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Open for viewing from October 23-27, 2017, the Clothesline Project displays t-shirts made by victims of abuse.

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identity of the survivor.

The Clothesline Project was present on the University of North Dakota campus during the week of Oct. 23 to 27. The Memorial Union Ballroom was filled with shirts, each one representing a different story of violence against women. The original international project started with 32 shirts hung in Hyannis, Massachusetts in October of 1990. Since that time, over 250 projects have begun in communities around the globe with almost 30,000 shirts on display. The stories shared below are stories that were found on the shirts displayed this past week.

"You said you loved me. But that didn't stop you. It didn't stop you from choking me. It didn't stop you from holding me down when I tried to pull away. And it didn't stop you from raping me in my own bed. How could you? I did

everything I could to make you responsible...No one did anything. You were, according to them, 'not First initial used to protect the responsible.' But I know what you did. God knows what you did And you have not won because you have not broken me," R\* said.

> The purpose of the Clothesline Project according to the informational pamphlet provided by CAWS North Dakota states that it is here "to bear witness to the survivors as well as the victims of violence against women; To help with the healing process for people who have lost a loved one or are survivors of this violence; To educate, document, and raise society's awareness of the extent of the problem of violence against women."

> The first clothesline project in North Dakota was displayed on Feb. 28 and March 1, 1995 in the great hall of the Capitol Building during the legislative session. There were 114 shirts on display at the time.

"He raped me. He hurt me



The Clothesline Project showcases t-shirts decorated by survivors of assault, violence and/or rape or by friends and family of deceased victims.

physically. He ripped out my heart, he stomped it splat. My life was changed in two minutes flat. I told him 'NO' but he didn't care - My body is mine and I will not share. He told me he needed it, that's all that mattered. In one little instant, my life was shatwoman is battered about every 10 to 12 seconds in the United States. The whistle is blown to signify a reported rape; every minute of every day more that one woman is reported raped in this country. The bell is rung to indicate that a woman has died as a result of in-

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 $Y^*$ , anonymous contributor

tered. The second it was over, he was dressed and gone. I was left trying to carry on," P\* said.

Before entering the room, there is a sign posted outside that requests students remain silent while walking through the exhibit. A gong is struck to indicate

that a woman is being battered; a

timate, personal violence; in the United States a woman is killed by

her batterer every 10 to 12 minutes. In the back of the ballroom, there was a display bringing to light violence against na-

tive women. Pairs of earrings

were displayed on a shawl along

with letters written by the vic-

tims families. There are many women who have gone missing as a result of acts of violence and have not been found. The earring display is meant to bring to light this issue and as a way for families to express hope that they will be found and accounted for.

"You're a survivor because every day you make a choice not to be governed by the harsh words or actions. No one has the right to take away your happiness," Y\* said.

While it's difficult to experience these harrowing stories and read through each and every one of them, it's important to honor these stories of violence against women and work towards a safer tomorrow for future generations.

As part of the Clothesline Project in the Memorial Union Ballroom, the Sing Our Rivers Red display uses earrings to illustrate Indigenous women, girls, Two Spirit and LGBTQ+ people that have gone missing, been murdered, tortured, raped, trafficked and/or assaulted.

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## Human and sex trafficking on the home front

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On Oct. 20, 2017, the UND Law School hosted a panel discussing the crisis of human trafficking in the United States, specifically in the North Dakota area. Mediating the panel was John Clark, former President of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC); sitting on the panel was Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Thomasine Heitkamp (Professor of Social Work at UND), Staca Shehan (Executive Director of NCMEC's case analysis division) and Tom Brusegaard (Representative of Sen. Kathy Hogan).

The panel came together to discuss the crisis of human trafficking and the legislative policy changes to help prevent human trafficking. At the start of the panel, I was under the extremely false impression that human trafficking was not an issue in the United States. After listening to the panel, I felt as if I had been living under a rock in regards to this problem. I have always known human trafficking existed. I lived on Okinawa, Japan for two years and we were constantly trained on the Air Force Base about the dangers

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in the United States in 2015, there were 5,545 reports of potential human trafficking cases, 1,630 of which involved minors. The Fuse Projects reports that in 2016, the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force served 79 cases of commercial sexual exploitation/human trafficking. 26 of these involved minors. according to the senator's

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overseas. I was wrong.

