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EVENTS TO NOTE

UND to celebrate Weaver-Hightower book launch Wednesday

The Department of Educational Foundations and Research and the College of Education and Human Development are pleased to announce the launch of the book, "The Politics of Policy in Boys' Education: Getting Boys 'Right,'" by Marcus Weaver-Hightower, assistant professor in EFR. Please join us between 3 and 5 p.m. at the North Dakota Museum of Art Wednesday, Jan. 28. Refreshments will be served. -- Educational Foundations and Research.

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Meet, Eat, and Learn is Jan. 28

Meet, Eat, and Learn will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, with the theme, "Love Your Body Week Celebration." Change how you see, NOT how you look!

Meet, Eat, and Learn: Hello, Gorgeous!

Wednesday, Jan. 28, noon to 1 p.m., International Centre

"Hello Gorgeous!" is a collection of short plays and monologues written by the North Dakota Playwrights Co-op to celebrate beauty and combat negative messages. These comical theatrical performances celebrate the beauty of women and aim to stifle the message that a woman is never good enough the way she is. Not only is a woman fine the way she is - she is GORGEOUS! A free and delicious lunch will be served.

-- *Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center, undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 777-4300*

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Theology for Lunch series begins Feb. 4

Join the Campus Ministry Association, representing Christus Rex, Newman Center, United Campus Ministry, and Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, for the Spring 2009 Theology for Lunch series.

"Who is Jesus?"

* Feb. 4: "Jesus: A Historical Perspective" presented by William Caraher, assistant professor of history

* Feb. 11: "Jesus: A Christological Perspective" presented by Troy Troftgruben, pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church, Grand Forks

* Feb. 18: "Jesus: An Enlightened Perspective" presented by Gretchen Graf, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Grand Forks

Each presentation will take place at noon at the Newman Center. A light lunch will be served, so bring your

appetite, a friend, and an interest in exploring Jesus from various perspectives.

-- Lisa Burger, Director, Student Success Center, lisaburger@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4706

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Note study skills help session dates

The Student Success Center will hold Study Skills Help Sessions to answer many of the questions students have about studying. The sessions are informal and participants are invited to bring their lunch, relax, and join in the conversation. All sessions will take place in the Badlands Room, Memorial Union, from noon to 12:50 p.m. and are open to the entire campus community, with no reservation required. The sessions for January and February follow:

- * Wednesday, Jan. 28, Time Management
- * Tuesday, Feb. 3, Note Taking
- * Thursday, Feb. 12, Reading a College Textbook
- * Wednesday, Feb. 18, Studying for Tests
- * Tuesday, Feb. 24, Taking Tests.

-- Shari Nelson, Assistant Director of Learning Services, Student Success Center, sharinelson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2117

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Denim Day is Wednesday, Jan. 28

Chances are good Wednesday, Jan. 28, will be cold, so bundle up in your denim and enjoy knowing all proceeds go to charity. If your office needs more buttons, let me know.

-- Patsy Nies, Special Project Assistant, Enrollment Services, 007.patsy@gmail.com, 777-3791

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Andrew Millington presents ESSP spring colloquium

Andrew Millington, professor of geography at Texas A&M University, will present "Deforestation in South America: The Influence of Coca Cultivation and Antinarcotics Policies on Forest Fragmentation and Deforestation Rates" at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 210 Clifford Hall Auditorium. Refreshments will be served one-half hour prior to the presentation.

Dr. Millington's research focuses on the impacts of human and institutional agents on spatio-temporal patterns of land use and land cover change, and the impacts of land use and land cover change on biological phenomena. He uses hybrid methodologies from GIScience, environmental science, ecology and social science to research these phenomena.

The presentation is part of the UND 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, Earth System Science & Policy, ebertowski@aero.und.edu, 777-2490

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Sweet Treats: Brownie Edition class is Jan. 29

Regular box brownies may be easy, but homemade brownies take just a few extra minutes and are oh, so delicious! In this hands-on class, participants will assist in making several different types of delicious brownies to taste in class and to take home.

The class is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Culinary Corner, Wellness Center. The cost is \$15 per person.

To register, go to www.wellness.und.edu, click on Nutrition and Culinary Corner. Questions? Contact Karina via the information below.

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

777-0769

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Samuel Mukasa to give two LEEPS lectures Jan. 30

Samuel J. Mukasa, the Eric J. Essene Collegiate Professor and chair of the University of Michigan's Department of Geological Sciences, will be featured in the next installment of the LEEPS lecture series Friday, Jan. 30. Two presentations are planned. Dr. Mukasa will speak on "Antarctica's Secrets in Three Acts: Early Earth, Gondwana and Recent Climate Change" at noon in 109 Leonard Hall. His second topic is "Ferrar Large Igneous Province, Antarctica: What Causes the Eruption of Copious Volumes of Magma in a Geologic Instant?" That presentation is at 3 p.m. in 109 Leonard Hall. 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,

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Food Network chef to host two events in Culinary Corner

UND alum and chef featured on the Food Network, John Michael Lerma, is scheduled to host two events in the Culinary Corner at the Wellness Center. The events will take place Saturday, Jan. 31.

