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UND to hold flood preparedness forums Tuesday, Wednesday

The University of North Dakota and the City of Grand Forks are basically in good shape as the Red River Valley braces for flooding. Despite the protections in place, the challenges facing Fargo and the memories of 1997 have some persons concerned.

The University will hold three forums to discuss UND's flood preparedness efforts. All members of the UND community are encouraged to attend one of the sessions:

- * Tuesday, March 24: 2 p.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl
- * Wednesday, March 25: 9 a.m., Clifford Hall Room 210
- * Wednesday, March 25: 2 p.m., Gamble Hall Room 1

UND Facilities and Safety Office representatives will discuss the flood protections currently in place for Grand Forks and specifically for UND. They will also discuss scenarios and their possible effects on UND operations, and they will provide information on personal flood preparedness.

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President Kelley issues statement on students helping sandbag in Fargo

I am gratified -- and not at all surprised -- that our students are eager to volunteer to assist our neighbors in Fargo in their flood preparation efforts. Such concern for others is a hallmark of the University of North Dakota community.

Grand Forks and the UND campus are expected to be able to function effectively and safely as we look ahead. We can help to make a difference in protecting Fargo.

Student volunteer efforts are being coordinated by the Student Government Association, working with the authorities in Fargo. Students wishing to volunteer need to go to the Office of Student Government in the Memorial Union to sign in and to sign a release form. Student Government is coordinating transportation to Fargo.

Students wishing to volunteer should contact faculty members in advance if classes would be missed. Faculty members are encouraged to be supportive of students' volunteer efforts. Verification of volunteer work will be available from the Student Government Association. -- President Robert Kelley.

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UND, city protective measures in place to guard against flood-related concerns

The University of North Dakota and the City of Grand Forks are basically in good shape as the Red River Valley braces for flooding.

As the snow continues to melt and the water starts to flow, it brings back memories of 1997, when flood water inundated the cities of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks from several directions, forcing the University to end its spring semester early and temporarily close. At the time, several UND buildings took on water and electricity was cut in the city, including on campus. This was a very trying time for all involved.

However, since then, UND and the city of Grand Forks have taken many corrective measures to prevent future flood-related concerns on the UND campus and elsewhere. There is always the threat of flood. Even with the advances in forecasting, it is impossible to tell what the weather will do. Another possibility is the loss of utilities, which could impact the University's ability to conduct business as usual and potentially could even require the University to send students away.

Some of the measures taken by UND include:

- * Pumps are being prepared.
- * Sewer gates are being made ready and operational.
- * Shut-off valves are identified and University staff members are preparing to take action.
- * A campus flood protection plan has been updated and has been distributed to appropriate areas
- * Extra pumps, hoses, boots, gloves and other necessities are in place.
- * Sand and bags are ready for distribution.
- * Emergency generators are on standby.
- * The English Coulee is being monitored 24 hours a day to assess the water level.
- * Building sump pumps are being monitored daily.
- * The steam tunnel connections to all of our buildings have been sealed to prevent water coming into the buildings.
- * Night staff members are watching for any indication of water in buildings.
- * UND's Fargo Medical School building is protected to 45 feet by a concrete flood wall. The building itself stands at an elevation of 41 feet. It also has sewer-gate valves, which can be closed.

The city of Grand Forks has also have taken protective measures, including:

- * A diversion levee was built around Grand Forks to prevent overland flooding from the west by moving water north of the city and then east to the Red River.

- * The city relocated its water treatment plant from downtown to the Industrial Park, west of Interstate 29.
- * Lift stations were upgraded with new pumps, reducing the risk of sewer backup which caused many of the problems in 1997.
- * City storm sewers also were upgraded with sluice (slide) gates, which can be closed to prevent overload.
- * The flood wall and dikes around the city provide protection up to 60 feet. The 1997 flood crested at 54 feet in Grand Forks-East Grand Forks.
- * The English Coulee, which runs through the heart of the UND campus, has also had a gate installed where it flows to the Red River to prevent water backup.
- * There also are pumps to control the water level of the English Coulee.

All of these measures are precautionary at this time. Even with this protection, the University remains on guard and prepared for whatever the weather has in store.

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Supervisors, instructors encouraged to be understanding

We know that faculty, staff and students may have homes and families affected by flooding conditions outside of Grand Forks. We encourage all supervisors and instructors to be understanding if an individual's situation requires that person's attention to be directed elsewhere. -- Robert Boyd, vice president for student and outreach services, and Paul LeBel, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

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Rising floodwaters force closure of Point Bridge

The cities of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks decided jointly to close the Point Bridge to traffic Tuesday, March 24, at 9 a.m. Rapidly rising waters of the Red River and the threat of snow in the weather forecast prompted the decision to do the work early.

"Safety is the main reason we came to this decision," said East Grand Forks Mayor Lynn Stauss. "We want to make sure we're well ahead of the floodwaters that we know are heading our way."

"Anytime you close a bridge between two communities, you need to make sure it's a coordinated effort," said Grand Forks Mayor Michael R. Brown. "We have a good working relationship with East Grand Forks, and it didn't take us long to decide the best thing to do for all concerned."

The Point Bridge will remain closed until the floodwaters recede.

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Note flood-related employee absence policy

The University of North Dakota continues to monitor flood conditions affecting the Greater Grand Forks area and to evaluate the potential that conditions would affect the normal operation of the University. At this time, the University will remain open with the expectation that full services will be provided to the campus community.

Within that context, if employees are willing and able to volunteer to assist in dealing with the flood situation, UND encourages such efforts. Similarly, employees who need to deal with a flood situation that affects them should take whatever action is necessary.

In both instances, absences must be coordinated with the employee's supervisor. Supervisors are expected to be as flexible as possible but will evaluate each situation and decide whether to approve time off or adjustment to work schedule. When an employee's absence is authorized by the supervisor, the employee will not be required to take annual leave. This policy will be effective from 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, until further notice.

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UND awarded \$100,000 grant for OLLI

The University of North Dakota has been awarded \$100,000 by the Bernard Osher Foundation to continue funding for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). The Institute was established by UND in 2007 to create an open, accessible and innovative learning community for mature individuals in North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

The Benard Osher Foundation was founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a respected community leader in San Francisco. The philanthropic organization improves the quality of life for

mature residents through post-secondary student scholarships, as well as art, cultural and educational grants. At present, the Foundation is supporting 123 Osher Institutes on university and college campuses in 49 states.

"This is really great news and ensures another year of this great program," said Robert Boyd, vice president for student and outreach services.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is the only OLLI in North Dakota. OLLI fosters accessible lifelong learning and personal growth for learners aged 50 and better by creating intellectually stimulating learning opportunities that will enrich their lives. Members are encouraged to participate in non-credit courses that are offered face-to-face at regular intervals during the year. Classes are taught by active or retired professors and professionals from UND or experts from the local community. Since the launch of the Institute in April 2007, OLLI@UND has a membership exceeding 300.

