the 57th Annual Feast of Nations.

Over 95 countries are represented at the University of North Dakota. The Feast of Nations is an event that allows different cultures from across the globe to be showcased through different forms of art. Some of these included song, dance martial arts and musical instruments.

One of the newest additions to the 2019 program was the UND Kendo Club that just started its presence on campus this year. Kendo is a form of a Japanese martial art. The UND jazz band and the Korean Exchange Club also performed on stage. There were many other performances ranging from Highland dancing to traditional Japanese drumming.

Each act was entertaining in their own way and with great entertainment also came delicious food. There was a four course meal served throughout the three hour event. Each dish had a unique flavor and showcased different

dishes from around the world.

The appetizer was tabbouleh which originated in Syria. The salad was thai noodle wraps that required the noodles to be placed on lettuce, which originated in Thailand. They had two different options for the entree. The non-vegetarian option was Lemongrass Chicken from Vietnam or the vegetarian option which was chickpea curry from Sri Lanka. Lastly the dessert was English rhubarb crumble which originated in the United Kingdom.

Tea stations were also set up in the ballroom so people could choose their choice of tea at the end of their meals.

This event was put on by the UND International Organization (IO). IO is an on campus organization that serves the purpose of promoting diversity and the understanding of different cultures on campus. Their main goal is to foster connections between international students as well as local students. This group encourages all students to join, even if you aren't international.

Christina Walker is the President of the UND

International Organization. She is from Canada and has dual citizenship in the United States. She was secretary for two years before becoming President.

Walker was introduced to the organization during the student involvement fair when she was a freshman and has been involved ever since.

The Feast of Nations is a large event that takes some time to plan. The organization starts talking about the event in September and usually has a theme picked out by October. Once the theme is picked, the planning begins.

This event brings the Grand Forks community together by showcasing different cultures from around the world in different ways.

"It promotes a lot about thinking about a diverse world and bringing cultures so people can see them. You get a good taste of a lot of things and you can decide what is interesting to you," Walker said.

Walker stressed that it is not just about international students and cultures. She encourages any and all students that are interested in IO to go to a meeting and participate in the Feast of Nations.

"We want people from the community, from the US, to understand that they are also part of that diversity," Walker said.

Overall the event was a great success and was sold out. The Alerus ballroom was filled with a diverse crowd of people that were all their to share and learn about different cultures.

The Feast of Nations is a great way to meet new people and explore other cultures within the Grand Forks community. If you are interested in taking part or helping with Feast of Nations in the future, you can reach out to the UND International Organization on campus.

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Northern Sky Nation

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ENA Sutton Highland Dancers

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Le Ragazze Italiane

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Ticket punched to the Summit League Tournament

Men's basketball took down Denver on Saturday to secure their first conference tournament appearance.

Luke Askew
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The University of North Dakota Men's basketball team picked up their biggest win of the season on Saturday afternoon at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center. With the win over Denver, the Fighting Hawks officially clinched a spot in the Summit League tournament in their first season playing in the new conference.

While eight of the nine teams in the Summit League qualify for the tournament, it's still a nice accomplishment, especially for a program that isn't used to this high level of play on a daily basis. None of this is to say that the Big Sky (UND's former conference) has "easy" competition, but there's no question that the overall talent level and depth is stronger in the Summit League.

The Betty was rocking on Senior Day as hometown fans got their final glimpse of Cortez Seales

and Conner Avants in Grand Forks. Both seniors played well in their final game at home.

Avants, who was out previously due to an injury, appeared in his first game since Jan. 19 but didn't look rusty at all. It's tough to return to action after missing more than a month and still find a way to make an impact, but Avants did just that.

He only played a total of 19 minutes, often in short bursts, but scored 11 points on an efficient 5-of-9 shooting from the field to go along with five rebounds, two assists and two blocks. Even though he didn't see a ton of time on the court, it was great for fans to see Avants back on the floor helping his team get a much needed win.

Seales, like Avants, had a quiet, but nice game. He finished with 12 points and three assists in his final game in Grand Forks.

Despite being a day about honoring the seniors, it was actually three

seniors, Marlon Stewart, Kienan Walter and Billy Brown, that led UND to victory.