"In Celebration of National Pie Day"

Jan. 31, 2 p.m.

Jan. 23 is National Pie Day, says the American Pie Council. In celebration, we're bringing the National Pie Champion and Food Network Challenge medal winner John Michael Lerma for a lesson in baking ribbon-worthy pie. John Michael has literally written the book on pie baking in his new cookbook, "Garden County Pie—Sweet and Savory Delights from the Table of John Michael Lerma." Come join the celebration and learn to make the perfect pie crust and learn the secrets of John Michael's most famous pies such as his Vidalia Onion Pie, Coconut Cream Dream Pie, and his newest creation, Captain Tony's Watermelon Pie. The event is free and open to the public.

"An Evening in Tuscany"

Jan., 31, 6 p.m.

"An Evening in Tuscany" features John Michael Lerma in an exclusive 90-minute cooking class for 25 special guests. Let Chef John Michael cook a traditional Tuscan supper for you! While you are enjoying your appetizer of Bruchetta con Funghi e Asparagi (bruschetta with mushrooms and asparagus), and chatting with friends, he will demonstrate how to cook his fabulous Risotto con Verdure (risotto with vegetables). And as you are enjoying your entree, he will create one of his favorite Italian desserts, Torta Di Meliga (cornmeal cake) topped with a warm berry sauce. All you have to do is rest your feet, enjoy a magnificent supper, and sip a glass of Italian soda. Mangia!

The cooking will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, and the cost is \$45 per person. To enjoy this special evening with a great chef and host, please register by contacting Karina Wittmann via the contact information listed below.

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

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Students to compete in First[®] LEGO[®] Robotics

Championship Tournament in Grand Forks

Twenty-four teams of 9 to 14 year olds will arrive in Grand Forks from across North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and northwest Minnesota Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Betty Engelstad Arena to show off their science, engineering and technology skills at the FIRST* LEGO® League (FLL) Robotics Championship competition. The opening ceremony is at 9 a.m., with the competition under way until 1 p.m. Awards will be presented at 2 p.m. The team winning the top award from this year's competition will have the opportunity to compete in the International World Festival tournament to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in April.

This year's robotics and research challenge, "Climate Connections" calls for the competitors to explore why many experts believe the earth's climate is changing and how these changes impact you and our planet.

The FLL competition is judged in four areas: project presentation, robot performance, technical design and programming of the robot, and teamwork. The highest honor will go to the team that best exemplifies the spirit and values of the program.

Also being demonstrated at this year's tournament is the Hatton-Northwood FIRST® Robotics Championship robot. The team will be on hand to explain the competition and demonstrate the robot.

The University of North Dakota and the School of Engineering and Mines host the event with the help of many UND student volunteers and the following corporate sponsors: Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Otter Tail Power Company, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., Bobcat Company, Ralph Engelstad Arena, Inc., Simonson Lumber and Hardware, Cargill, and HB Sound & Light. The event is free and open to the public.

About FIRST

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. Based in Manchester, NH, FIRST is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit public charity. FIRST is supported by a strong network of sponsors and volunteers.

FIRST provides the FIRST Robotics Competition for high-school students and the FIRST LEGO League for 9 to 14 year-olds. FIRST also offers the Junior FIRST LEGO League for 6 to 9 year-olds and the FIRST Tech Challenge, a mid-level robotics competition that offers high-school students a more affordable and accessible opportunity to participate in FIRST. For more information, visit usfirst.org.

The LEGO Group, a privately-held, family-owned company based in Billund, Denmark, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of high quality, creatively educational play materials for children. The company is committed to the development of children's creative and imaginative abilities, and its employees are guided by the motto adopted in the 1930s by founder Ole Kirk Christiansen: "Only the best is good enough." For more information, visit www.LEGO.com.

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Beginning Insight Meditation class is Feb. 2 to March 2

Free five-week beginning Insight Meditation class taught by Lora Sloan Anderson and Patrick Sloan Anderson Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m., Feb.2-March 2, at the Lotus Meditation Center, 2908 University Ave. No registration is necessary. Call 787-8839 for more information.

-- Lora Sloan Anderson, Meditation Instructor, Lotus Meditation Center, lorasloan@gra.midco.net, 701-787-

University Within the University (U2) lists new classes

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

Microsoft Office Access 2007 Level 1 (beginning)

Feb. 2, 3, and 5, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers, mouse, and file saving and retrieving skills.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to examine the basic database concepts and explore the Microsoft Office Access 2007 environment, design a simple database, build a new database with related tables, manage data in a table, query a database using different methods, design forms, and generate reports. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

Purchasing Policies and Procedures

Feb. 3, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Memorial Union, Badlands Room

Discuss current and new policies and procedures. Presenter: Scott Schreiner.

Defensive Driving

Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 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: Tom Brockling.