"I made new friends, learned things that really stretched my mind, and created a hunger for more," said Penny Olson, an OLLI member in Grand Forks. "OLLI is something that is making my life fun and exciting!"

For more information about OLLI@UND, visit the Web at: www.lli.und.edu or contact Connie Hodgson, OLLI program coordinator, at 777-4840.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Donations sought for children's art programs

The North Dakota Museum of Art continues to collect donated costume and other jewelry and accessories for their May 4 annual Antique to Chic jewelry sale and raffle. Proceeds for the sale help children's art programs which include summer camps, weekend workshops and family events. Sales make it possible to hire professional artists to work with youth, to offer scholarships to children, and to help with supplies. Please deliver the items to the Museum or call to arrange for your donation to be picked up.

Be sure to join us for this fun afternoon event. Some of the raffle prizes are made by artists in the community and tickets will be for sale shortly. The event is free to the public and will include refreshments and music.

-- Sue Fink, Director of Education, North Dakota Museum of Art, sfink@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Culinary Corner lists March 30 to April 4 events

Here is what's happening in Culinary Corner to April 4.

Nutrition Trivia: (See how many you can answer without looking!)

This week we have a vegetable theme to go with the fruit and vegetable of the month. Answers are at the bottom.

1. What widely-popular vegetable was thought to be poisonous until the middle of the 19th century?
2. What modern leafy vegetable was used as a spoon by the Greeks?
3. What vegetable used to be placed in a vase as a table centerpiece?

Start Right Breakfast

Wednesday, April 1, 7:15 a.m.

Who said Wheaties is the only breakfast of champions? Come join us bright and early in the Culinary Corner and start your day off right! Learn healthy breakfast options that are easy, delicious, and made for champions. Breakfast will be offered every Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:15 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

Fruit and Vegetable of the Month

Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m.

Almost everyone needs to eat more fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables are essential to promoting good health, assisting with weight loss, and protecting from chronic

disease. The monthly class series will focus on a fruit and a vegetable each month. Participants will learn about how to select, store, and prepare each item. Class cost is \$5 and limited to seven participants.

To register: www.wellness.und.edu, click on nutrition and Culinary Corner.

**Please pre-register by noon the day before each class. Class cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance for full refund option.

For questions please contact Karina Wittmann, coordinator of nutrition services at karinawittmann@mail.und.edu or 777-0769.

Trivia Answers:

1. Tomato
2. Romaine lettuce
3. Celery

-- Karina Wittmann, Coordinator of Nutrition Services, Wellness Center, karinawittmann@mail.und.edu, 701 777 0769

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Friday's American Indian Health Research Conference is cancelled

The seventh annual American Indian Health Research Conference scheduled for Friday, March 27, at the Memorial Union has been cancelled due to the inclement weather situation and poor travel conditions around the region. Those registered for the conference will be refunded their registration fee. Please contact Karen Speaker at 777-0817 with any questions.

-- Tara Mertz, Communications Specialist, Center for Rural Health, taramertz@medicine.nodak.edu, 7773720

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Healthy UND 2020 is April 8

President Robert Kelley and Vice President for Student and Outreach Services Robert Boyd invite UND administrators, faculty, staff, students, and community members to explore the links between health and wellness and academic success and retention with Jim Grizzell, Wednesday, April 8.

Choose any one of the following sessions:

- * College of Nursing, Room 102, 10 to 11:15 a.m.*
- * School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Reed Keller Auditorium, noon to 1 p.m. A light lunch will be provided in conjunction with the Dean's Hour Lecture.
- * Gamble Hall, Room 3, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.*

*These two sessions will include a one-hour presentation, followed by a 15-minute question and answer period.

Grizzell's visit will initiate Healthy UND 2020, a series of campus discussions on how UND can work collaboratively to foster a campus community that supports student success. His presentations will explore strategies to:

- reduce impediments to academic performance
- promote health and wellness through an integrated, systems-wide approach
- employ evidence-based and best practices in disease prevention and health promotion programs

Grizzell has over 27 years experience in developing, implementing and evaluating worksite and university wellness programs. He has worked with health promotion initiatives for the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D.C., Chevron Oil Company, and Johnson & Johnson. He is an adjunct faculty for George Washington University's School of Public Health and Health Services, teaching courses in healthy policy, social marketing and exercise science. His college health experience includes over 12 years directing the health promotion programs and currently teaches online academic courses for Cal Poly Pomona. He consults on developing evidence-based programs to improve health and enhance academic performance.

His visit is sponsored by the office of the president, vice president for student and outreach services, Wellness Center, Student Health Services, University Counseling Center, Healthy UND and School of Medicine and Health Sciences. For more information, contact Susan Splichal at ssplichal@medicine.nodak.edu or 777-3274.

-- Laurie Betting, assistant vice president for health and wellness; Jane Croeker, student health promotion advisor; and Susan Splichal, Healthy UND 2020 coordinator.

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Multicultural Student Services hosts presentations, movie

Multicultural Student Services will host two presentations and a movie this week: At 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Godfrey Mnubi, UND graduate student will present "The Bill Clinton Foundations." At 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, the movie: "Iron Jawed Angel" will be shown directed by Katja Von Garnier. Thursday, March 26, at 6 p.m., "Exploring Obama's Inauguration 2009" will be presented by Michael Crenshaw. These will all be held at the Era Bell Thompson Multicultural Center, 2800 University Ave. For more information, contact Linda Skarsten at 777-4259.

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Enrollment Services spring open house is Saturday, April 25

The Office of Enrollment Services will host an open house for prospective UND students Saturday, April 25. Departments have been invited to participate, and we're anticipating a good group of incoming students and their families. We appreciate the involvement of all those who partner with us in these events. Check-in begins for families and students at 8:45 a.m. in the Chester Fritz Auditorium, and events conclude at 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Sue Sholes at suzannesholes@mail.und.edu or 777-4463.

-- Kenton Pauls, Director, Enrollment Services, kentonpauls@mail.und.edu, 701.777.4463

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Dean's Lecture presents research of Julia Xiaojun Zhao

The Graduate School is pleased to present the research of Julia Xiaojun Zhao, assistant professor of chemistry, at noon Thursday, March 26, in the East Asian Room, Chester Fritz Library, as part of the 2009 Dean's Lecture Series. Her topic is "Fabrication of Nanoparticles for Biomedical Applications and Energy Conversion." Dr. Zhao will discuss her ongoing research on the synthesis and characterization of silica-based nanoparticles and their potential for biomedical applications. For more information, please see the Graduate School's Web site. The lectures are free and open to the public.

