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UND opens new passport center

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The University of North Dakota is making international travel easier as a means of promoting studying abroad. As of Aug. 1, UND's International Center became a passport

application acceptance facility. This means students, faculty and staff no longer have to go off-campus to the post office to apply for or renew a passport. A passport is good for 10 years and costs a total of \$135, but students should bring two separate checks. They will pay \$110 directly to the Department

of State, and \$25 in processing fees to UND. Students who wish to renew their passport will only pay a \$80 renewal fee. Katie Davidson is the Director of the UND International Center. "It's really nice to have this facility here," Davidson said. "Students can ask us questions, they can easily renew their passports,

we can help them through the process of getting a new one, and then we also have the opportunity to talk to them on how they are going to use their passport." One of those uses is for international study abroad. Davidson said one of the main objectives

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The UND International Center in the Memorial Union is now processing passport requests by appointment.



Nick Nelson / Dakota Student

As UND soccer players enter the Ralph Engelstad Arena to go to their team locker room, this signage welcomes them to the facility.

The rise of Amway on campus

Diane Newberry
The Dakota Student

"You could tell it was a pyramid scheme the second they started talking," Steven Gabel, a junior at UND, said about the Amway presentation he was invited to by a friend last year.

This is the impression that many students have upon hearing about or attending presentations regarding the direct selling company Amway. In recent years, the company has seemed to make so much headway in the Grand Forks area that one would be loath to find a student that hadn't been invited to a presentation, known a friend who sold for the company, or at least heard of the name.

The nature of the business, in that it depends upon interpersonal relationships and conversations in order to sell products and gain employees, makes it ripe for development on a college campus. It also makes it difficult for students who have never previously heard of

Amway or other direct sales companies to understand what it makes them different from a "typical" job.

People are recruited into Amway by signing up to be a representative under an existing representative, who may be a friend, relative or acquaintance. They then sell Amway products such as vitamins, energy drinks and cleaning supplies to people they know and recruit other people to sell products in order to earn commission not only from their own sales, but also from the sales of those underneath them.

Of the students the Dakota Student spoke to about their experiences with Amway, none of them had been told explicitly that they were being invited to an Amway presentation, simply that they were being presented with an opportunity to earn money. This may be why many feel as though they are being duped by, as Gabel put it, a "pyramid scheme."

It is important to clarify that Amway is not, legally speaking, a pyramid scheme. In fact, it was the legal case Federal Trade Commission (FTC) v. Amway in 1979 that refined the federal government's definition of an illegal pyramid scheme after it was established that pyramid schemes were illegal in a 1975 case against the now-defunct company Koscot Interplanetary Inc.

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of opening the passport center was to boost the

ers” is the fear of an expensive semester, but Davidson said some international options are actually less expensive than

me to the center in town more than once because we didn’t know the hours and it wasn’t convenient,” Brandt said. “A passport

vidson said. “We’re trying to build this culture of curiosity for students. We really want students to take advantage of this. This is the last time a lot of students will really have the freedom to do it.”

International travel through UND ranges from year-long stays to week-long field trips, including COMM 402: Intercultural/International Communication, where students can go to Japan over spring break. All individuals traveling internationally, excluding some trips to Canada or Mexico, are required to carry a passport when crossing an international border.

In order to use the Passport Center, appointments must be made with an adviser in the International Center at Memorial Union 261. Appointments are available

Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. through Starfish or calling the office at 701-777-4231.

“We really encourage everyone who’s going to be making an appointment with us to read thoroughly through the information on the travel.state.gov passport site, because that will tell you exactly what you need to bring.”

Katie Davidson, Director of UND International Center

number of students participating in UND’s program.

“We are really focused on eliminating the barriers, either real or perceived, to students to study abroad,” Davidson said. “So passports are huge, because, obviously, to go international, you need a passport.”

One of those “barri-

a semester in Grand Forks.

One student taking advantage of UND’s study abroad program is UND junior Geneva Brandt, who is currently studying in France. She organized her travels before the International Center opened.

“A passport center would have been great. I had to have a friend drive

center would have sped up my other travels, because I needed a new one to get where I was going.”

Brandt is one of about 150 UND students currently studying abroad, but the efforts from the new passport center could lead to that number rising.

“It’s to give students access to the world,” Da-

ness, it does help. “He didn’t sell things- he only sold Amway at that point” Gabel said about the representative who presided over his Amway presentation.