Understanding Our Strengths and Weaknesses in the Workplace

Feb. 4, 10:45 a.m. to noon, Swanson Hall, Room 10-12

Are there things you admire about one person's office ethics, yet other working styles that drive you crazy? This one-hour session will enable participants to identify their predominant decision-making style through an interactive "compass" activity where we learn to understand "how" and "why" we work the way we do. Is your department more about co-"blab"-orating or collaborating? No matter the role you play on campus or at home, this is a great way to learn to mine the diverse talents and expertise of your colleagues or family members to build a healthy, productive culture where all learning styles are honored and respected. Come and join the fun! Presenter: Laurie Robinson.

Lean Lifestyle

Feb. 4, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., Memorial Union, Badlands Room

The Lean Lifestyle program is a new class being offered to the employees of the University of North Dakota who will meet weekly to support and educate one another on weight management issues. During the meetings, individuals will have the opportunity to learn about six of the most important changes that should be made in order to maintain successful lifestyle changes. We will have a 15-minute presentation by a speaker, a question and answer period and testimonials from employees. Presenters: Emily Spicer and Mallory Houck.

Prairie Meets Mediterranean

Feb. 4, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Wellness Center Burnt Toast kitchen

Is one better than the other? Come join your favorite dietitian Karina Wittman for an evening of fun, food, and heart healthy information, which will follow the tasting of nutritious food from the Prairie to the Mediterranean. You will get to interact with Karina while she highlights the benefits of healthful food and how to combine our prairie style of eating with the health benefits of the Mediterranean style. Come with an appetite for food and

knowledge. Presenter: Karina Wittman.

Grocery Store Tour

Feb. 5, 12:15 to 12:50 p.m.

Do you ever feel confused in a grocery store? According to the American Dietetic Association, an average neighbourhood grocery store has an inventory of more than 30,000 items. Work Well and the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics offers a free grocery store to assist you in your choices.

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

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Note Culinary Corner classes for Feb. 2-7

These are the Culinary Corner classes for the week of Feb. 2-7. All events take place in the Culinary Corner Kitchen at the Wellness Center.

Cheap, Fast and Healthy

Monday, 5:30 p.m.

Are you on a hectic schedule and tight budget? Are you sick of going through the drive thru and ordering unhealthy food just because it's convenient? Come join us Monday nights for Cheap, Fast, and Healthy!

Each 30-minute session will feature tips on shopping for fresh and healthy ingredients, easy to prepare recipes, and cost comparisons. Class participants will see the recipe being prepared, enjoy a sample, and leave with a recipe card and nutrition information to make the meal themselves. The class is free and no need to pre-register, just show up!

Start Right Breakfast

Tuesday and Wednesday, 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. The breakfast will be offered every Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:15 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

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Faculty and staff: Register <http://u2.und.edu/sessions/>

Students: register www.wellness.und.edu, click on Nutrition and Culinary Corner

Fruit and Vegetable of the Month

Thursday, 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. The class cost is \$5 and limited to seven participants.

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

For questions please contact Karina Wittmann at karinawittmann@mail.und.edu

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

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Astronomy public talk is Feb. 3

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, Feb. 3, in 116 Witmer Hall. The talk, "The Telescope Turns 400: How Galileo Changed Our View of the Universe," will be presented by Dean Smith (physics). Following the talk, attendees will be given the opportunity to observe the night sky through a telescope (weather permitting).

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

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Spring Career Fair is Feb. 10

Career Services will hold their annual Spring Career Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Hyslop gym. There will be a wide variety of recruiters from all over the Midwest. Please be sure to spread the word!

-- Amanda Schmaltz, Career Services Events Coordinator, Career Services, amanda.schmaltz@und.nodak.edu, 777-4100

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Research presentation is Feb. 3

Jonathan Baker (ABD), will present "Applications of Behavioral Gerontology with Older Adults with Dementia" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in 202 Nursing Building. All are welcome.

-- Dr Jeffrey Weatherly, Chair, Department of Psychology, jeffrey_weatherly@und.nodak.edu, 7-3451

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OID On Teaching seminar on applying for summer funding

The next On Teaching Seminar, which takes place Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union, is for those interested in applying for a Summer Instructional Development Professorship (SIDP). SIDPs provide a salary stipend of \$3,000 and are designed to allow faculty to work full time on instructional development for four weeks during the summer. The Professorships support work that goes beyond normal course development and has the potential to improve the quality of teaching at UND. Summer Instructional Development Professorship proposals are due by noon March 2, and are reviewed by the Faculty Instructional Development Committee (FIDC). More information is available at the OID Web site (http://www.und.edu/dept/oid/funding_sidp.htm)

This year SIPD proposals that focus on engaged learning in the classroom and pedagogies of student engagement will be given preference. Many studies show that student engagement correlates strongly with learning. The more deeply students are involved with the subject matter, the teacher, and with their fellow students, the more likely they are to achieve at higher levels. Good practice in this regard encourages active learning, student-faculty contact, and cooperation among students, and there are strategies of engagement that fit every class and every learning outcome. This seminar is designed to help people develop their ideas around such engagement strategies and get feedback on potential SIDP projects. Participants in the Creating Significant Learning Through Integrated Course Design Workshop (Feb. 5) may find this seminar a helpful step towards getting support for summer work on their course design project.