-- Susan Caraher, Marketing & External Relations Specialist, The Graduate School, susancaraher@mail.und.edu, 7-2524

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NDSU history professor to speak Thursday

John Cox, chair of the NDSU Department of History, will present some of his recent research at a talk sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Department of History at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in 280 Gamble Hall. His talk, "Socialism, Serbofilia, Sex, and Suicide: The Mad World of Slovene Literature and Politics Around 1900," will explore the changing landscape of Slovene politics and culture in the twilight years of the Habsburg Empire. He will focus on the ideas of Ivan Cankar (1876-1918). Cankar was a highly regarded and prolific prose writer whose quests for esthetic authenticity and for Slovene political rights led him to embrace socialist, pro-Balkan political views that complicate today's dominant narrative of the Slovene "national awakening." Cox will also read selected (potentially amusing!) passages from his newly-released translation of Cankar's novel "Martin Kacur: Biography of an Idealist" (Central European University Press, 2009), which treats the moral decline and catastrophic fall of a progressive schoolteacher in the Slovene countryside about 1900.

-- William Caraher, Assistant Professor, History, william.caraher@und.edu, 7-6379

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Free Mini Mobile Health Fair offered

Getting regular check ups, preventive screening tests and immunizations are among the most important things you can do for yourself. They can help ensure that common, serious diseases and conditions are detected and treated. At the health fair we offer a lipid panel reading, along with a one-on-one consultation with a nursing student from the College of Nursing. They will be able to give you general health tips and educational materials.*

The Health Fair includes:

- . Height and weight
- . BMI
- . Blood pressure
- . Total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose
- . Consultation

Fasting is required for the lab work to be accurate (at least eight hours); this also includes alcohol. There will be free breakfast after your screening is completed. Do not stop taking your medication.

Spring Mini Mobile Health Fair Dates are:

- * March 26, 7 a.m., Wilkerson Hall - JW Wilkerson Room
- * April 2, 7 a.m., Aviation - Clifford Hall
- * April 9, 7 a.m., EERC Stevens Conference Room (sign up is required at www.workwell.und.edu)
- * April 16, 7 a.m., Airport Administration five-story building, third floor, instructor lounge

For more information, visit workwell@mail.und.edu or 777-0210.

*The information provided by Work Well and the nursing students does not take into account your own individual circumstances. We hope that you will find the information helpful, but it does not replace your primary health care provider. If you have concerns or worries, you should refer to your primary health care provider.

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Powerful Women International CEO speaks March 26

Valeri Bocage will speak at the River Valley Room at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, on "Living the Dream" for part of the Phenomenal Woman Week as part of the activities. She is CEO of Powerful Women International. Friday is the Phenomenal Woman Awards reception held at the International Center starting at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome and everything is free. Contact Linda Skarsten at 777-4259 for more information.

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Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics seminar is Friday

Pablo E. Castillo, associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, will present a seminar titled "New Tricks at Old Structures: Novel Forms of Plasticity in Hippocampus" at 2 p.m. Friday, March 27, in Room 3933, School of Medicine.

This seminar is sponsored by the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence Pathophysiological Signaling in Neurodegenerative Disorders and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics. All are welcome to attend.

-- Deb Kroese, Administrative Officer, Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics, dkroese@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-6221

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Anders Carlson to give next LEEPS Lecture

Anders Carlson will give the next installment of the LEEPS lecture series Friday, March 27. Two presentations are planned. Dr. Carlson will speak on "Rapid Holocene Deglaciation of the Laurentide Ice Sheet: An Analogue to Our Future" at noon in 100 Leonard Hall. At 3 p.m., also in Leonard 100, he will speak on "Laurentide Ice Sheet Runoff and Deglacial Climate Change." Dr. Carlson is assistant professor in the Department of Geology and Geophysics and Center for Climatic Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Department of Geology and Geological Engineering Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science (LEEPS) lecture series brings nationally and internationally-known scientists and others to UND to give talks on cutting edge science and engineering issues. Lectures cover a wide range of topics, including academic science, applied engineering, and environmental issues of current significance. All are welcome to attend.

-- Carissa Green, Administrative Secretary, Geology & Geological Engineering, carissagreen@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-2248

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Chemical engineer to present third annual SUNRISE lecture

Kimberly Ogden, professor of chemical and environmental engineering at the University of Arizona, will discuss "Biofuel Production in Arid Climates, Is it Feasible?" at the third annual SUNRISE lecture at noon Friday, March 27, in 138 Abbott Hall..

Growth of non-food feed stock crops in arid regions has unique challenges. Although double cropping is feasible, extreme heat and lack of water bring an array of issues requiring research. Many plants including guayule, sweet sorghum, buffalo gourd, algae, and lesquerella are adjusted to the climate and therefore are potential feedstocks to produce biofuels and biooils. The advantages and disadvantages of these feedstocks will be presented. Algae also shows great promise for the future, however, low reactor productivity and dewatering limit the economic feasibility. Preliminary experimental results using sweet sorghum and algae for the production of biofuels will be presented and methods for overcoming the current challenges discussed.

Dr. Ogden's research interests lie in the areas of bioremediation and biotechnology, with an emphasis on transport and fermentation processes. In particular, she investigates the effects of heavy metals on biodegradation and develops treatment strategies to remediate wastes (solid and liquid) containing mixtures of organics and heavy metals. She is the education thrust leader for the NSF/SRC Engineering Research Center for Environmentally Benign Semiconductor Manufacturing. Dr. Ogden is a member of the board of directors and a founding member of the Society of Biological Engineers.

The SUNRISE Annual Lecture is sponsored by the Department of Energy EPSCoR Infrastructure Improvement Program.

-- Wayne Seames, Director, SUNRISE, wayneseames@mail.und.edu, 7-2958

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Fire Hall Theatre presents evening of bluegrass, folk music

Join the Fire Hall Theatre and the North River Ramblers for a great evening of bluegrass and folk music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Fire Hall Theatre, downtown Grand Forks. James Feist, Twiddlin' Josh Driscoll, Montana Kris and Xavier Pastrano combine their talent and 10 plus years experience each to create a unique old-timey bluegrass sound.

Tickets are \$10 at the door, with proceeds benefiting the artist and the theatre. This is an all-ages show, with wine/beer available for those over 21.

More information: <http://www.ggfct.org>.

-- B. Klipfel, Executive Director, Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre, info@ggfct.org, 701-746-0847

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Bookstore will be closed March 27-April 6

To facilitate the transition from Barnes & Noble to Follett Higher Education Group, the Barnes & Noble Bookstore will close at 6 p.m. Friday, March 27. The Bookstore will remain closed until 8 a.m. April 6.

If students, staff, or faculty members have an immediate need for something from the bookstore during this time, please contact Derek Schuckman, store director, at dschuckman@fhcg.follett.com or call the Bookstore at 1-866-791-4888. The administration thanks you for your patience during this time of transition.

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Culinary Corner offers cheesecake class

The Culinary Corner will offer a cheesecake class at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28. The cost is \$15 per person.

The decadence of cheesecake! Cheesecake doesn't have to be all difficult or unhealthy! Learn some easy and delicious cheesecake recipes sure to please while still staying somewhat health conscious. In this hands-on class, participants will assist in cheesecake creation, enjoy sampling in class, and take home some of their creations! Recipes will include both no-bake and baked cheesecakes of various types and flavors!

To register: www.wellness.und.edu- click on Nutrition and Culinary Corner.