Although the company is easy to join, it appears to be difficult to maintain, particularly for college students. Doan himself is no long-

grocery store Gabel said.

Gabel’s presentation was given by a man named Billy, who is also directly above Doan in his Amway “upline.”

The Dakota Student was initially invited to an Aug. 29 Amway conference hosted by Billy at the Grand Forks Canad Inn but was later uninvited by an orga-

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In a 1998 FTC report on the topic of pyramid schemes, General Counsel Debra A. Valentine says that “Some schemes may purport to sell a product, but they often simply use the product to hide their pyramid structure. There are two tell-tale signs that a product is simply being used to disguise a pyramid scheme: inventory loading and a lack of retail sales.”

Amway does lack retail sales, but they do not require representatives to buy products before selling them to another party, which would leave the possibility of saddling representatives with stock they simply cannot sell.

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a person who received a full refund for this fee.

“Some people con-

need to recruit others to generate income from a personal Amway busi-

ger qualified as “active” within Amway and “is not reaching out” to people he knows on a regular basis to become recruits or customers.

Doan said that he thinks you could be successful with the company “if you have some time and if you’re really outgoing” and that “the people who are doing really well work about 10-15 hours a week.”

Doan cited the time required to invest into the company as the biggest reason he has not been more successful with it. At the Amway presentation he attended, “they said it was a good part-time job,” and the presenter implied that if he were eventually successful enough with it, he would be able to quit his current job at a local

nizer. Billy could not be reached for comment.

Although it is an old company, Amway has seemed to appear from thin air at UND, becoming relevant on campus through a meteoritic rise of coffeehouse meetings made under false pretenses, abundant energy drink samples and gossip. It is easy to see why it has become popular with people in the college student demographic. It is very social, requiring a vast network of friends and acquaintances. It even provides a community of sorts by itself. His “upline would get together, go out for food and talk about how things were going” Doan said.

Amway is a completely legal company, and it is possible to make

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Investigation into possible Trump-Russia collusion not enough to warrent impeachment



Donald Trump speaking at the 2015 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in National Harbor, Maryland.

Gage Skidmore

Nick Sallen
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One year into the FBI's investigation into President Donald J. Trump's administration alleged collusion with Russia

adviser) setting up a meeting with a Russian prosecutor "who offered to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful." In a subsequent email it was made clear that the in-

sian hackers in search of Hillary Clinton's 30,000 deleted emails during the final months of presidential campaigning. All of the other leads surrounding Trump's ties to Russia are not concrete enough yet, but as the investigation continues, I'm sure more conclusive evidence will

ey, the old FBI director, was fired, The Journal revealed that Sessions had met with Ambassador Sergey Kislyak. Sessions was also adamant in his disapproval of the FBI's ongoing investigation of Trump. So, do we have enough evidence to impeach our president? I don't

grounds for impeachment. Ultimately, Congress will decide if what Trump did meets the constitutional requirements for impeachment. 218 votes are needed in the House of Representatives to move the decision up to the Senate, then 67 votes are needed to impeach.

Contrary to popular belief, an impeachment isn't defined as removing the guilty individual from office. Rather, it is a process in which Congress can level charges against an official of the government, similar to criminal charges in a court of law. Andrew Jackson, Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon are the only

three presidents in American history to have gone through the impeachment process. The GOP is facing a grim reality because Trump is not disciplined enough to keep his mouth shut regarding these investigations, and his advisers are not loyal enough to protect their leader's blunders. The Trump-Russia FBI investigation soap opera continues, and I have my popcorn ready.

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has brought to light a number of suspects, but very little concrete evidence which would warrant an impeachment. I see only two strong instances where Trump's advisers have colluded with Russian officials. The first comes from The New York Times, who revealed a chain of emails involving Donald Trump Jr, Paul Manafort (Trump's campaign manager) and Jared Kushner (Trump's senior

formation would be "part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump." The second incident comes from the Wall Street Journal, which reported that Peter Smith (A GOP operative) contacted Russian hackers and suggested to people that he was working with Michael Flynn, Trump's national security adviser. In the same report, it was made apparent that Smith contacted Rus-

be presented, while some leads will pan out to rumors. Carter Page, who had a failed investment firm in Russia before being recruited to Trump's team of foreign policy advisers, is reported to have been approached by Russian Intelligence officials. Jeff Sessions, Trump's attorney general, is reported to have sworn under oath that he didn't have contact with Russian officials. However, before James Com-

think so. At least not yet. Firstly, Trump hasn't been accused of any crimes. Some members of congress, Democrat and Republican, have made it clear they believe Trump is unfit for office. However, being "unfit for office" is a judgement call, not a standard for impeachment. That being said, it could be argued in court that Trump's firing of Comey is an obstruction of justice, which could definitely be

