

# RHA Today

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# APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE



It's amazing! It's April! We are coming up on the end of another great year. Whether you are just looking for a summer job, getting ready for an internship, or graduating and planning to start your career, it is important to take the time to finish strong this semester. Also, remember to register for your classes next semester on Campus Connection, so you can get ready for the next leg of the race.

While we may only have a little over a month left of classes, there are a lot of points still to be had in most classes. Remember to keep finishing homework, reading textbooks, and studying for tests/quizzes because you don't want to let all of your hard work go to waste. If you are struggling in any area, make sure to check out ACE Tutoring or check out professor's office hours. There are a lot of people who want to help you succeed in your classes; make sure to utilize them. With the nice weather, it might be getting hard to stay inside and work on school. So, consider bringing your work with you as there are many great places on campus to read or work on homework while enjoying some fresh air at the same time!

#### **Reminders on Upcoming Dates**

- April 5th: OTMs (Of The Months) Due
- April 10th-12th: Diversity Conference (free to students)
- April 10th-14th: NDSUnique (look for posters going up in your halls)
- April 22nd: Watermelon Days (lawn between Pavek and Volleyball Courts)
- April 29th: High Rise Hangout (South of and Between Pavek and Thompson from 4:30 pm-8:30 pm)
- April 30th: Destination Relation at the MLLC
  - -There will be therapy dogs, painting mugs, yoga, and much fun to be had

# HALL HIGHLIGHTS

## WEIBLE HALL

# **Taco Fest**

Weible hall held Taco Fest on Tuesday March 28th from 5-8pm. Taco Fest was open to everyone and held in Weible's main lounge. Everyone in Hall Government wore Taco Fest t-shirts that were designed by one of our own hall government members. We also gave out taco fest sunglasses to winners of the minute-to-win-it games. We had a larger turnout than expected and had such a great crowd that we ran out of food! Even after the tacos were gone people still came and enjoyed our minute-to-win-it games, photo booth and magnet craft station.





## **UPCOMING RHA EVENT**

What makes you unique? Take a photo and share the things that make you unique and use the #NDSUnique to share with others! Check out the event on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to find out more. The event will be taking place from April 10th-14th.



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

#### Be A Good WiFi Citizen

What does it mean to be a good Wiff, citizen? It may not be obvious at first, but what you do when you're in your residence hall, classroom or walking around campus can affect Wiff, performance for those around you. Cooperation and good etiquette are necessary for everyone to get the connection they need. That is what being a good Wiff, citizen is all about.

Because Wife, networks use a range of radio frequencies that are unregulated and available for public many electronic devices and appliances can cause interference and degrade the performance of Wife

- Refrain from using personal Wife routers or hotspots. Personal wireless routers or rogue access
  points negatively impact the campus Wife environment. They also pose a security risk and are in
  violation of acceptable use policy. If you have a situation that you believe requires a personal access
  point, please contact the IT Help Desk at 701-231-8685 or ndsu.helpdesk@ndsu.edu.
- Avoid using wireless printers in wireless mode. Most wireless printers can also be used with a
  wired connection to your computer. By using this connection, you can reduce interference.
- Beware of unexpected WiFi interferences. WiFi signals can be negatively affected by a surprising number of regular items found in your room or suite. Microwave ovens, cordless phones, wireless audio speakers, wireless clocks, projectors, cameras and gaming console controllers use the same spectrum as the campus WiFi network and can cause the network signal to deteriorate.

More wireless tips are available on the NDSU ITS website: www.ndsu.edu/its/wireless-tips.

Device	Impact	Range	Suggested Solution
Microwave Ovens	Very Severe	Short	Keep microwaves away from computers.
Wireless Routers	Severe	Very Long	Refrain from using your own router.
Wireless Cameras & Projectors	Severe	Very Long	Disable wireless. Use wired devices/connections.
Apple Time Capsules (Use only for data backup)	Severe	Very Long	Disable wireless, connect via Ethernet cable.
Wireless Media Players (Apple TV, Roku, Chromecast, etc.)	Severe	Long	Disable device's wireless, connect via cables.
Wireless Printers	Severe	Medium	Disable wireless. Connect directly via USB cable.
Wireless Speakers	Severe	Medium	Use wired speakers.
Wireless Gaming Controllers	Severe	Short	Keep devices powered off when not in use.
Bluetooth Devices	Medium	Short	Keep devices powered off when not in use.
Certain Computer Displays	Medium	Short	Power off monitor when not in use.

NDSU INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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## **BOOKSTORE**

NDSU BOOKSTORE



**April Events & Sales** 

- April 5th & 6th: Grad Fair
- April 10<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>: Canvas & More Sale
- April 26th 28th: Sidewalk Sale

At the end of each term, The NDSU Bookstore gives students the chance to sell their books back for cash. When a student comes to the bookstore to sell back books, the value of a given textbook is determined by which of two categories it falls into,

Retail or Wholesale. Retail means the book is going to be used for the next semester (we receive this information from your instructors). Books falling into this category give the  $\,$ students the most money back. All other books fall into the category of wholesale, for which the prices are always less, based on national demand.

## CAMPUS POLICE: BIKING SAFETY

The University Police and Safety Office encourages responsible, safe cycling as an efficient and healthy transportation option for students, staff and faculty.

#### "Same Rights, Same Responsibilities"

As a general rule, cyclists must:

- Drive their bike as close as practicable to the right side of the roadway (exceptions include the left-side bike lanes on North University Drive and 10th Street North). This is one of the most routinely violated traffic ordinances by cyclists.
- · Obey stop signs, traffic signals and other traffic control devices. These violations are common contributing factors in motor vehicle vs bike collisions, and remember the car always wins!
- · Signal turns with arm signals, when doing so will not cause loss of control.
- · Yield to pedestrians on sidewalks, crosswalks and shared-use pathways.
- · Give an audible signal to runners, walkers and other cyclists before passing from behind.
- · Use a white headlight and at minimum a red rear reflector during hours of darkness. Blinking red taillights are encouraged for increased rear visibility, in addition to a red rear reflector.