-- Karina Wittmann, Coordinator of Nutrition Services, Wellness Center, karinawittmann@mail.und.edu, 701-777-0769

Myra Museum to host talk on Indians of Northern Red River Valley

The Indians of the northern Red River Valley will be the subject of free lecture Sunday, March 29, sponsored by the Grand Forks County Historical Society.

The speaker will be David Vorland, secretary of the Society. He retired in 2005 after more than 30 years at UND, including stints as an instructor of journalism, director of University Relations, and executive assistant to the President. The illustrated talk begins at 2 p.m. in the Myra Museum on Belmont Road.

Vorland said the Society seeks partners to create a new major exhibit on Indian heritage.

"As with most county museums, we have focused mostly on the period of agricultural and urban settlement," he said. "We also need to tell the story of the earlier history of the junction of the Red and Red Lake Rivers. For thousands of years, this place has been an important landmark and trading center."

A prehistoric Indian presence has even been discovered on the Myra Museum grounds, he said. A recent archeological dig recovered 294 artifacts documenting a hunting camp that existed in 500 A.D.

Vorland's talk will cover the Indian presence from prehistoric times to the beginning of homesteading. Current research, he said, is altering some long-held assumptions.

For example, the evidence no longer supports previous notions about the ferocity of the fighting in northern Minnesota between the Chippewa and the Sioux. Skirmishes occurred, but the tribes also were trading partners. It was not until the adoption of the horse in the mid-1700s that the conflict became deadly in what is now North Dakota.

Eventually the Chippewa dominated the northern part of the Valley, the Sioux the southern part. At first, the Chippewa enjoyed relative prosperity by collaborating with the Pembina traders. But the end of the fur business in the late 1840s, followed by the disappearance of the buffalo, was disastrous for them.

In 1863, the Pembina and Red Lake bands signed a treaty transferring seven million acres of land to the federal government. When the flood of white settlers arrived a few years later, the Chippewa were gone from the Valley.

Crimson Creek announces final auditions for musicals *Bat Boy* and *HAIR*

Crimson Creek will hold a final audition for the summer musicals "*Bat Boy*" and "*HAIR*" from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Auditions are open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to audition. Crimson Creek is a pre-professional, nonequity performance opportunity for local performers and artists.

Those auditioning should arrive and turn in an audition form by 7 p.m. Dress comfortably. Make sure that you have appropriate attire for the dance auditions, including appropriate shoes.

Preparation includes 16 bars of either contemporary musical theatre, or a 60s pop song; a one minute monologue should also be prepared. There will be a dance call (though prior dance experience is not required), and an accompanist will be present to play.

Complete audition information, including show information, can be found at <http://www.ggfct.org/crimson>.

-- Benjamin Klipfel, Producer, *Crimson Creek Players*, ben@benklipfel.net, 701-777-4075

University Within the University (U2) lists new classes

University Within the University (U2) lists the following new classes.

Freedom From Smoking

March 30, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Memorial Union, President's Room

It's time to quit! This class is one session per week for seven weeks. You may also be able to get smoking cessation products at a discount. There is no cost; you can use sick time to attend during the work day. You can find more information at <http://www.tobaccofree.und.edu/>. Benefited employees register through U2. Non-benefited employees can register directly with Theresa Knox at Grand Forks Public Health. Call 787-8140 or TKnox@grandforksgov.com

Presenter: Theresa Knox.

Basic International Student Requirements for Faculty and Staff

March 31, 10 to 11 a.m., International Centre

Government regulations for international students create unique challenges for students to be able to pursue their degrees in the United States. Faculty and staff who advise international students must be aware of the extra expectations that are placed on these students and what that may mean for arrival on campus, selecting courses, program duration, financial support and post-graduation planning. This workshop provides an overview of the basic requirements governing most international students' ability to pursue their studies in the United States, from admission to graduation. Topics addressed include visa application, enrollment requirements, international student employment and social security, program completion requirements. Presenters: Anne Ekkaia and Shannon Jolly.

Defensive Driving

April 1, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator

This workshop is required by state fleet for all UND employees who drive state vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a state vehicle. Employees are encouraged to bring a family member (spouse and/or dependents). This workshop may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record.

Presenter: Eric Pearson.

-- Patricia Young, U2 Coordinator, Continuing Education, patriciayoung@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-0720

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Global Visions film series continues

The Global Visions Film Series continues its sixth year at UND this spring, further exploring the themes of human rights, human dignity, and cultural variation. The Global Vision Film Series (GVFS) is a forum that promotes diversity in North Dakota through screening award-winning national and international films. The GVFS is sponsored by the students of the Anthropology Club in the Department of Anthropology, and is partially funded by the Multicultural Awareness Committee. Their goal is to provide the University and the Grand Forks community with the opportunity to experience films of exceptional quality from around the world, providing a broader understanding of and appreciation for the breadth, variety, and commonality of the human family. Many faculty across disciplines assign GV films as extra credit assignments for students.

Seven foreign films will be screened this spring. All films begin at 7 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays until May 5. The following films are upcoming:

- "City of Men" 2007 (Brazil), March 31
- "The Kite Runner" 2007 (Afghanistan), April 14
- "Times of Harvey Milk" 2008 (USA), April 21
- "Matt Sienkiewicz – Live From Bethlehem" 2008 (Israel documentary), May 5

Film Synopsis/Review By Stephen Holden

The most disquieting moment in "City of Men," a rootin'-tootin' gangster movie shot in the notoriously lawless shantytowns overlooking the beaches of Rio de Janeiro, is also the most subdued. Acerola, aka Ace (Douglas Silva), an 18-year-old still carrying baby fat, admits that he is frightened and unprepared to care for his infant son as his wife, Cris (Camila Monteiro), leaves to find work in São Paulo. Although Ace loves his little boy, he is only a child in a man's body himself, and he begs her not to go. For him to assume full parental responsibility is almost unimaginable.

In "City of Men," directed by Paulo Morelli, Ace's reluctance is more the rule than the exception. In the strutting, drug- and gun-infested culture of the favelas, young men who sire children aren't expected to acknowledge them, and their tough, sullen wives and girlfriends have little choice but to tolerate the situation or leave. That's just the way it is in a

hyper-macho environment with virulent homophobia.

Underneath their swagger, these teenage gangsters brood about the absence of their own fathers. Ace's best friend, Laranjinha, aka Wallace (Darlan Cunha), who is days short of turning 18, is especially obsessed with his own paternity. As he approaches the numerical demarcation between child and adult, when he will need an identification card stating his last name, he embarks on a concerted search for his father based on neighborhood rumor.

Mr. Morelli's film is a companion piece (not strictly a sequel) to "City of God," the 2002 global hit directed by his longtime collaborator Fernando Meirelles that featured some of the same actors, including Mr. Silva and Mr. Cunha playing 11-year-olds. The new movie, written by Elena Soárez, is spun off from a successful Brazilian television series of the same title that was shown on the Sundance Channel and is available on DVD. (Mr. Meirelles was a creator of the television series and is a producer of the new film.)