To register and reserve a lunch, please call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or e-mail

jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu by Feb. 6 at noon.

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

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Supercomputing in Plain English course postponed

The start of the "Supercomputing in Plain English" course has been postponed until 2:30 p.m. Feb. 3.

The Computational Research Center is hosting a connection site for the "Supercomputing in Plain English" online video course being offered by the OU Supercomputing Center for Education. Classes are held every Tuesday in 371 Upson II. Seating is limited to 10 to 12 people. No registration is required. The course is open to faculty, graduate students, and staff. It runs through April 28. Visit the following URL for course topics and schedule:

<http://www.oscer.ou.edu/education.php>

-- Aaron Bergstrom, ITSS.

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Prairie Meets Mediterranean

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Feb. 4 - 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Feb. 10 - 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Wellness Center - Culinary Corner

Class size is limited to 20 participants, so sign up early!

-- Andrew Miller, Coordinator of Work Well, Wellness Center, andrewmiller@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

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University Senate meets Feb. 5; agenda listed

The University Senate will meet Thursday, Feb. 5, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall.

AGENDA

1. Announcements:
 - a. Founder's Day Banquet, Feb. 26
 - b. Celebration of Achievements: honoring American Indian UND graduates, Feb. 27
 - c. Senate elections
2. Minutes of the previous meeting and business arising from the minutes
3. Question period

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Annual report of the Senate Summer Sessions Committee, Diane Hadden, chair
5. Annual report of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee, Coleen Berry, chair
6. Annual report of the Senate ROTC Committee, Thad Rosenberger, chair

BUSINESS CALENDAR:

7. Curriculum Committee report, Charles Robertson, chair
 8. Proposed change to grade point average catalog wording, Colleen Berry, chair, Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee
 9. Maternity leave policy, provost
 10. Amendment to the University of North Dakota Constitution, Jon Jackson, chair, University Senate
 11. Honorary degree nominations, Judy DeMers, chair, Senate Honorary Degrees Committee
- *Lori Hofland, Administrative Assistant, Registrars Office, lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3892*

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Successful UND women graduates to speak at Hultberg Lectureship

"The Road to Success: Imagine the Possibilities" is the theme of the 22nd annual Hultberg Lectureship Series presented by the College of Business and Public Administration. The lecture will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fred Orth Lecture Bowl, second floor, Memorial Union.

This year's lecture features four successful female graduates from the University of North Dakota:

- Jan Heidinger, director, Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets, New York, N.Y.
- Shirley Martz, CPA and retired partner, Brady Martz, Bismarck, N.D.
- Carolyn Becraft, former deputy assistant secretary of defense (Military Community and Family Policy) and assistant secretary of defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Burke, Va.
- Sadie Ripley, relationship manager, Bremer Financial Corporation, Grand Forks

Each year prominent female alumni from UND bring their leadership and experiences to the University community through this event. "The Hultberg Lectureship has been one of the most successful programs that we offer," said Dennis Elbert, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. "It provides the opportunity to showcase UND graduates, who have proven to be outstanding role models for our current students."

Hans and Susanna Hultberg immigrated to the United States in the late 1800s, and all four of their children attended UND. The Hultberg Lectureship was established by their daughter, Clara E. Anderson, who graduated from the College of Business and Public Administration in 1928.

-- *Lynda Kenney, Assistant Professor, Technology, lynda.kenney@und.edu, 777-2197*

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Doctoral examination set for Relindis Y. Mawo

The final examination for Relindis Y. Mawo, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in chemistry, is set for noon Friday, Feb. 6, in 138 Abbott Hall. The dissertation title is "Synthesis and Characterization of Optically Active Oxazoline-Based Endo and Exo Cyclopalladated Complexes." Irina Smoliakova (chemistry) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- *Dr. Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005*

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UND poet kicks off Writers Conference 101

For University of North Dakota English (UND) professor Heidi Czerwiec, poetry, like all good literature, opens windows into alternate and often astonishing views of reality.

She conveyed that sense of poetic wonder to a gathering of devotees Sunday at the UND Bookstore to launch Writers Conference 101. That's the set-up stage for the 40th UND Writers Conference, set for March 31—April 4, said Czerwiec, a published poet, assistant professor in the UND department of English, and director of the Writers Conference.

The 101 segment comprises book discussions held in the weeks preceding the Writers Conference, said Kathleen Coudle King, senior lecturer in English and Women Studies administrative coordinator of the conference, and originator of Writers Conf. 101. Each 101 session begins with a brief overview of the author, followed by questions and discussion of the book. Join in even if you haven't read the book!

