MNSure targets young people

To stay viable, the health care exchange needs young, healthy people to buy plans.

BY ALEXA BILDEAUL Senior Staff Writer

Minnesota’s well-oiled health insurance exchange in targeting young, healthy users. In fact, based on early numbers, Minnesota is among the leaders in attracting young adults to health care marketplaces across the nation.

“The idea of health insurance is likely to be something very new and unknown to young adults who aren’t going to have that much familiarity with making these types of choices,” said Jennifer Brill, an assistant professor with a focus on health communication at the University of Minnesota.

She said marketing to younger demographics is necessary to make them understand the importance of being insured. It is necessary to make them understand the importance of making these types of decisions.

“The health care law has taken effect, University students without employee benefits are facing several new options for coverage. They can stay on their parents’ insurance until they’re 26, but by University’s health plan coverage through MNSure.”

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Many students notice a difference and want to plan for their exchange.

STUDENT ISSUES

U rates low in Minnesota

Despite a statewide increase in student loan defaults, the University’s rate stayed low.

BY KYLE STOWE Staff Writer

University of Minnesota students default on their federal student loans at a rate lower than students at other higher education institutions in the state, according to a recent study.

Average three-year default rates on federal student loans taken out in Minnesota increased from 11 percent between 2007 and 2010 to 11 percent between 2009 and 2012. But for loans taken out by University students, that rate was only 7.4 percent, according to a report released Oct. 1 by the U.S. Department of Education.

The report looked at how many borrowers were in default by the end of each calendar year, or if they had 90 or more days of past-due payments on their loans. It also noted that federal student loans were due to begin repaying federal student loans during their grace period of six months after they graduated or dropped below half-time enrollment status.

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Economics senior Hannah Wolf said finding a place to nurse her 11-month-old on campus is “harder than it should be.”

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President Eric Kaler still has “a long road to Michigan” ahead of him.

FOOTBALL

The road to Michigan

The Minnesota Daily made the trek from Minneapolis to Ann Arbor, Mich., last weekend for the University’s contest with the Michigan Wolverines.

“Michigan is a rival because they’re one of the most storied college football stadiums in the Midwest.”

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The University of Minnesota football game against the Michigan Wolverines against the University of Michigan. Along the way, the Daily stopped at some of the most storied college football stadiums in the Midwest.

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A student’s phone was stolen as she posed for a photo for her college.