That the sins of the fathers are passed on to the sons is the somewhat thudding message of a movie that hammers home its point by having Ace and Wallace reach an impasse in their friendship that parallels the relationship of their fathers two decades earlier. In a society of fatherless boys craving role models, glamorous outlaws fill the void.

"City of Men" is rated R (under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian). It has strong language and scenes of violence, but is not gory.

-- Marcia Mikulak, Assistant Professor, Anthropology, marcia.mikulak@und.nodak.edu, 777-4718

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Weird Tricks in Culinary Corner

Culinary Corner offers a class on weird tricks at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. The cost is \$15 per person. You can bake with that?!

Looking for some interesting ways to cut corners on recipes and keep them healthy? Come to this edition of Sweet Treats to learn some crazy tricks that sound impossible, but aren't! This hands-on class allows participants to assist in baking, sample some of these seemingly crazy dessert ideas, and take some home to enjoy later! Recipes to be included in this class won't be revealed until class begins!

To register: www.wellness.und.edu- click on Nutrition and Culinary Corner

-- Karina Wittmann, Coordinator of Nutrition Services, Wellness Center, karinawittmann@mail.und.edu, 701-777-0769

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Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn is April 1

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Please join us when Kristi Wavra Stallmo shares her story about when she was involved in the case with a former coach/teacher in Grand Forks. She will speak from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be provided by the Women's Center.

-- Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center, undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 777-4302

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University Senate meets April 2; agenda listed

The University Senate will meet Thursday, April 2, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall.

AGENDA

1. Announcements:
 - a. State Organization of Staff Senates – Janice Hoffarth
 - b. University Council Membership Task Force – Jon Jackson

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and business arising from the minutes

3. Question period

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Annual report of the Senate Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct Committee, Bradley Myers, chair

BUSINESS CALENDAR:

5. Senate committee elections, Jan Goodwin, chair, Senate Committee on Committees

6. Report from the Curriculum Committee, Charles Robertson, chair, Senate Curriculum Committee

7. Proposed change to the Code of Student Life, Jeffrey Powell and Brady Pelton, Student Policy Committee

-- *Lori Hofland, Administrative Assistant, Registrars Office, lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3892*

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Marinus Otte presents ESSP spring colloquium

Marinus Otte, professor of biological sciences at North Dakota State University in Fargo, will present "Multi-Element Fingerprinting for Environmental Assessment of Wetlands" at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in Room 210, Clifford Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Otte received his M.S. and Ph.D. from the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, in ecology and ecotoxicology of plants. His research is focused on multi-element analysis of environmental matrices to investigate processes at the micro (e.g. rhizosphere) and macros-scales (eg. watersheds).

The presentation is part of the Earth System Science and Policy spring 2009 colloquium series. For more information contact Michael Hill at 777-6071, or hillmj@aero.und.edu

-- *Kathy Ebertowski, Admin. Secretary, Center for People & the Environment, ebertowski@aero.und.edu, 701-777-2490*

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Astronomy talk, telescope observing session is April 7

The Physics Department will celebrate the International Year of Astronomy 2009 by holding an astronomy and astrophysics public talk and telescope observing session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in 116 Witmer Hall. The talk, "Exploring the Night Sky: An Amateur Astronomer's Perspective" will be presented by Bryon Grove (anatomy and cell biology). Following the talk, attendees will be given the opportunity to observe the night sky through a telescope (weather permitting).

-- *Dr. Wayne Barkhouse, Assistant Professor, Physics, wayne.barkhouse@und.nodak.edu, 777-3520*

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April 9 On Teaching Seminar focuses on student writing

Many instructors are familiar with the difficulties student writers encounter in their courses. Understandably, students often feel the need to master content and have not yet learned the ability to communicate their ideas strategically. Teachers end up feeling frustrated with the need to focus on basic skills that they think students ought to already have learned (usually, it is assumed, in Comp. 101).

Taking as its premise that academic writing always occurs in conversation, the composition program has implemented "They Say, I Say," by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein into its classes. This book introduces students to essential rhetorical moves that they can use across the disciplines. The book synopsis says it all: "At a time when so many lament the decline of writing skills among Americans, "They Say, I Say" teaches the core moves of effective argumentative writing suggesting that there are certain moves that experienced writers use instinctively, and that the moves can be learned." As students become familiar with these moves, they also become aware of how their voices might enter important academic conversations.

So if you have been frustrated with your students writing and thinking skills, come join Lori Robison (English) and Shane Winterhalter (Writing Center) who will lead the next On Teaching seminar, "Practical Strategies for Improving Student Writing at UND," from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the Red River Valley Room, Memorial Union. The discussion will offer both food for thought and a pragmatic approach to talking with your students effectively about their writing. We invite you to this session as a way of thinking about how the work that the composition program is doing with this text could be reinforced in writing classes across the curriculum, and could therefore ultimately lead to better student writing at UND.

The series is co-sponsored by the Office of Instructional Development and Writing Across the Curriculum. To register and reserve your lunch, call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or e-mail jana_hollands@und.edu by noon Tuesday, April 7.

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 777-4233

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NDPERS presents pre-retirement education program

NDPERS will present an all day Pre-Retirement Education Program Thursday, May 7, in Fargo for those employees who have NDPERS as their retirement. The cost for the day is \$20, registration must be received at NDPERS by April 1. Please contact the Payroll Office for a registration form.

The Payroll Office will also sponsor a series of pre-retirement seminars later in April, which will include presenters from TIAA-CREF, NDPERS and Social Security.

-- Katie Douthit, Retirement Specialist, Payroll, katie.douthit@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2157

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Applications now accepted for Teaching with Technology faculty seminar/workshop

The Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies, in collaboration with the Office of Instructional Development will host the fourth annual Teaching with Technology seminar/workshop. This six-day event is designed for faculty interested in using technology to enhance traditional classroom teaching. The seminar will be held May 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, and 27 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Registration is limited to 10 faculty and a \$500 stipend is offered. The deadline to submit applications is Wednesday, April 1. For more details and application information, please visit our Web site at <http://www.und.edu/dept/cilt/workshops/twt.html>.

-- Diane Lundeen, Instructional Technology Coordinator, Center for Instructional & Learning Technologies, dianelundeen@mail.und.edu, 777-2129

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EERC's Biomass '09 workshop coming to Alerus Center July 14-15

The Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) announces that the Biomass '09: Power, Fuels, and Chemicals Workshop will be held at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks July 14-15.

The Biomass '09 Workshop, the seventh of its kind, offers an intense two-day technical program focused on the opportunities for the utilization of biomass (i.e., plant matter such as straw, corn, and wood residue) for power, transportation fuels, and chemicals. An expanded exhibit show at the Alerus Center will accompany the workshop sessions.

The workshop is geared toward industry, research entities, government, community and economic development corporations, financial institutions, and landowners. Topics include trends and opportunities in utilizing biomass: renewable policies and incentives; second- and third-generation renewable fuels, such as cellulosic ethanol and renewable diesel; financing biomass projects; new innovations in biodiesel production; biorefinery chemicals and products; biomass for heat and electricity; and biomass feedstock potential.