Writers Conference 101 Schedule:

Sundays, 2 p.m., UND Bookstore

Feb. 8 – Charles Baxter: *Saul & Patsy*; moderator Brian Maxwell, graduate student, English

Feb. 22 – Steve Almond: *Candy Freak*; moderator Evan Nelson, graduate student, English

Mar. 1 – Karen Russell: *St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves*

Mar. 8 – Greg Williamson: *Errors in the Script*; moderator Nancy Devine, teacher and poet, Grand Forks Central High School

Mar. 22 – Chuck Klosterman: *Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs*; moderator, Michael Beard, professor, English

Mar. 29 – Marco Candida: Handouts distributed at discussion; moderator, Elizabeth Harris-Behling, assistant professor, English

Mondays, noon to 1 p.m., Christus Rex Lutheran Campus Center

Jan. 26 – Jacqueline Osherow: *The Hoopoe's Crown*; moderator Heidi Czerwiec

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IRB meeting set for Feb. 6

The Institutional Review Board will meet at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in 305 Twamley Hall to consider all research proposals submitted to the IRB office before Jan. 27.

Clinical medical projects must be reviewed by the Clinical Medical Subcommittee before being brought to the full board. Proposals for these projects were due in the Institutional Review Board office Jan. 20.

Minutes from the meeting will be available in the IRB office approximately one week after the meeting.

-- Kathy Smart, Ed.D., Chair, Institutional Review Board, janetelshaug@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4279

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Author of "The Toilet Paper Entrepreneur" to speak Feb. 9

The Center for Innovation is bringing Michael Michalowicz, author of "The Toilet Paper Entrepreneur" and founder of Obsidian Launch, as the January speaker for the Entrepreneur Forum series. The Entrepreneur

Forum will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in Room 5, Gamble Hall. A pay parking lot is across University Avenue.

Founder of three multimillion-dollar companies, Michalowicz will share his "get real" approach to business and answer questions from the audience. One of his current companies, Obsidian Launch, partners with first-time entrepreneurs to help them build their ideas into industry leaders.

He started his first business at the age of 24. Having limited resources and no experience, he systematically grew a multimillion-dollar technology business, sleeping in conference rooms to avoid hotel costs. Following the sale of his first company, he launched a new business venture the very next day. Within three years Michalowicz sold it to a Fortune 500. His newest creation, Obsidian Launch, fosters startup businesses with Mike's "get rich right" approach. www.obsidianlaunch.com

He graduated from Inc. and MIT's 'Birthing of Giants' Entrepreneurial Program and several times has been named Young Entrepreneur of the Year. He is a recurring guest on entrepreneurship on CNBC's "The Big Idea" with Donny Deutsch, has been featured on National Public Radio (NPR), The New York Times, Inc. magazine, SmartCEO Magazine and others. He has guest lectured for entrepreneurial groups at Babson, Boston College, Columbia, Harvard Penn State, and now the University of North Dakota.

The Entrepreneur Forum is a periodical gathering of entrepreneurs and business people who share experiences, strategies, and success stories. The event is sponsored by the Center for Innovation and is open to the public. 100 copies of Mike's book *The Toilet Paper Entrepreneur* will be given away to UND students. for further information, visit www.toiletpaperentrepreneur.com

-- Center for Innovation.

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University Curriculum Committee to hear program termination

The University Curriculum Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in 305 Twamley Hall to discuss the proposed request to terminate the BS Ed with combined major in elementary education and early childhood. All interested parties are invited to attend.

-- *Connie Borboa, Admissions and Records Officer, Office of the Registrar,*
connieborboa@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4852

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UND International Organization presents 47th annual Feast of Nations Feb. 21

The international organization is presenting the 47th annual Feast of Nations Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Alerus Center. The Feast of Nations is one of the biggest culturally entertaining events in the whole North Dakota area.

The Feast of Nations is a multicultural event which features world vignettes, a dinner, intercultural entertainment and international attire. The meal will feature cuisine from around the world, including Arabic, Fattoush, Moroccan Harira, Cuban Arroz Con Pollo, Indian Vegetable Samosas and Italian Tiramisu.

UND students from around the globe will host the event and showcase traditional international song and dance from various countries. Ena Sutton Highland Dancers, Viva Capoeira, and Rockalypso will be performing this year. These and other cultural performances by UND students will complement the international dinner and make it a great event for UND and the whole Grand Forks community.

The Ena Sutton Highland Dancers are a company formed in 1965, who have been delighting audiences of all ages across the prairies for over 30 years. Their goal is to foster appreciation of Scottish heritage through the performance of traditional and non-traditional highland dances while performing on a social level, rather than a competitive one.

Viva Capoeira is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of Capoeira in Winnipeg. Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art developed by slaves. These performers bring an energetic, flowing progression with elements of dance, gymnastics and martial arts to the stage.

Rockalypso was established in 1990, and is an exciting Caribbean band with talented and creative stage presence who bring to life the rich rhythms of the Caribbean.

Tickets are on sale now at the Alerus Box Office, the Memorial Union Information Desk, and The International Center. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students/children and \$180 for a table for 10.

For more details go to <http://www.feastofnations.und.edu/>

If you are talented and eager to bring a flavor of your culture to the diverse Feast of Nations mix, then we are looking for you.