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Halting the monotony of the usual

Brendan McCabe
The Dakota Student

Day-to-day, I do not remember much about school. I can recall a few formulas, facts and due dates, but there is nothing to really differentiate one period to the next. This monotony is what really wears on me, not the quizzes or homework. Even after a short week and a half of classes, I can feel the dullness sneaking up on me.

“The only true memories I have from the past four years have been outside of class, particularly when I was out in nature with friends and family.”

Brendan McCabe

I cannot remember the specifics of any test I have ever taken, and I challenge any other student to recall the same. I remember some tests being harder than others, certainly, but beyond that they are grey blurs in my memory. Though I have learned much during my time at UND, four years of school is far too long a stretch of time to have

no defining memories. Almost exactly a year ago today, I was sitting with my father in a small cow pasture in southern Minnesota. We were dressed to the nines in full ghillie suits with our backs to a steep, tree filled hill, a sprawling cattle pond surrounded by sharp inclines laid out before us. The day prior, a flock of three Canada geese came to our calls, and I managed to take all three before my father could even crack

fore having a group of 30 geese buzz around our decoys. After circling once they peeled away, despite our furious calling. On the second morning in our cow pasture, I recalled this flock had stayed on the outskirts of our spread the day prior. I had a modified choke in my gun, and figured I would change it out for a longer-range extra full model. Right as I had my choke completely unscrewed, I once again heard that

out a word between us my father and I began to fire. One goose, two goose, three goose. I set down my old Remington and picked up my backup auto. Four goose, five goose. By the time the fray came to a close, our aging yellow lab and spry pointer mix had retrieved 10 Canada geese. My old man had mirrored my volley, getting five of his own. Through some lopsided combination of luck and skill, we reached our daily limit from a single flock. The air quickly filled with congratulations and countless pats on the back were exchanged. I remember the day as vividly and fondly as if it were yesterday. The only true memories I have from the past four years have been outside of class, particularly when I was out in nature with friends and family. Although school is paramount to our futures, I believe we all need to set aside time to create memories worth reminiscing about.

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Sports impacts on childhood



DS File Photo

UND guard Jill Morton drives the ball against Southern Utah last season at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

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There is a recent trend in society where kids are starting sports earlier and earlier. I think this is a necessary thing, but not ideal for the kids. A lot of kids start playing organized sports as early as first grade. There are many pros and cons to this early start. We'll start with the positives. The earlier a child starts to learn a specific set of skills, the better they will be. The older a person gets, the harder it is to learn new things. The saying "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" is quite true here. So it becomes a huge disadvantage to keep kids from participating in sports until they're older. Another positive is that it's a great way to socialize. These kids are just learning how to interact with other kids their age, so this is just one more way to have the kids play together in a constructive way. There are many arguments against starting so

young, though. One argument is that it becomes too big of a time commitment for such a young age. It seems as though kids are missing out on their childhoods now days. For example, for three years in a row I would have to leave my cabin during the Fourth of July to go to a basketball tournament. That was

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Jill Morton

a huge bummer to leave my family to go ball out in a sweaty gym for a week. It's also vital to be dedicated to a specific sport at a young age so that when you're older you can actually be good at it. Most sports nowadays are year-round, no matter when the official season is. Athletes are expected to be practicing dur-

ing the off season, too. For example, I would often have to make tough decisions about which activity to pursue when they overlapped. If I hadn't chosen basketball each time, I probably wouldn't be playing basketball at a college level today. Another reason starting so young is bad would be because there are more injuries

she was told to quit playing or else she could have had serious brain damage. There's also been a shift over the years. These days, kids have to start young. But back in the day, anyone could just start playing whenever they wanted and they could still be good enough. My mom is a great example of this, she didn't start playing competitive sports until she was in high school and she even went on to play on a college team. That would never happen today. If someone only started playing a sport in high school, they would not be competitive enough to play on a college team. All in all, I think it's necessary for kids to start playing sports at a young age so they can then decide if they want to pursue it later. If a kid didn't start a certain sport at the same time as their peers did, it would be very difficult for them to catch up if they started a few years later.