"Even before the current economic crisis, the United States had set aggressive sustainable biofuels and bioenergy targets," said EERC Deputy Associate Director for Research Chris Zygarlicke. "This workshop will bring together a talented group of engaging speakers with real-world solutions for aiding the economy by utilizing biomass generated right here in the northern Great Plains."

"Biomass '09 is an opportunity to meet with researchers, industry leaders, policymakers, and project developers and learn about recent advances in the area of using agricultural and forest residues, energy crops, and municipal biomass residues for transportation fuels and energy," said EERC Director Gerald Groenewold.

Biomass '09 is sponsored by the Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization, one of the EERC's 10 Centers of Excellence, and the U.S. Department of Energy. The North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Community Services State Energy Program is a Signature Sponsor.

Workshop fees are \$275 a person and include access to all of the technical sessions, the exhibit floor, workshop materials, and food. For more information on registering or becoming a sponsor or an exhibitor, visit www.undeerc.org/biomass09.

Biomass '08, held in July 2008, attracted over 300 registrants, representing 175 organizations, 30 states, and two foreign countries (Canada and India). -- EERC.

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Faculty can receive feedback on teaching

It's not too late to make plans to use the SGID (Small Group Instructional Diagnosis) method for receiving midterm feedback from students in your classes. The SGID process, facilitated by a trained faculty colleague, is a method of soliciting student perceptions about the progress of their learning. Since it is conducted by an outsider to your class, students are free to be direct, but since it is normally done around mid-semester, you receive the feedback at a time when there is still ample opportunity for you to consider any changes that might improve student learning. The SGID process is flexible enough to be used with both large and small classes, and yields information likely to be useful to both beginning and experienced faculty.

For more information about the SGID process or if you would like to request an SGID, contact Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4233

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2007-08 HERI faculty survey now available online

Faculty were invited to participate in the 2007-08 Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) faculty survey during the 2008 spring semester. A total of 192 faculty replied to the survey for a response rate of 28 percent. The results of the survey are now posted to the web at http://www.und.edu/dept/datacol/heri08_announcement.htm

The HERI faculty survey focuses on full-time faculty engaged in undergraduate teaching activities. In the report, responses from UND faculty are compared to responses from faculty at comparable public universities.

Some noteworthy findings from the survey are:

- Full-time undergraduate (FTUG) faculty at UND are in general more teaching-focused than research-oriented. They usually spend more time each week teaching or preparing for teaching than on any other activity listed on the survey. They tend to teach more courses than their national counterparts.
- In terms of teaching and evaluation methods, a wide range of techniques have been used by faculty and four methods listed on the survey (class discussions, cooperative learning/small groups, using real-life problems, and competency-based grading) have been used by more than 50 percent of UND FTUG faculty. More female faculty report use of experiential learning or field studies in undergraduate classes both at UND (39 percent of females and 21 percent of males) and nationally (36 percent of females and 25 percent of males). Male faculty remain more likely to use extensive lecturing and female faculty continue to be more likely to use "student-centered" instructional methods.
- Besides carrying out a large number of instructional activities, FTUG faculty also demonstrate substantial scholarly productivity. The majority of them have published over five articles and nearly two chapters over their professional lives. In the last two years, 72 percent of faculty report professional writings accepted for publication.
- Overall, faculty express satisfaction with their career choice at UND. When asked if they were to begin their careers again, 86 percent of FTUG faculty would again choose to be a college professor, and 72 percent would again come to UND.

If you have questions about the study, or would like a copy of the full report, please contact Sue Erickson at 777-2265.

-- Carmen Williams, Director, Institutional Research, carmenwilliams@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-2456

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Note federal requirement for students with failing grades

Federal regulations require the University to determine a last date of attendance for financial aid recipients who receive failing grades in all coursework for a semester. This process is required to be completed and all adjustments to the student's financial aid finalized within 45 days of the end of the semester.

To comply with this federal regulation, the Student Financial Aid Office will send requests to document the last date a student with failing grades attended class. These requests will be sent to departments after final grades have been posted for the fall semester.

It is requested that departments complete the forms to the best of their ability and return them to the Student Financial Aid office promptly. Failure to do so may result in the student being required to repay all or part of financial aid received for the semester.

-- Robin Holden, Director, Student Financial Aid, robinholden@mail.und.edu, 701-777-3121

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Retreat grant funding is available

"Closing the Assessment Loop" funding is available to academic departments conducting assessment retreats. The best and most useful assessment occurs when there's a mechanism for regular conversations about data collected. These retreats are intended to make that possible by providing opportunities to bring faculty together to review, discuss, and use findings from assessment efforts.

Funding has been provided through the office of the VPAA/Provost to support assessment through such retreats, up to a maximum of \$500 per retreat. Funding will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for qualifying academic departments as long as dollars remain available (this is 2008-09 funding, and dollars awarded must be expended within this fiscal year). Funds awarded may be used for food (consistent with University guidelines regarding retreats), materials, duplicating, and/or faculty stipends for pre-retreat organization, retreat facilitation, or data analysis. (Note: Budgets which include stipends should account for benefit costs within the request.)

To apply for retreat funding, please submit a one- to two-page memo that includes a proposed retreat agenda and budget, as well as a narrative description of both. Also include a letter of support from the chair (unless the chair is submitting the proposal). Inquiries or applications should be directed to Joan Hawthorne <joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu> or 777-4684. Proposals will be acted on within two weeks of receipt as long as funding remains available.

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost, Academic Affairs, joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu, 7-4684

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Online courses offered for summer and fall

Faculty and advisors, as you help your students plan their schedules for summer and fall registration, we ask for your support with informing students about online course options.

With online courses, students can take the classes they need with the flexibility they want. UND offers both semester-based, online courses and open enrollment, independent study courses.

Semester-Based Online Courses

- Students register in Campus Connection (search location field by "online" or "onlinegrad")
- Tuition is charged at the North Dakota resident tuition rate per credit. Additional course and/or program fees may apply.
- Online course tuition is NOT covered under UND's tuition cap for full-time students.
- Financial aid may be used with semester-based courses.
- Online courses are NOT eligible for any tuition waiver programs at UND.

Open enrollment, independent study courses

- Students may register at anytime through: <http://onlinecourses.und.edu>
- Tuition is charged at the North Dakota resident tuition rate per credit. No additional fees apply.
- Financial aid and tuition waivers may NOT be used with open enrollment courses.
- Students may enroll at anytime and have 9 months to complete their course.

For more information and a current list of online courses, visit: <http://onlinecourses.und.edu>

-- Jennifer Swangler, Marketing Coordinator, UND Online & Distance Education, UNDOnline@mail.und.edu, 701.777.3000

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Legislative information available

You can access the 10th issue of the 2009 Legislative Review - A Look at Higher Education in Week 11: March 16-20, by opening the attached file or clicking on the following Web

link <http://www.ndus.nodak.edu/reports/default.asp?ID=526>

Bill status summaries included in this newsletter reflect the most current information available at the time of publication.

