ALCOHOL AND UND

The University of North Dakota is committed to maintaining an academic and social environment conducive to the intellectual and personal development of students. It is also committed to the safety and welfare of all members of the University community, including a healthy learning environment and respect for the law. This aspiration is threatened by illegal and high-risk drinking. Although the University’s alcohol policy is clearly stated in the Code of Student Life, there may be need for further clarification. As President of the University of North Dakota, I have the following expectations.

EXPECTATIONS

Students
The University of North Dakota is concerned about the academic success of students and the safety of all members of the campus community. We affirm that we will adhere to federal, state, and local laws and by University policies and regulations as outlined in Section 2 in the Code of Student Life with respect to alcohol. The consumption of alcohol by underage students and the abuse and misuse of alcohol and related high-risk behavior will not be tolerated.

Athletics
Because of the visibility and status held as role models, student athletes are charged to set the example of responsible and respectful behavior. Athletic program personnel are expected to include discussions of alcohol abuse, prevention and underage drinking among athletes as a part of their training. In order to maintain active status as student athletes, adherence to federal, state, and local laws and the policies and regulation of the Code of Student Life is expected.

Student Organizations
The University encourages all student organizations, including fraternities and sororities, to be alcohol-free. Organizations are expected to conform to the standards outlined in the Code of Student Life. Violation of these standards will be addressed in accordance with the Code of Student Life.

Residence Halls
Alcohol is not allowed in any of the University’s Residence Halls. Policies are outlined in the Residence Hall Planner Handbook.

University Apartments
It is an expectation in apartment living that residents and their guests who choose to consume alcohol do so legally and responsibly.
Faculty and Staff
The University recognizes that alcohol consumption is a serious problem among young adults. Many come to the University unaware of the effects of alcohol on their health, well-being, and academic performance. It is, therefore, University policy that education concerning alcohol issues be made part of the University’s Wellness Program and, as such, be integrated into the University’s wellness curriculum. In addition, the University will rely on such programs as the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (A.D.A.P.T.) and the UND Substance Abuse Prevention Program to increase awareness of issues related to substance abuse. The University will strive to maintain standard assessments and indicators of problem drinking and other related research on campus. The University will continue to offer special training for Housing personnel on how to intervene effectively with students and community members. The University is asking the Academic Affairs division to structure class programs on Fridays in such a way as to discourage binge drinking on Thursday and Friday evenings. The University has an obligation to educate students about potentially life-threatening consequences of acute alcohol intoxication (alcohol poisoning). The University calls on student leaders, faculty, and staff to serve as role models to promote the message of abstinence by those who are underage and low-risk alcohol use by those who are legal drinking age.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

The University has a responsibility to help students whenever UND personnel believe the student is in need of assistance. This responsibility extends to “notification of parents” which is permitted under 1998 Amendments to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Therefore, parental notification may occur at the University of North Dakota after the second offense or after any serious offense where alcohol is involved, e.g. assault, DUI, destruction of property, etc.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

The University has a commission on student use of alcohol that advises the administration and the campus community on alcohol policies. The University, along with the Office of University Relations, is charged to develop marketing, communications, advertising, and educational campaigns design to promote the responsible use of alcohol.

The University calls upon beverage dealers and bars to employ rigorous polices designed to prevent underage drinking and to prevent patrons from becoming intoxicated, which involves refusing service to intoxicated patrons. We ask such businesses to refrain from advertising and targeting the university-age population, and promoting “all you can drink” specials.

Robert O. Kelley, President