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From the Editor-in-Chief

I recently celebrated an anniversary unlike any other: my discharge from the Marine Corps. I celebrated the day the same way I celebrated it the year before, which is to say I completely forgot about it. The realization that such an important day has gone by twice now without my noticing prompted me to wonder: why don't I give the event more pomp and circumstance? Three years ago – when I was still in the military – all I could dream about was being done with my time. I wanted to start growing my hair out, not shaving for days and heading off on some new adventure without worrying about whether my chain of command had been informed. Since leaving the Marine Corps, I've faced several challenges. But of the obstacles I've encountered, the most difficult was one I never dreamed would actually be an issue: the transition. As my time left in the military grew shorter, I was warned by Marines who had been there, done that: left the service and lived life as a "civilian." Only in this case, they came back. The idea that someone would leave the military only to return was preposterous to me. "People are crazy out there" or "civilians are irritating" were just two of 10,000 comments I heard. But the notion of freedom had infected me; it was all I could think about and all I needed for my life to be perfect. I couldn't be convinced otherwise. Ironically, when it comes time to leave the military, members are required to take transitional courses to prepare them for the "real world." These classes cover a range of things: using your GI Bill, filling out a resume, etc. But unfortunately, these classes don't cover everything. They don't tell you how awkward you'll feel sitting in a hallway outside your first college course, watching kids ten years younger than you walk by and laugh with their friends. They don't tell you about how people will ask you questions like, "you ever kill anyone?" after finding out you served. They certainly don't tell you about how difficult your temper will be to control. After I left the Marines, the slightest annoyance would give me tunnel vision. Sitting in my corner I would focus on that irritation and try to talk myself down. It was far from healthy, and within months of leaving the Marines, I started to wonder if I should go back. I started to think I couldn't hack it on the outside. These things may seem trivial, but I came to fear those sorts of interactions. I would become anxious in social settings and fold, closing myself off. Things

like walking through a crowded Target suddenly became more strenuous than cardiovascular training: my heart rate spiking as I tried to pass someone walking too slow or trying to pick out an item someone was blocking me from. In my experience, veterans seek each other out at times like these. The logic is sound; someone who knows what you experienced is able to understand your frustrations in ways few others can. However, in seeking out other veterans to get me through my college years, I found I only got worse. Surrounding myself with vets only secluded me more. Though I still don't understand why entirely, my best guess argues that surrounding myself with veterans outside of the military took the comradery I felt and replaced it with nostalgia. It's the difference between being in the glory days as opposed to reminiscing about the glory days. There's the issue: I refuse to admit that my glory days are behind me. I'm only 29-years-old; I will not live in the past and define myself by something that, though I'm proud of, I've moved on from. While my time in the Marine Corps is certainly an entertaining chapter in my life, it's not the title of my book. My college experience became more enjoyable when I stopped surrounding myself with veterans. I started an internship with Studio One (a weekly live television show at the University of North Dakota) and started interacting with other students: students that hadn't served in the military. The internship was my last-ditch effort at trying to fit in at UND. I told myself if it didn't work out, I'd start looking at going back to the Marines. Lucky for me, I not only did well during the internship, I rediscovered a passion that had laid dormant inside of me for so many years: journalism. No longer beholden to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, I realized that I had a voice; more than a voice, I had something to say. With that realization, I got to work. Rather than sport the Marine Corps emblem on every t-shirt I own, or regale everyone I meet with stories about my time in, I take the lessons and experiences during my military career and apply them to my future. I take on new challenges and try my best to make this next chapter the best entry in the novel of my life. Because in the end, it's not the t-shirt I care about, it's the story.

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Skate ND / submitted photo (top and bottom)

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In 2012, when then-undergrad Mallory Olson found out that UND didn't have a synchronized skating team, she decided to start her own. Borne from her lifelong passion of figure skating was Team North Dakota, which remains the state's only collegiate synchronized figure skating team. Olson is now the head coach and director of Team North Dakota, as well as a private instructor and group instructor for two other programs. Though Team N.D. came from humble beginnings as a non-competitive club with only eight members, they have now advanced into a competitive collegiate team that travels across the country to compete.