Stewart had an impressive first half shooting the ball. He went into the break with 15 points on an efficient 6-of-9 shooting from the field and 3-of-6 shooting from 3-point land. He cooled off in the second half, but his first-half performance was enough to give UND a 14-point lead going into the locker room.

Opposite of Stewart, Walter made his mark in the second half. 13 of his career-high 19 points came in the final 20 minutes of play. Walter also added five rebounds and three assists.

Brown played a game-high 36 minutes and scored 18 points on an uber-efficient 7-of-11 shooting from the field and 4-of-6 shooting from deep to go along with four rebounds and three steals. Brown didn't lead the team in any of the three major categories (scoring, rebounds, assists),

but his decision making was phenomenal. He came off of screens effectively, he made the right passes, and he knocked down shots when called upon.

Final score: North Dakota 81, Denver 63

UND's final two regular season games will be on the road against Purdue Fort Wayne and South Dakota. Neither of those games will affect whether or not UND qualifies for the Summit League tournament as that was locked up on Saturday afternoon, but both games can potentially alter the seeding heading into the tournament.

UND will try to do all they can to move up in the standings providing them with a better chance at a first-round upset.

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Senior Cortez Seales had 12 points and three assists on Saturday.



Trevor Alveshere/Dakota Student

Rhett Gardner and Collin Adams look for the rebound against Minnesota-Duluth.

UND splits series with No. 3 UMD Bulldogs

Kyle Kinnamon
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After a 27 day hiatus from the Ralph Engelstad Arena, the University of North Dakota Men's hockey team welcomed the reigning NCAA National Champions the Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs.

Friday Night - A night of capitalizing on chances

"It was the start we wanted and it carried over for the rest of the game. I know they got one right after, but I thought our guys did a pretty good job of getting back on the rails," Head Coach Brad Berry said.

UND was able to find the back of the net early and often to start the game. Freshmen forward, Mark Senden, kicked off the scoring just 44 seconds into the game. Senden capitalized on his chance, taking a shot from the corner on the goal line,

ricocheting off UMD goalie Hunter Shepard.

Within a minute, UMD responded with a goal of their own. However, UND managed to maintain focus and morale into the next shift.

Senior defenseman, Hayden Shaw, joined fellow senior, Rhett Gardner, on a short-handed two-on-one. Shaw buried his third of the season off a crosscrease pass from Gardner

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Brad Berry, UND Men's Hockey Head Coach

to make it 2-1 just over halfway through the first period.

Junior forward, Casey Johnson, gave UND a commanding 3-1 lead just over

13 minutes into the first period. Johnson found the back of the net, using his leg for his second goal of the season.

UND capped the game off with an empty net goal from junior forward Cole Smith.

Sophomore goalie, Peter Thome, made 21 saves in his first start since Nov. 30 in Duluth. Thome came into the game a little nervous, but settled back into

real game for so long. You can't really replicate that in practice."

Saturday Night: A night of special teams

After a much needed victory, UND would look to add another game in the win column.

This time, thanks to penalties, UND would go down early to start the game. Just over three minutes into the game, Duluth

out a bit more grindy than we were, and that's our game. We've got to out-work teams this time of the year to try to get results," Poolman said.

UND would strike back five minutes later on a power play of their own. Captain Colton Poolman, channeled his offensive abilities and used a variation of a spin-o-rama to find the back of the net.

UMD added another pair of goals, one coming on another 5-on-3 power play.

"The difference of the game was special teams," Berry said "We talked about it before last weekend at Western Michigan, and it's relative again tonight here. We can't drop any more. We've got to make sure we have more discipline in our game."

Late in the second period, freshmen forward, Gavin Hain, sniped one in the corner from the high slot on a delayed penalty

to cut the lead down to one. Unfortunately for UND, they would not capitalize on the following power play, or on any chances in the third period. North Dakota came up short in game two, losing 3-2 and splitting the series overall.

UND moved up to No. 18 in the Pairwise Rankings with the split series. UND will look to sweep the next two series. The first coming on the road against Colorado College, then finishing up the regular season at home when Omaha comes to town.

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