April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!
See inside for more information about various
campaigns, definitions and statistics
regarding sexual assault.

Meet, Eat, & Learn
Wednesday, April 1, 12:00pm -1:00pm
UND International Centre

Join us as we discuss the changing landscape
of trauma interviewing with speaker
Lt. Don Rasmuson, UPD.

The most updated way of trauma interviewing gathers
more information about the experience, enhances the
survivor’s ability to recall, reduces the potential for
false information, and allows the survivor to recount the
encounter in the manner in which the
trauma was experienced.

"The more folks that are exposed to this the
better we can respond to the victims."
- Lt. Don Rasmuson

Everyone Welcome, Free Lunch!

Stop by the
Women’s Center
Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm

Or visit our website at:
www.und.edu/student-life/womens-center

Or email us at:
und.womenscenter@und.edu
Kay Mendick, Director
Patty McIntyre, Program Associate

Important Dates:
Asian History Month Roundtable
April 9, 2015, 12p-1pm
Badlands Room
Sex Boot Camp
April 9, 2015, Noon
Union Ballroom
It’s On Us Campaign
April 13-17, 2015
"WACIPI Timeout April 17-19"

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Have You Taken the Pledge?
This pledge is a personal commitment to help keep women and men safe from sexual assault. It is a promise not to be a bystander to the problem, but to be a part of the solution.

The IT’S ON US pledge:

- To RECOGNIZE that non-consensual sex is sexual assault.
- To IDENTIFY situations in which sexual assault may occur.
- To INTERVENE in situations where consent has not or cannot be given.
- To CREATE an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported.

Stop by the Memorial Union the week of April 13-17th to take the pledge. Be on the look out for other activities throughout the week.

UND Indian Association presents

Time Out Week Wacipi
April 17-19th, Hyslop Sports Center
http://und.edu/undia
For event details

Sex Ed Boot Camp:
Protect Your Privates
April 9, 2015 @ 12pm
Memorial Union Ballroom
Sex Ed Boot Camp offers a fun, inclusive environment to learn about staying healthy and safe.
Free Food
The Realities of Sexual Assault on Campus

Campus safety concerns all students, and one of the most disquieting dangers young adults must face is the risk of sexual assault. The White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault released their first report in April 2014, leading with a chilling statistic: one in five college students experiences sexual assault during their college career. The ACLU estimates that 95% of U.S. campus rapes go unreported. The problem of under-reporting reflects an extreme need for increased campus prevention and support systems.

What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is an umbrella term used to describe a wide range of forced and unwanted sexual activity, including kissing, exhibitionism, groping, and rape. Victims might be coerced into sexual acts through verbal or non-verbal threats or through the use of substances, such as alcohol or drugs. Sexual assault doesn’t always involve physical contacts such as voyeurism and exhibitionism can still count as unwanted sexual attention.

Many victims know their assailant or rapist. Approximately two out of three sexual assaults are committed by an attacker that the victim knows, according to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN). About 38% of rape incidents are committed by a friend or acquaintance of the victim.

Men can also be victims, with about 10% of sexual assault incidents involving attacks against males, according to statistics provided by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. The support organization, Male Survivor, describes how male victims face different types of stigma involving stereotypes of machismo, toughness, and a lack of vulnerability. These societal misconceptions can prevent men from reporting unwanted sexual activity.

*Total percentages exceed 100 because some victims had multiple assailants.

**Intimate partners include current and former spouses, opposite-sex and same-sex cohabiting partners, boyfriends/girlfriends, and dates

Source: http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/preventing-sexual-assault/
Women Writers

With the UND Writers Conference recently past, the Women’s Center thought it would be appropriate to celebrate some women writers who have passed through UND’s doors over the years attending the conference!

Marilynne Robinson
Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, 2005
(2004 UND Writers Conference)

Alice Walker
Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, 1983
(1975 UND Writers Conference)

Carol Shields
Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, 1995(1991 UND Writers Conference)

Gwendolyn Brooks
Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, 1950
(1973 UND Writers Conference)

Do You Need Help?

If you have experienced violence, a sexual assault, or harassment of any kind, there are a number of places that can help.

University Police: 701-777-3491
UND Women’s Center: 701-777-4300
Dean of Students: 701-777-2664
UND Counseling Center: 701-777-2127
Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action: 701-777-4171
Logan Kassa, CVIC/UND Campus Advocate: 701-777-6550
The Trevor Project (crisis and suicide for LGBTQ youth): 1-866-4-TREVOR

Community Violence Intervention Center: 701-746-0405
Grand Forks Police Department: 701-787-8000
Altru Emergency Room: 701-780-5280
Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

The University of North Dakota Alumni Association & Foundation raises and manages funds that support programs and educational opportunities for UND’s students, such as the Women’s Center. To support the Women’s Center, go to www.undalumni.org and designate your donation to “Women's Center” in the comments.

Where to Find Us:

UND Women’s Center
305 Hamline Street
Grand Forks, ND 58203