"Originally, I wanted it to be a school organization that existed only to get the word out that we would be competitive in the future," Olson said. "But after realizing that it would be hard to pull figure and synchronized skaters, we decided to open it up to a larger group of people." By allowing not just UND students to join the team, Olson has created the vibrant and diverse group composed of skaters from colleges like Northland Community and Technical College, University of Minnesota - Crookston, North Dakota State University, Concordia University, Minnesota State University - Moorhead. Olson's passion for the sport and her team is motivated by the happiness that Team N.D.

brings to the skaters who, without the organization, would have been far less involved with synchronized skating. "They're great skaters, but if they want to stay in the area, there's nothing really for them to do related to synchronized skating," Olson said. "So, Team N.D. is an outlet for them." Along with allowing skaters to continue their hobby and advance their skills, Olson says that Team N.D. has given the skaters a competitive edge in other aspects of their lives, including their career advancement. "I actually spoke with a past skater this past summer and who got into UND's physician's assistant program," Olson said. "She thought it really benefited her to talk about how she was part of a team

like Team North Dakota." She explained that the work and commitment that skaters put into the team result in progress and, eventually, rewards. Olson believes that this mindset is what trains her skaters to become champions on the rink and off. "We made it to nationals," Olson said. "We put in a lot of work." Tryouts for the 2017-2018 season are on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Olympic Arena in Grand Forks. "You don't necessarily need synchronized skating experience," Olson said. But she advised that applicants should have, at some point, been a figure skater and must be a full-time college student to participate. The tryouts will be an opportunity for applicants to meet Mallory and

the current team members, as well as showcase their individual skills and their ability to work with a synchronized team. "We do drills that have us going down the ice," she said. "We will also connect and do things as a team. Working on team elements is a big part of synchronized skating." Upon making the team, skaters will attend two to three early-morning and late-evening classes. These times were purposely chosen to not conflict with the academic class schedules of the full-time students. Though her team has gone far, she is more than happy because the club still simply exists. "The big reason why I started it was because I didn't have an opportunity to skate in college when I came to UND," she said. "I didn't really want that

for anybody else. So I felt like if there was a way to provide that opportunity to skaters, why not do it?" Since advancing from non-competitive, to open-collegiate in 2014 and eventually collegiate in 2016, Team N.D. has continued to grow and attract skaters who, after starting college, may have otherwise just let their passion slip away. "Figure skating was a huge part of my life and I knew that there have got to be others like that out there," she said. "To have this continuous opportunity for those girls would be awesome." For more information on the tryouts or Team N.D. or visit their website at www.ndsynchro.com.

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A true North Dakota girl

New instructor's love for UND stretches back 31 years

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Angela Cary is one of the newest full-time instructors for the College of Arts and Sciences. She has only been in the position for a week and a half, but her relationship with UND goes back even further. In her own words, "I have a 31-year

right guy. She and her husband have been married for 21 years.

She originally wanted to be a journalist, but that idea suddenly didn't seem so appealing after she got a "D" on her first press release for a journalism class.

"Admittedly, the professor was probably trying to teach us a lesson. But it was a

working on promotions for the major television networks in town.

That lasted until 2010, right in the midst of the Great Recession. Many companies were cutting out their advertising departments, deemed as unnecessary spending.

"About six of us were let go. They did not think we were necessary. It's just what

hate it," Cary said.

Cary returned to the halls of UND in 2013, with the intention of getting a Master's in communications. After a year of classes, she started teaching public speaking as a graduate student. She finished the program in 2016, going on to teach a year as a part-time instructor and advisor. This August, the University offered her a full-time job in the Communications Department. Now her plan is keep on going. She loves every minute of it and wants to spend the rest of her life in North Dakota.

"My husband and I are North Dakotans, through and through. We love it here and are dead-set on staying," Cary said.

In her time as an instructor, she has quite a bit of fun. Her favorite moment during her classes is when one student was giving a speech about superheroes. He spoke passionately, waving his arms around as a way to demonstrate how



Angela Cary / submitted photo

strong these superheroes were. In an attempt to show how strongly they can kick, he accidentally kicked the glass out of the classroom door. It was silent for a minute, then the whole class burst out laughing. Cary called up maintenance, claiming that they had "a little accident." Only now do they know the truth.

One of her traditions in her short time as an instructor is to pass out a chattering teeth toy

to every student at the end of the semester.