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3621

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Students encouraged to apply for membership on Student Relations Committee

The assistance of faculty and staff in encouraging students to apply for membership on the UND Student Relations Committee (SRC) for the 2009-2010 academic year is sought. The SRC consists of a group of students and faculty, appointed by the president, trained, and called upon to hear cases of alleged violations of the Code of Student Life. It is the highest disciplinary body of the University and has the power to suspend a student or student organization and/or place a disciplinary notation on any student record which is currently or prospectively available to those outside the University. The successful student candidate for a position on the SRC must be enrolled and in academic good standing. Candidates will demonstrate a clear, logical thought process, and the ability to maintain objectivity without regard to experience. Candidates will have the potential to work closely and collaboratively with student peers and faculty members. Applicants must have a sense of current events on campus, and understand the mission of the institution. A student member of the SRC must not be the subject of any current University-related disciplinary sanction(s). A link to the job description and application form may be found at <http://www.und.edu/dept/studentrelations/>. The application deadline is Friday, April 3.

-- Kathy Sukalski, Associate Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, sukalski@medicine.nodak.edu, 7-4049

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Campus shuttle routes temporarily reduced

Due to flood fighting efforts in Fargo and Grand Forks this week, the campus shuttle routes will not be running at full capacity. Please check with shuttle drivers to confirm route schedule. Make sure to give yourself extra time to reach your destination. Thank you. -- Transportation.

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O'Kelly Hall construction will affect accessible parking spaces

Construction will take place in and near O'Kelly Hall. The parking area on the south side of O'Kelly will be fenced off for the contractors staging area. No entry will be allowed without scheduling in advance with the campus capital project and planning department. Work will take place in numerous places in O'Kelly, Ireland, in the mechanical room of McCannel, and also on the roofs of these buildings. The project should be completed by July 1.

Accessible parking spaces (H/C) on the south side of O'Kelly Hall will be affected due to this project. As a result, for the duration of this project (about three months), vehicles displaying a H/C permit, will be allowed to park on the north side of Second Avenue inside the gated area, as space allows. Anyone with questions are asked to call the Parking Office at 777-3551. -- Craig Swenson, campus capital project and planning department, and the parking office.

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Note regulations on unregulated material on walls

There have been a number of issues with signs, posters, etc. being placed on doors, windows, walls, outdoor structures, etc. Please see the "Code of Student Life" regulations below:

5-5 REGULATIONS REGARDING SIGNS, POSTERS,
HANDBILLS AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

A. All posters, notices, brochures, pamphlets, and other literature must be placed on bulletin boards or brochure racks designated for that purpose which are located throughout the campus. All bulletin boards and brochure racks are under the jurisdiction of the college, school, department or administrative office that maintains them. "Leafletting" vehicles is not permitted.

Any help you can give us would be appreciated.

-- Paul Clark, Associate Director, Facilities Management, paulclark@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3005

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Flexible benefits deadline is 4:30 p.m. March 31

If you have money remaining in your 2008 medical and/or dependent care FlexComp accounts, you have until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, to submit any claims for reimbursement. After that time, any remaining balances will be forfeited. Keep in mind that any expenses incurred prior to March 16, 2009, can be reimbursed to you with 2008 funds.

No 2008 reimbursement vouchers will be accepted after 4:30 p.m. March 31. No exceptions will be made for mail delays. If the deadline is approaching, it is advised that you hand-deliver your form directly to the Payroll Office to assure meeting the deadline.

If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Arntz in the Payroll Office at 777-4423.

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Recyclemania competition update

The Recyclemania competition is in the eighth week and UND should be proud!

In the "Waste Minimization" competition, UND ranks 69 of 151. In this competition, schools compete to see which produces the least amount of municipal solid waste (trash) per person. UND came in at 33.36 cumulative pounds of trash/person that was collected. In 151st place, University of Texas Medical Branch was at 117.18 pounds/person.

In the "Per Capita Classic" competition, the schools compete to see who can collect the largest amount of recycling per person. UND's cumulative recycling pounds/person of 7.90 with a ranking of 150 out of 292. First place went to McNeese State University at 58.12 pounds/person.

The "Gorilla Prize" competition shows what school can collect the highest gross tonnage of recyclables, regardless of the campus population. UND is holding steady at 89 of 292 with a cumulative weight of 112,175 pounds. Rutgers University came in first with a weight of 1,568,890 pounds.

The "Grand Champion" recognizes the school that, based on their combined results, demonstrates the greatest achievement in both source reduction and recycling. UND cumulative recycling rate is 23.69 percent, with a ranking of 113 of 204. First place goes to California State University-San Marcos with a rate of 83.18 percent.

For more recyclemania results, please go to: <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/results.aspx> or <http://www.und.edu/dept/facilities/recycle/Recyclingindex.htm>

Thank you for your recycling efforts!

-- Debbie Merrill, Recycling Coordinator, Facilities Management, debmerrill@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4878

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New Eastern North Dakota Health Education Center will boost health workforce

Bill Krivarchka and Katie Anderson will lead the new Eastern North Dakota Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Located in Mayville, North Dakota's eastern AHEC is designed to increase health workforce by connecting schools, medical facilities and communities.

As director, Dr. Krivarchka will develop programs that will attract and retain health care providers in underserved areas. In addition, he will work to develop the AHEC through fundraising. Prior to joining AHEC, he was a staff dentist for the Veterans Affairs Health Center in Fargo. He also established Goose River Dental, a private practice in Mayville, with satellite offices in Northwood and Page.

A native of Bowman, Dr. Krivarchka has served on the boards of the Traill County Health District (18 years) and MayPort and Traill County Economic Development, and is a former executive director of the Mayville State University Foundation. He received his DDS degree from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Anderson, the center's education coordinator, will connect with educators and students from kindergarten through graduate school. A native of Park River, she was previously the Tobacco Prevention and Safe Communities Coordinator for Traill District Health Unit in Mayville and Hillsboro, and museum director of the Steele County Historical Society in Hope. Anderson has a Bachelor of Science in education and holds a North Dakota teaching certificate.

"I look forward to the exciting, challenging endeavor of helping clinics and hospitals recruit and retain health care workers in rural underserved areas," said Dr. Krivarchka. "as well

as addressing health workforce shortages and educating students about health care career options.”

With funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, together with the Center for Rural Health and the College of Nursing, are developing and implementing three area Health Education Centers across North Dakota.

The eastern ND AHEC is the first to be developed. Over the next five years, UND will develop Area Health Education Centers across the central and western regions to provide a variety of training experiences. These centers will link UND with local communities, hospitals and clinics to augment health-related training activities.

Dakota Medical Foundation, Fargo, has provided \$10,000 in additional support for the ND AHEC initiative. Dakota Medical Foundation focuses its efforts on improving health and access to medical and dental care in the region, with a special emphasis on children.

