The first months in any new community are a time of making connections. Building connections takes a lot of time and energy. It takes 40-60 hours with someone to develop a casual friendship, and 80-100 hours to develop a deeper one. It’s perfectly normal to still be establishing relationships. It took months for everyone here to find the places and people where they felt belonging.

If you’re not happy with how that part of your NDSU experience is developing, it’s time to try some new strategies. Find and join a new organization, apply for an on-campus job, or simply ask someone in class what they’re up to this weekend and make a plan to meet up. Chances are they are looking for connection just like you are.

You belong here and we’re glad you are here!

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