#### Principles of Responsible, Safe Cycling

- 1. Be alert
- 2. Be Visible
- 3. Be predictable
- 4. Follow the Rules of the Road
- 5. Use appropriate safety equipment, like helmets, lights and bright colored/reflective clothing

#### **Campus Considerations**

Cyclists may lawfully operate their bikes on campus sidewalks, but there are times when high pedestrian traffic demands that cyclists remain on the roadways – it's simply common courtesy and reduces safety conflicts between bikes and pedestrians. Another option is dismounting and walking your bike, especially in congested areas. City of Fargo bicycle ordinances remain in effect on campus roadways, just like other city streets.

#### **Prevent Bike Theft and Park Responsibly**

Properly locked bicycles are less likely to be stolen. Secure your bike to a designated bicycle rack, using a sturdy steel cable or chain, and a "U-bolt" lock. Locking a bike to trees, light poles, fences, handrails, etc., violates University policy and will result in impoundment. Bikes parked in a manner that creates a life-safety hazard, such as blocking an entrance/exit to facilities, or those deemed to be abandoned, will also be subject to impoundment. Register your bicycle with the City of Fargo's "My Property" program, a free resource to help police and citizens recover lost or stolen property:

https://myproperty.cityoffargo.com/

#### For more bicycle safety information, visit:

www.bikefm.org

http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policesafety/sop/BicycleSafety.pdf https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policesafety/sop/BikeSafetyBrochure.pdf https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsqTdru5BCI





### CAMPUS POLICE: SKATEBOARDING TIPS

- Skateboard. Different boards do different things. If you're mountain-boarding, you'll want a big board with knobby tires. In the park, you'll want something considerably smaller. Make sure you have the right board for your activity and that all of its parts are in working order. Check your board for cracks, sharp edges, damaged wheels, and loose parts before you skate.
- ♦ Helmet. Get a helmet that is specifically meant for skateboarding, not some other activity. Look for a sticker inside the helmet saying it meets the ASTM F1492 skateboard helmet standard. All helmets should have a strong strap and buckle, and the strap should be securely fastened and snug any time you ride.
- ♦ Shoes. Skateboarding is tough on shoes, feet, and ankles. Always wear closed shoes (not sandals). Spend a little extra money and get a good pair of shoes made with leather or suede. Be sure the soles are made of grippy gum rubber, not regular shoe rubber, and that the shoes fit properly.
- ♦ Pads and wrist guards. Knee and elbow pads and wrist guards are recommended for riders of all levels. These should have a hard plastic shield and should not hinder your movements. Make sure any pads you wear are snug without constricting your circulation.
- Other Gear. Hip pads, skateboard gloves, and padded jackets and shorts are all available and offer added protection. Mouthguards are good protection against broken teeth and other mouth injuries.

# **ONE STOP**

#### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Monday, April 3 Summer/Fall registration begins online. Registration Appointment times are set in

Campus Connection and are based on student's total number of credits

completed. Students with more earned credits will register earlier than students with fewer earned credits. Check out additional registration information including how to use

the new Schedule Planner tool here: <a href="https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/registration/">https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/registration/</a>

Friday, April 7 Last day to drop a Regular Session course with a W

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Friday, April 14 Holiday-Spring Recess. No Classes, Offices Closed

Saturday, April 15 Late fees assessed to unpaid balances as of 11:59pm

Monday, April 17 Holiday-Spring Recess. No Classes, Offices Open

Tuesday, April 18 Spring Commencement Participation deadline

May 1-5 Dead Week

May 8-12 Finals Week

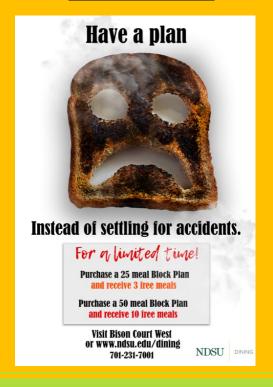
For more information and a complete list of dates, please visit: https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/dates/

## NDSU DINING





## **Block Plan Specials**



## **RES LIFE CINEMA**

So far, we have watched 22,475 movies between August 1st and March 22nd! Our goal is to watch 25,000 by July, so continue to check out some great movies during the last couple of months of school!

The link to watch movies is here: http://www.reslifemovies.ndsu.edu/



# COME VISIT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Our office is located in Seim Hall (just dial the office number on the phone in the doorway to get in). We would be happy to answer your questions about student leadership opportunities. Additional information can be found at <a href="https://www.ndsu.edu/reslife/rha/">https://www.ndsu.edu/reslife/rha/</a> We can also be reached at <a href="mailto:ndsu.rha@ndsu.edu">ndsu.rha@ndsu.edu</a>







President Office Hours:

Monday 4:00-5:00 pm Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm Friday 4:00-5:00 pm Vice President/NCC Office Hours: Tuesday 12:00-2:00 pm Tuesday 3:00-4:00 pm Administrative Director Office Hours: Monday 5:00-6:00 pm Friday 9:00-10:00 am Friday 1:00-2:00 pm







Public Relations Director Office Hours: Tuesday 11:00 am-12:00 pm

> Thursday 11:00 am-12:00 pm Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Programming Chair Office Hours:

Wednesday 3:00-4:00 pm
Friday 10:00-11:00 am
Friday 3:00-4:00 pm

NRHH President/Liaison Office Hours: Monday 10:30 am-12:00 pm Wednesday 10:30 am-12:00 pm



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