"Maybe it will remind you of me, because I talk a lot," Cary said. "But I do get emails from old students who say they still have it...I wasn't sure if I was going to do it this year, but I guess I have to now!"

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Honors Department moves

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The Honors Department is known for its unique approach to education in the classroom. From classes that discuss what it is like to be a new American to what cities will look like in 30 years, the Honors

pared to the format of the previous classroom where couches replaced tables as a way to facilitate open discussion between peers, the new classrooms are filled with tables and chairs that can move around the room, and moveable desk chairs, allowing students to sit in a circle or break

psychology students who are in the Honors program, but the location of the building makes getting to class on time difficult for many students. I asked Amanda Boyd, the director of the Honors program, why the building was moved from Robertson Sayer to Columbia Hall.

"The Honors build-

a student from Drammen, Norway, decided to attend school here at UND after studying with the American College of Norway, a college UND partners with. When Johansen came to UND, he took some honors classes while majoring in accounting.

"One of my favorite parts about the honors

The Honors program is not an elitist program for brilliant students. The Honor program believes that everyone has knowledge to contribute to the world and desires to know who the students in the program are. By seeking diversity and a non-traditional approach to learning, this program aims to produce critical thinkers who are always asking why and how things happen. How does Honors appear to a freshman? For Brelynn, a pre-med/biology major, she has spent a week in the honors classrooms.

"The classes have been filled with discussion and I have learned so much from my peers and the faculty," Johansen said. "We have a service learning component in my class where we are involved in tutoring new Americans. The relationship with the honors

the first week so far."

The program places an emphasis on service learning, or learning by serving the community. Freshmen in the 101 and 102 classes can be found volunteering their time in English Language Learning (ELL) classrooms tutoring new Americans. This builds a deeper understanding on what it may be like to be a new American living in Grand Forks.

Students are also encouraged to volunteer with organizations such as the Circle of Friends Humane society, the Global Friends Coalition, ONE, the North Dakota Museum of Art, and the Honors Service Learning Group (H-SLuG). Taking the knowledge that one has been given and passing it along through acts of service is another key component to the honors program.

The Honors program is a unique learning experience that has opened the minds of many students and has contributed to their education in ways that some would not think was possible. The Honors program is open to all UND students who are interested in joining the program or taking a few classes. All classes count towards essential studies.

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"Even though we have moved, students are still able to find us."

Emily Hill, instructor and PhD student

Department encourages its students to expand their knowledge by learning from others and the world around them. Emily Hill, one of the instructors in the department and a Ph.D student here at UND, gave me a tour of the new Honors home in the lower level of Columbia hall. While walking through the new entry, there are spaces for students to study individually and in groups. Moveable whiteboards are scattered throughout the room allowing students to block off corners for privacy.

"I'm amazed at how many students are already using this space for studying, even though our space is unfinished," Hill said.

As we wandered into the classroom, she described how the new classrooms differed from the old ones. Com-

off into smaller pods.

Moving back into the main area, Emily and I sat down to discuss how this change has affected the students in the program.

"Even though we have moved, students are still able to find us," Hill said. "However, it is dif-

ing was old and historic and had a rich history," Boyd said. "My office in the old building was once a bathroom when Robertson-Sayer was a dormitory. Unfortunately, it was on the University's list of buildings to be demolished this upcoming fall."

"The Honors program is not an elitist program for brilliant students. The Honor program believes that everyone has knowledge to contribute to the world and desires to know who the students in the program are. By seeking diversity and a non-traditional approach to learning, this program aims to produce critical thinkers who are always asking why and how things happen."

Emily Hill, instructor and PhD student

difficult for students who are on the opposite ends of the campus to make it to class on time."

Emily proceeded to say that having the psychology department in the same building has made it easier on the

Diversity within the program adds to its uniqueness. There are many students from different countries taking classes and immersing themselves within the honors community. Atle Alexander Johansen,

and we learn from each other as we go. The offices of the professors are always open and I feel like you can talk to them about anything. This is something that I appreciate and feel that students appreciate."

faculty has been amazing. It has only been a few days, but I have already learned so much from them. I have heard about the senior thesis, and that freaks me out a little bit, but aside from that, I have loved

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Join the club!