Student performer auditions are at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

We are seeking presenters to create cultural display exhibitions about their countries.

If you have any questions, please contact Oksana Bondarenko oksana.bondarenko@und.edu or Ekaterina Bryleva at ekaterina.bryleva@und.edu.

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College Goal Sunday is Feb. 22; volunteers sought

College Goal Sunday is a one-day event in February where students and their families receive hands-on assistance to complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). College Goal Sunday is a growing, national event sponsored by Lumina Foundation for Education.

We are seeking volunteers for the event. Your help is needed for registration, general student assistance, tech support, or tax preparation questions.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete a volunteer form on the College Goal North Dakota Web site by Jan. 30. The site is <http://www.collegegoalnd.org/> and the form is under the volunteers tab (at the top of the page). The site also provides more information on the 11 locations and College Goal Sunday's history.

College Goal Sunday North Dakota will be held Feb. 22 at 11 locations. These include Belcourt, Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Fort Totten, Fort Yates, Grafton, Grand Forks, Minot, New Town, and Williston. Students who participate will be eligible to win prizes and scholarships.

The Grand Forks site is the second floor, Memorial Union, 1 to 3 p.m. Students and families are welcome at any time during the open house; however it is suggested to allow for up to an hour to complete and submit the FAFSA.

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

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Proposals sought for second annual Community-University forum

Are you interested in community entrepreneurship? Are you doing projects with community partners? Would you like to discuss innovative approaches to community issues with rural community members?

If you do, send your ideas for the forum, "Focus on Community Entrepreneurship," to be held in Rugby, N.D., March 27-28. Proposals will be accepted from students, staff, faculty, and community members. Presentations on community-based research and community-university collaborative projects, as well as panels and panel ideas, are all welcome. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Feb. 17. Results will be announced by March 2.

A first forum, called "Generating Ideas Through Partnerships" and held in Grand Forks April 18-19, 2008, gathered 150 participants talking about community arts, community diversity, community ecology, and community-university projects. The program for the second forum, titled "Focus on Community Entrepreneurship" will be shaped by the proposals you and others will submit.

The forums are part of a broader project, Community Connect, coordinated by the UND Center for Community Engagement. Dozens of communities and organizations across the state, as well as UND faculty and students, have been involved in conversations to bridge community-university knowledge and to address community issues. As a result of these conversations, the Community Connect project is now in the stage of launching a Web site and journal.

Your proposals for the forum, "Focus on Community Entrepreneurship," should include: name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, submission title, submission type (idea, panel or individual presentation), and abstract (maximum 300 words). A submission form is available at www.communityengagement.und.edu Your proposal should be sent: by e-mail to comunivforum@und.edu; or by mail to Community-University Forum, attn. Diana Nastasia, project assistant, Stop 8254, 317 Cambridge St., University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8254.

Please note that we are able to offer some travel scholarships to individuals with an accepted proposal. We hope you will share the call for forum proposals with others. If you have any questions, please call 777-0675 or e-mail comunivforum@und.edu.

-- Diana Nastasia, Project Assistant, UND Center for Community Engagement, diana.nastasia@und.edu, 701-777-0675

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Freshman Getting Started 2009 is June 1 to July 10

Freshman Getting Started 2009, an advisement and registration program for new freshmen, will take place June 1 through July 10. All students must have a reservation to attend and all session reservations are scheduled on a first-come first-served basis. All reservations should be made online at

<http://gettingstarted.und.edu/freshman/>

Freshman Getting Started 2009 is a two-day program to which new first-year students, admitted for the fall 2009 semester, are invited to come to campus for advisement and registration. Program activities begin on Day One at 8:30 a.m. and include a welcome to the University, housing, financial aid, student account services, student affairs, and general information presentations, along with mathematics placement testing for students. Day Two begins at 8 a.m. and consists of language placement testing, individual academic advisement and registration, and obtaining a parking permit and student ID. There is a separate program for the families of students that runs simultaneously in which they receive information that assists in the adjustments involved in sending a student to college. The program usually concludes around noon on Day Two.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please call the Student Success Center at 777-2117.

-- Shari Nelson, Assistant Director of Learning Services, Student Success Center,

sharinelson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-0562

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Deadline for new faculty scholar awards is Feb. 17

Senate Scholarly Activities Committee (SSAC) "New Faculty Scholar Awards" are intended to provide extra support for initiation of research and creative activity programs of assistant professors who have been at UND three years or less (e.g., date of appointment at UND should be January 2006 or later). The SSAC anticipates that many New Faculty Scholar Awards will lead to the development of projects that will ultimately be funded by external agencies. Approximately three to seven awards of up to \$5,000 each will be made per year. Only outstanding applications will be funded. One competition is held for Faculty Scholar Awards each year.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, is the deadline for submission of New Faculty Scholar Award applications to the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee. The committee will consider requests from faculty members to conduct pure and applied research, support writing projects, or to support other creative and scholarly endeavors (e.g., performances, art projects, compositions). All costs normally incurred in the conduct of the research or creative activity are eligible budget items. Travel costs which are essential to the conduct of the project may be requested; however, travel to present papers or attend conferences is NOT allowable under this program.