-- Denis F. MacLeod, Communications Specialist, Center for Rural Health, dmacleod@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-3300

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Wellness offers walking challenge

Start Your Engines! Take part in the six-week/10,000 Steps A Day Challenge!

The challenge began March 23, so sign up as a team or sign up as an individual to Start! increasing your walking. All those that register will receive a free pedometer (while supplies last!) Sign up and Start! walking your way to healthier you!

The team or individual with most steps at the end of the six-week walking challenge will be our grand prize winner.

To sign up go to www.workwell.und.edu . For more information contact workwell@mail.und.edu or 777-0210. -- WorkWell.

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Ray Richards golf course 2009 season passes now available

The 2009 golf season passes for faculty and staff are now available for \$250. With your purchase, you will receive a free season pass for the driving range (\$150 value).

UND faculty and staff family season passes are \$500; they are not eligible for the free driving range pass, but for an extra \$150 the family can have season driving range passes.

Stop at the Chester Fritz box office or call 777-4090. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Remember that passes may be paid through payroll deduction over six pay periods.

-- Tom Swangler, Asst Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, tomswangler@mail.und.edu, 777-4094

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Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, receive BC/BS health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

TO APPLY: Please complete UND Application/Control Card form. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications MUST be received by the deadline date.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/ATHLETIC COACHES:

POSITION: Air Traffic Controller Associate, Aerospace Science, #09-241

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 3/30/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 18,000 plus/year

POSITION: Programmer Analyst, Energy & Environmental Research Center, #09-238

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (1) 3/24/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 35,000 plus/year

POSITION: Coordinator of Fitness, Wellness Center, #09-237

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (1) 3/24/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 26,000 plus/year

POSITION: Coordinator of RecSports and Special Events, Wellness Center, #09-236

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (1) 3/24/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 32,000 plus/year

POSITION: Coordinator of Work Well, Wellness Center, #09-235

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (1) 3/24/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 32,000 plus/year

POSITION: Coordinator of Nutrition, Wellness Center #09-234

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (1) 3/24/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 38,000 plus/year

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL: No vacancies.

OFFICE SUPPORT: No vacancies.

CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES:

POSITION: Maintenance Mechanic (7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and on call), HNRC, #09-242

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (1) 3/26/2009

COMPENSATION: \$26,000 plus/year

POSITION: Maintenance Specialist (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday), Facilities, #09-240

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (1) 3/25/2009

COMPENSATION: \$27,000 plus/year

POSITION: Journeyman Systems Mechanic (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday), Facilities, #09-239

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (1) 3/25/2009

COMPENSATION: \$35,000 plus/year

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May 1 is the final deadline for SSAC travel grant applications

Friday, May 1, is the final deadline for submission of Senate Scholarly Activities Committee travel grant applications for fiscal year 2008-09. This deadline is for travel occurring between May 2 and Sept. 15. Late applications will not be accepted.

The committee reminds applicants to carefully prepare their proposals and be specific and realistic in their budget requests. Although the SSAC encourages submission of travel requests, the committee takes into consideration the most recent SSAC award granted to each applicant. Priority will be given to beginning faculty and first-time applicants.

Application forms are available at Research Development and Compliance, 105 Twamley Hall, 777-4278, or on RD&C's home page (on UND's home page under "Research"). Please feel free to contact RD&C (777-4278) for information or guidance when preparing your application.

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IN THE NEWS

Boeing invites George Bibel to present seminar

George Bibel, mechanical engineering professor, was invited by Boeing to present a seminar about his book, "Beyond the Black Box: The Forensics of Airplane Crashes." The all-day seminar was March 18 in Renton, Wash., and repeated March 20 in Everett, Wash. Boeing is evaluating incorporating Professor Bibel's book and seminar into training for new engineers.

Additionally, Dr. Bibel has been appointed a distinguished lecturer by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). In that capacity he has been invited to lecture about his book at AIAA meetings organized by General Electric (Cincinnati) and Gulfstream (Savannah) with additional presentations scheduled. Dr. Bibel has also been appointed to an FAA safety team and has lectured at FAA conferences and safety meetings.

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Grand Forks student wins 2009 Holocaust essay contest

Brady Laurin, an eighth-grade student at South Middle School in Grand Forks, has been named winner of the "Tolerance Minnesota 2009 Holocaust Essay Contest."

Laurin and Andrea Simon, his English teacher who encouraged him to participate in the contest, will be treated to an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., and a tour of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Tuesday, March 31.

The contest and the museum visit were made possible by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas and the University of North Dakota Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies.

Laurin wrote his paper on the following theme: "We Cannot Remain Silent: Kristallnacht 70 Years Later." His essay focused primarily on two questions: (1) What compelled people to either turn away or join in the violence on Kristallnacht? (2) Are we as individuals and nations more active in fighting against prejudice and genocide today?

After a series of swastikas was found on campus last spring, the UND Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies has been focused on raising community awareness regarding the Holocaust and the meaning of Nazism. In addition to co-sponsoring the essay contest, it has brought Holocaust experts and survivors to the Grand Forks campus.

Last Monday, the Center and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum played host to Martin Weiss, who as a young boy was held in a number of brutal Nazi camps during World War II. Weiss presented "A Holocaust Survivor Remembers."

Last fall, the Center worked with JCRC to host Fred Lyon, who as a boy was persecuted, along with his Jewish family, during the horrific "Kristallnacht Pogrom" (Night of Broken Glass) in November 1938 in Nazi Germany. Lyon presented his first-hand account of the night Jewish-owned businesses were ransacked, nearly 100 Jews were killed and thousands others were sent to concentration camps.

In October, the Center welcomed Gunnar Sonstebj, a Norwegian World War II hero and leader of that nation's resistance against Nazi occupation. He also is an author and former bodyguard to the King of Norway, and regarded as the most highly decorated Norwegian citizen.

As part of the Sonstebj visit, the Center unveiled its "Nazi Occupation of Norway" digital archive, which for the first time in history makes the Nuremberg trial testimony and evidence related to the war crimes committed in Norway available online in full-text, accessible from anywhere in the world. UND is one of the few remaining institutions in the United States that has a complete set of the historic Nuremberg trial documents.

The Center's director, law professor and former war crimes prosecutor Gregory Gordon, sees an important connection between Brady Laurin's winning essay and Holocaust survivor Martin Weiss's visit.

"The torch is being passed," Gordon said. "Mr. Weiss can help remind young people about Nazi horrors and ideally inspire them to pass on his memories to future generations. There are few living witnesses left and soon there will be none.

"But it will be up to students such as Brady Laurin to keep the memory alive and help us remain vigilant. Brady's essay gives us good ground for optimism."

Tolerance Minnesota is a program of the JCRC, which has served as the Holocaust education resource for the Jewish and non-Jewish community in Minnesota and the Dakotas for more than 40 years.

Through its Tolerance Minnesota initiative, the organization promotes understanding, tolerance and civic responsibility through education.

Since 1996, JCRC has led one-day missions to the national Holocaust museum as well as provided opportunities to speak with Holocaust experts, survivors and children of survivors as a hands-on learning experience.

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