Lacrosse looking for new members

Nick Erickson
Dakota Student

Do you consider yourself a fan of UND sports? Many avid UND sports fans think that once our collegiate sports end they have to wait until next season. But there is more action to be had. UND also hosts a variety of club sports teams, such as club lacrosse. The club lacrosse team is composed of new and returning players. Some kids have never even picked up a lacrosse

stick and they are trying it out for the first time, making it one of their first new experiences outside of their comfort zone here at UND. Zach Petron is the senior president of the lacrosse team and he has been a part of the UND lacrosse team for the past three years. He played for the University of Minnesota-Duluth, who also play in the MCLA, for one year before transferring to UND to continue his education as well as his lacrosse career. "Anyone is welcome

to come play for the UND lacrosse team," Petron said. "We welcome all talents no matter if someone has been playing for their entire life, or just wants to pick up a stick and see what the game is all about." The club had their first informational meeting for the fall portion of the season August 28 at the Memorial Union. "We had a really good turnout and I was excited to see the numbers of guys that are interested in playing," Petron said. "Numbers have been a

huge factor of UND's success in the past few years. Last year was a lower than normal number of players that were able to compete for the team." Player dues and time commitments seem to be two of the main reasons that turn people away from joining and sticking with the team throughout the year. Petron has high hopes for their new recruits for the year. "It seemed like we had a lot of highly interested guys come to the meeting and I think that a large portion of them will

stick around," Petron said. "We have some really sweet apparel that we're getting with our player dues this year, and solid fundraising opportunities to make our player dues as low as possible. We want to see everyone get as much enjoyment out of this experience as possible." The team traveled to five different cities last year. They took their talents to Aberdeen, Brookings, Northfield, Menomonie, and Madison, Wis. They have high hopes of being able to

go to even more tournaments on the weekends this upcoming year. Petron reiterated that the traveling weekends are one of the main reasons that most players love to play for this club. Traveling and spending time with friends make playing a sport and putting time and effort into it all worth it in the end.

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Bright Horizons for UND Women's Soccer

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The University of North Dakota women's soccer team is four games into the regular season and have already tied their amount of wins for the entire 2016 season. They are currently sitting at .500 with two wins and two losses. The season started off strong with back-to-back wins in Fargo against NDSU (1-0) and here at home against Western Illinois (4-0). The last time UND beat NDSU in soccer was four years ago during the 2013 season. The soccer team's recent successes and projected future success could be

largely attributed to the new coaching staff of 2017. After winning only nine games during a four year coaching stint at UND, the previous head coach of women's soccer, Matt Kellogg, did not have his contract renewed following the 2016 season. Instead, the University found Chris Logan, who was coming off a successful year as head coach at the University of Northern Iowa in 2016. With Logan's leadership, UNI achieved the program's best record in 13 years. Logan was also an NAIA All-American goalkeeper at Notre Dame College in Ohio, from 2002-2006. When the position at

UND became available, Logan decided to apply because he had been a fan of UND athletics for quite some time and his family frequently attended hockey games at Ralph Engelstad Arena. Some of the soccer team was able to give their input on the hiring process. The team and administration ended up coming to the decision that Logan's ideas were exactly what they needed to lift themselves out of the rut and get the team back on track. Logan is joined by associate head coach Chris Citowicki, part-time goalkeeper coach Danielle Mendez and volunteer coach Damian Macias.

The entire staff came on-board ready to make the adjustments that the program was looking for. When Logan came in, the lack of competitive success was only one of the things

starting point to allowing the program to progress and become more competitive," Logan said. "We want our athletes to love the game of soccer. I believe that when you are pas-

is able to believe in themselves, they find success. Across the board, from players to coaches, it is easy to see that Logan is bringing about a new outlook to UND women's

"We want our athletes to love the game of soccer. I believe that when you are passionate about something it brings out the best in you."

Chris Logan, head coach of women's soccer

he wanted to focus on. "(Coming in) we knew things had to change," sophomore forward Karleen Yapello said. The new coaching staff went to work right away implementing a strong, positive mindset on and off the field. The biggest change to the team has been attitude, which is making a huge difference. They are happy to be at practice, have better chemistry and better expectations. "Making sure the environment is one that allows people to flourish is a good

sionate about something it brings out the best in you." The impact of the environment shift was evident when the soccer team won their first two spring games 5-0 following the coaching change. Yapello and Riley Koberinski, junior forward, believe there is much more to come from the soccer team this year and in the future. The main goal of the team now comes down to two key words: belief and passion. Yapello, Koberinski and Logan all spoke about how when the team

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Tearing down the legacy

The Ralph removes women's hockey pictures



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Using frames that once contained women's hockey jerseys, a display for the UND soccer program is now in place on the ice level of the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Kyle Kinnamon
Dakota Student

The University of North Dakota is a staple in the hockey community, recognized for producing high-class hockey players into the National Hockey League and the Olympics. So, when the news came out about the cutting of women's hockey at UND, there was a shock around the community as a whole.