The committee reminds applicants to carefully prepare their proposals and be specific and realistic in their budget requests. All applications for New Faculty Scholar Awards MUST include the completed application form, letter of support from the departmental chair, the applicant's resume, and a description of the project. The properly signed original application and 11 copies must be submitted to RD&C prior to the published deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. The application form is available at RD&C (105 Twamley Hall or call 777-4278) and on RD&C's home page at <http://www.und.edu/dept/rdc/SSACNewFacultyScholar.htm> (or under "Research" on UND's home page).

-- Patrick A. Carr, Ph.D., Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, Anatomy and Cell Biology,

pcarr@medicine.nodak.edu, 701/777-2576

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Spring faculty study seminars announced

Two faculty study seminars will be offered for this spring. The seminars provide a means for faculty with common interests to learn more about a teaching-related topic. Each group meets four times a semester, at times mutually agreed to by participants, to read and discuss a teaching-related book (books provided by the Office of Instructional Development). The participant's only obligation is to read and to show up for discussion.

To sign up, e-mail the facilitator noted below with your contact information (e-mail and phone) and a copy of your spring semester schedule. You will be contacted once an initial meeting date is set. For more information about FSS groups, contact Anne Kelsch at anne_kelsch@und.nodak.edu or 777-4233.

"Discussion As a Way of Teaching: Tools and Techniques for Democratic Classrooms," second edition by Stephen D. Brookfield and Stephen Preskill (Jossey-Bass, 2005).

Brookfield and Preskill have written this second edition of their book for all teachers and leaders who use discussion to help people learn. One book synopsis states, "Brookfield and Preskill clearly show how discussion can enliven classrooms, and they outline practical methods for ensuring that students will come to class

prepared to discuss a topic. They also explain how to balance the voices of students and teachers, while still preserving the moral, political, and pedagogic integrity of discussion." This revised edition includes new material related to the use of discussion for online teaching, as part of democratic participation, and theoretical foundations for the use of discussion. So if you're interested in the use of discussion in the university classroom, this book can provide practical, usable tools to either get you started or enhance your current practice. If you are interested in reading this book as part of a faculty study seminar, contact Sonia Zimmerman at szimmer@medicine.nodak.edu or 777-2200.

"Engaging Ideas: The Professor's Guide to Integrating Writing, Critical Thinking, and Active Learning in the Classroom" by John C. Bean (Jossey-Bass, 1996).

John Bean designed "Engaging Ideas" as a nuts-and-bolts handbook for instructors who want to successfully integrate writing into their courses. Bean explains the fundamental link between critical thinking and writing in the classroom, and provides several strategies on how to address these concerns. He writes, "The goal of these activities is to transform students from passive to active learners, deepening their understanding of subject matter while helping them learn the thinking process of the discipline: how members of the discipline ask questions, conduct inquiries, gather and analyze data and make arguments." This book is a great starting place for faculty interested in practical advice on how to use writing and critical thinking successfully in the classroom. If you are interested in reading this book as part of a faculty study seminar, contact Shane Winterhalter at shanewinterhalter@mail.und.nodak.edu or 777-6381.

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

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New UND Student Assessment of Teaching forms available

This spring we will use a new (blue) UND Student Assessment of Teaching (USAT) form. Part 3 of the form has been revised to better assess student learning within the Essential Studies/General Education courses. A copy of the form is at: http://www.und.edu/dept/datacol/usat/usatform_new.pdf Please request these new forms from your college dean's office; the old green USAT forms that you have in your department can be recycled.

If you or any member of your department has questions regarding the form, please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 777-4358.

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

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Deadline is Feb. 17 for applications to Senate Scholarly Activities Committee

The fourth deadline for submission of applications to the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee (SSAC) is Tuesday, Feb. 17. Research/Creative Activity and Publication grant applications as well as applications for New Faculty Scholar Awards will be considered at that time. No travel applications will be considered during the fourth (Feb. 17) awards cycle. Late applications will not be accepted.

The fifth deadline for submission of applications is Friday, May 1. Travel applications will be considered at that time only for travel that will occur between May 1 and Sept. 15, 2009. No other applications will be considered during the fifth (May 1) awards cycle. Late applications will not be accepted.

The committee reminds applicants to carefully prepare their proposals and be specific and realistic in their budget requests. The proposal should be written with a multidisciplinary readership in mind. Avoid technical jargon and undefined abbreviations. Although the SSAC encourages submission of research/creative activity

proposals and travel/publication 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. Requests for research/creative activity awards may not exceed \$2,500.

Application forms are available at RD&C, 105 Twamley Hall, 777-4278, or on RD&C's home page (on UND's home page under "Research"). A properly signed original and 11 copies of the application must be submitted to RD&C on or prior to the published deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications that are not prepared in accordance with the directions on the forms will not be considered by the committee. Please feel free to contact any of the current SSAC members for information or guidance when preparing your application. Their names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses are available on RD&C's home page or by calling RD&C at 777-4278.