Staca Shehan started the panel off by stating that, "Child sex trafficking is a missing child issue." Shehan reported that many of the children who are trafficked are members of the LGBTQ+ community and runaway children from social services. The average age of those being trafficked are 15-years-old. Victims are primarily female, with male trafficking victims on the rise.

Human/sex trafficking is not a stand alone epidemic. Trafficking contributes to the drug and illegal gun trade. All of these illegal activities are intertwined, supporting each other by ways of funding and shielding one another from legal repercussions.

Sen. Heitkamp weighed in on the issue by stating human trafficking is "all of our problem, these are our kids." Sen. Heitkamp passionately spoke of the work that is being done to create legislation to prevent human/sex trafficking, including: Abolish Human Trafficking Act, Amber Alert Indian Act, Savanna's Act, Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act and the Safe Harbor bill.

Both Sen. Heitkamp and Prof. Heitkamp agree that prevention is the best way to stop human/sex trafficking, and more resources on many fronts are needed to prevent abuse and trafficking cases as well as providing basic assistance for victims.

"A critical point of prevention," Sen. Hi-"is a etkamp said, person who knows how to treat trauma."

Sen. Heitkamp spoke about the Amber Alert Indian Act and Savanna's Act's importance. Savanna's Act will help "combat the epidemic of murdered and missing Native women and girls,"

website heitkamp.senate. gov. The Amber Alert Indian Act will provide Native American tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants, assisting in the location of missing Native Americans.

"We don't know how many Native Americans are missing or abused," Sen. Heitkamp said.

"Native American experience children more trauma than the American." average

Native American women are murdered at ten times the national average, and 84 percent of the Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime" (heitkamp.senate.gov).

The panel also spoke of child pornography, stating that over half the people who have accessed such materials have contact with the victims of said materials. Discussion included the Communications Decency Act and the fight against BackPages.com Craigslist for child prostitution and trafficking.

"What used to be on the street corner is now at the keyboard," Sen. Heitkamp said.

At the end of the panel, the question put forth by a community member was, "How do we start changing the culture?"

The panel agreed that changes are slow and happen almost one person at a time. However, delivering support behavior and health support in conjunction is key to assisting victims of these crimes. Both Sen. Heitkamp and Prof. Heitkamp stressed that understanding goes a long way. Victims of these horrendous crimes need legislative and communal support. Anyone can make a difference.

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Photo courtesy of Lyft Lyft recently began service in Grand Forks, offering stiff competition

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Despite Uber's overall popularity in the ridesharing industry, students tend to give higher praise to their Grand Forks competitor, Lyft.

to Uber and many local cab companies.

In a Dakota Student article last Wednesday, much of the article focused on Uber's relationship with UND. After reaching out on Facebook as to which platform was better, respondents shifted the spotlight to Lyft. All of those who answered said Lyft was their favorite option.

Natalie Sims, a UND student, has used both Uber and Lyft and said she preferred Lyft from the start because there were more rides available. She did note that Lyft is better at communicating to customers through the app.

"One time, I used the Uber app to set up a pick up, but they said none were available," Sims said. "I didn't think I needed to cancel since there were none available and I never got a notification saying they were coming. But then, 20 minutes later, I got a call from my Uber driver saying they were there."

After some time of learning the two platforms, she concluded that Lyft is more suitable for an immediate need of a ride, while Uber is more appropriate for planning rides later on.

However, waiting to get a ride from Uber has proven to be a gamble for some students.

As mentioned in previous article, Uber's busimodel includes "price surging." This is when Uber's prices increase based on times of high demand for rides.

With this, many students said they prefer Lyft because of the difference in prices. Current UND student Shawn McHale said Lyft has better deals for students.

"For example, two weekends ago from Speedway to The Loft it was \$17 for an Uber," McHale said. "I had an automatic student code applied and my Lyft was \$6."