Whether it was from NHL players, or from fans of hockey as a whole, there was the same astonishment for everyone including former WCHA opponents such as Minnesota State Mankato senior women's hockey player, Lindsey Coleman. "I feel like there is a different feeling amongst playing in the WCHA since the cut because it is not feel like a complete league without North Dakota," Coleman said. "UND has always had such a great program with great players and great facilities. It's a different feeling know we will not be making the trip out to Grand Forks

this year. It was sad, disappointing, and shocking to see UND cut the women's hockey team."

This has been a recurring reaction amongst people in the hockey community.

A question thought by many, especially in the WCHA, after a prominent hockey school like UND cut their women's hockey team, was, are other women's hockey programs going to be cut in the future?

The hope amongst many is this will not continue to happen, but recognizes the possibility due to financial issues within a university. Charly Dahlquist, former Fighting Hawk, recently moved to Ohio State and her teammate Lauren Boyle realized this harsh truth and financial strains of some teams across college hockey.

"The cutting of the UND Women's Hockey team opens a window of opportunity for other programs to find their way out of our league," Boyle said. "I don't believe that everyone is just going to jump right to cutting their women's hockey teams, but I

do think that if money is an issue within a university's athletic department, that women's hockey is an expensive sport that may be a simple solution to financial strain. This is an unfortunate reality to our sport, and I hope that people don't use this as an excuse to cut more programs in our league."

Since the cut to women's hockey, there have been many changes to their old home. The Ralph Engelstad Arena. The main change being, UND Women's Soccer is now using the locker room that once belonged to the women's hockey team. This change has sparked some different opinions amongst athletes at UND.

The Ralph is known for hockey. To put a non-hockey team, that has not had the best winning record in recent years, immediately in the old women's locker room was not taken well by some.

Once again, timing was not on the side of UND. To fill a locker room months after the cut of a major sport, was seen a poor

move by UND. If UND had waited until the following year, when all the dust had settled with budget cuts, it's possible that people may have had a more understanding reaction.

Other changes to The Ralph included the removal of women's hockey pictures leading up to the locker room. These have been replaced with women's soccer pictures due to The Ralph being their new home.

"I think the removal of the photos by the locker room is disrespectful and almost degrading to the hockey program," Dahlquist said. "Yes, I do understand that a new team is in the Ralph now, and that is the main focus, but that did not mean you needed to act like the women's hockey team never existed at UND. Our program was a top 10 ranked team every year, and the university got rid of any trace of us the week after we got cut."

When asked about the new locker room and the controversy that has followed, UND women's

soccer sophomore Karleen Yapello had a lot to say.

"We felt we needed an upgrade," Yapello said. "We couldn't hang out in the locker room. 6 of us girls had to share a locker in our previous locker room. As for the controversy, we were in an uncomfortable situation. It is not like we could say no to a locker room, but some of us were definitely friends with the hockey girls, so we saw their point of view. Them taking down the girl's hockey photos was really uncomfortable for us, and to see our photos go up was uncomfortable too. We're obviously happy with the new locker room, but the situation was uncomfortable as a whole, and unfortunate the way it happened."

Even though there have been changes to The Ralph. The Women's Hockey team is not forgotten. A shrine commemorating the former program has been created on the main concourse to commemorate 14 years of North Dakota Hockey tradition. Former UND Women's

Hockey, and new Minnesota State Mankato player Rebekah Kolsstad shared her thoughts about the new shrine of women's hockey now displayed on the main concourse of the Ralph.

"The concourse of the Ralph has always been covered with photos and history being made of the Men's team, which is awesome to see," Kolsstad said. "With that being said, I believe that the shrine on the concourse given to the women's team after the cutting of the program should have been there long before our program was through."

While the moves made in the past year at UND, when it comes to women's hockey, have not been what many wanted. The legacy of the program will always live on at UND, and the memories made in the 14-year history will be forever remembered at the Ralph.

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