Besides price surging, another unpopular element of Uber was that of ride cancellations.

UND alumnus Mike Rauser said in a Facebook response that Uber is more reliable with lower prices.

"Uber drivers have a bad habit of cancelling often," Rauser said. "I've had at least three Uber drivers cancel on me five minutes after accepting. Never once been canceled on by a (Lyft) driver."

Rauser isn't alone is his problems with Uber drivers' cancellations. UND student Ashley Boomgaarden said she prefers Lyft because of Lyft's consistency.

"They're usual I use Lyft and I've never had problems with them canceling and they're usually pretty fast getting to you for pick up," Boomgaarden said. "The drivers are also super nice and I don't think I've ever paid more than \$10 for a ride."

She also said she's never had any issues with a Lyftequivalent of price surging.

customer vice advantages of Lyft was also a regular comment, thus living up to their slogan of "It matters how you get there."

For Uber, fighting the quality of the ride Lyft offers is just one of the many issues they have in regards to public relations.

Uber has been plagued with issues dating back to 2014. The most recent bombshell came after it was widely that reported then-CEO Travis Kalanick stepped down last June after repeated claims of sexual harassment in the Uber work culture.

Other company issues include widespread driver misconduct, spying on both competitors as well as Uber drivers themselves, and a recent decision for Uber to compensate their own drivers for underpaying them.

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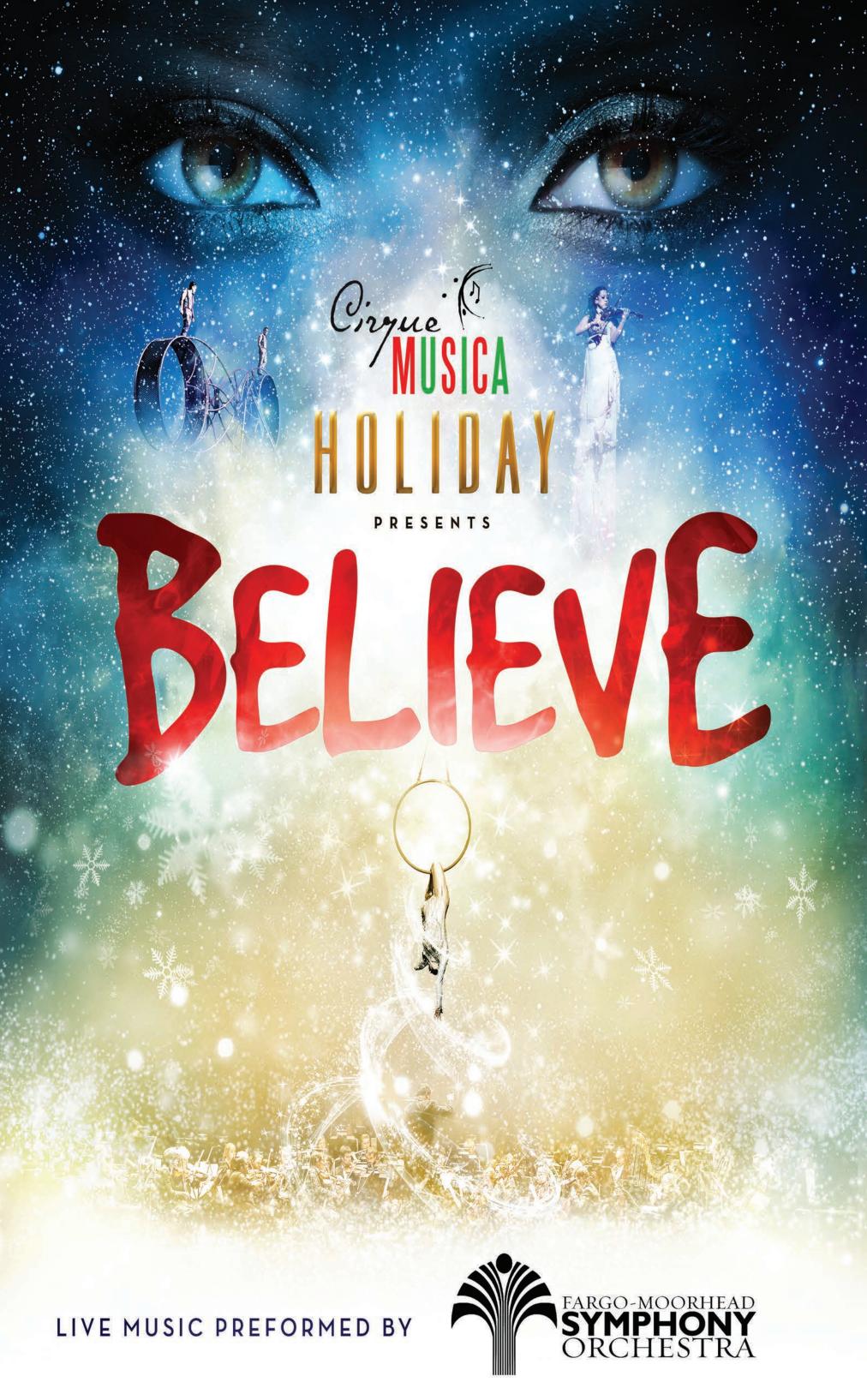
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# Hawks soar

UND soccer ends season with 6-8-2 record after 2 OT draw

**Madison Overby** 

Dakota Student

The University of North Dakota women's soccer team had hopes of qualifying this year for the Big Sky Conference Tournament for the first time in program history. Unfortunately, the soccer team saw their season come to a close on Friday after they tied 0-0 in double overtime at home against Northern Colorado. Because of the tie with Northern Colorado, there was a tie of points with three other teams

in the Big Sky conference to attend the Big Sky Conference Tournament, which North Dakota ended up just Sophomore goalkeeper

barely missing out on. Catherine Klein had 18 saves to keep North Da-

kota alive throughout the game, including a penalty kick save during the first half. With this number, Klein tied the school record for most single-game saves.

The game did not come easily for either team but the Fighting Hawks walked away from the field knowing that they had given it their all and were leaving behind an incredible season.

Friday was also declared senior day, which recognized all the seniors on the soccer team.

"The season has been unreal," Klein said. "The seniors have done so much for this team this program."

It's often hard for athletes to go through a single change in the coaching staff, much less the entire coaching staff. It can't be easy to change up the game after play-

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UND soccer defender Erin Svensson (#19) cheers with her teammates prior to a home match against Idaho State earlier this season.

ing under a certain coach for three or four years at a university.

However, this group of six seniors transitioned smoothly and helped lead the team to one of the program's most successful Division I seasons that they've seen.

The positive transition is made clear by UND's end-of-season record, which was 6-8-2 compared to 2-12-0 last year.

Head coach Chris Logan could not have been more surprised with the way the season turned out for the Fighting Hawks.

"The steps we've taken forward this year ward to the things that they can accomplish in the coming years.

"I'm proud of the heart and the desire that this team has shown," Logan

### "The season has been unreal. The seniors have done so much for this team and this program."

Catherine Klein, Sophomore goalkeeper

have been way beyond our wildest imaginations," Logan said. "We knew we'd have a good group, but this has been spectacular."

Although the seniors moving on will hurt the team a little bit, the team and Logan are already looking

said. "I think we've established the mentality that we are not going to lay down for anyone. But can we grow in terms of confidence with the ball? I think that's really going to be the next step for this group and they're going to be able to do it."

The outcome on Satur-

day wasn't exactly what the team was hoping for but that doesn't affect how they look back on

their successful season. Senior day ended with warm words from Chris Logan on one of the coldest days of this soccer season in Grand Forks.

"It's been so much fun to coach this team," Logan said. "We showed up to play today and so did Northern Colorado. It's kind of a North Dakota Day and there was something that is sort sentimental about that for the seniors on their senior day."

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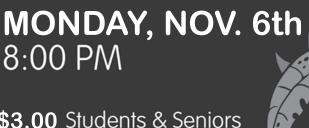
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