-- Patrick A. Carr, Ph.D., Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, Anatomy and Cell Biology,
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Public scholarship proposals accepted

Proposals are being accepted from UND faculty for research and creative activity projects involving public or community partners in North Dakota. The Center for Community Engagement Public Scholarship Fund has been established with the support of the vice president for research. A total of \$10,000 is available for projects this year.

Public scholarship, also known as public policy research, action research, community-based research, participatory research, and public interest research, is concerned with addressing community needs by involving public members in research projects and by making research results broadly accessible.

The Public Scholarship Committee encourages multi-disciplinary projects, attention to the particular needs of North Dakota, and the involvement of students. Application forms are downloadable from the Web site of the UND Center for Community Engagement at www.communityengagement.und.edu The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. Feb. 13.

Research Funds are available for:

- Public scholarship projects of up to \$2,500
- Two or more faculty members from more than one department
- At least one fully involved public/community partner in North Dakota
- Projects addressing a significant public need or public interest in North Dakota
- Projects that can be completed in 12 months

A community partner may be any legal entity, a non-governmental organization (NGO), a non-profit organization, or a community service organization. Community partners must be actively involved in the design of the research project. A letter of commitment from the community partner is required with the application.

The original and six (6) copies of the application should be submitted to Lana Rakow, UND Public Scholarship Program, 317 Cambridge St., Stop 8254 (777-2287; lanarakow@mail.und.edu) by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 13.

Successful applicants will be notified by March 1. Awardees are expected (a) to submit a written report meeting requirements which will be provided to them, (b) discuss their project at the second annual community-university forum in Rugby, N.D., March 27-28, and (c) present results of their projects at one community engagement or public scholarship event at the conclusion of their research.

-- Lana Rakow, Director, Center for Community Engagement, lanarakow@mail.und.edu, 777.2287

Help defeat breast cancer; join UND research study

Women who would like to be part of new studies at the medical school aimed at determining the most effective means of prevention and early detection of cancer in the breast are invited to contact the school's Office of Research. The breast is the leading site of cancer development in North Dakota and Minnesota women, said Edward Sauter, associate dean for research and program development. He and his team of clinical researchers are seeking volunteers for several breast cancer prevention studies using herbal/botanical interventions to prevent the disease, and noninvasive approaches to early breast cancer detection.

All studies are free of charge and vary in length, with some requiring as little as one visit and others either a four- or 12-week time commitment. Volunteers who live in, or within traveling distance of, Grand Forks and Fargo are especially invited to participate.

Volunteers who take part in this project can make a difference for women of all ages, Sauter said.

For more information or to register, please contact Wanda DeKrey at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 777-4862 or

wdekrey@medicine.nodak.edu .

-- Shelley Pohlman, Assistant to the Director of Communications, Office of Public Affairs,

spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-4305

Ray Richards golf course season passes now available

The 2009 golf season passes for faculty and staff are now available for \$240. With your purchase, you will receive a free season pass for the driving range (\$150 value). Prices will go up to \$250 Feb. 1.

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, Assistant Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, tomswangler@mail.und.edu, 777-4094

Census worker positions available

The U.S. Census Bureau will be testing for various positions throughout the state of North Dakota. These positions will last in duration from five to 10 weeks (with possible additional assignments) up to two years, with some immediate openings and some to begin spring 2009. Salary range is \$8.25 to \$12.50 per hour, depending on position. The Census Bureau will administer a test to be used for all positions. Please call toll-free 1-866-861-2010 to apply and schedule a testing session. MUST bring two forms of ID to the testing session, and one of these MUST be a photo ID. The other one can be a social security card or birth certificate. For more information, go to www.census.gov/2010censusjobs

Positions available:

- * Census Clerk - answers applicant calls and schedules tests, supports recruiting assistants, processes employee payroll and personnel actions and provides administrative support for the field staff.
- * Crew Leader - supervises census takers and crew leader assistants, reviews and approves daily payroll records, trains census takers and crew leader assistants, and ensures that procedures are followed.
- * Crew Leader Assistant - supports the crew leaders by performing delegated tasks and performing some of the

same field work as census takers.

* Census Takers - locates households, updates address lists, explains the purpose of the census, conducts interviews with respondents, records responses on paper forms or hand-held computers, and meets with the Crew Leader every day to turn in completed work and payroll forms and to discuss the progress.

* Recruiting Assistant - locates, set up and runs the applicant test sessions, asks community organizations to donate space for testing and training, plus reviews and sends applicants materials to and from the local census office.

-- Lyle Beiswenger, retired vice president for finance.

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Results of ACT's 2008 alumni outcomes survey available

UND participated in ACT's 2008 Alumni Outcomes Survey. This survey was administered in the spring 2008 to the 2004-2005 baccalaureate graduates. The instrument assesses alumni perceptions of UND's impact on their personal and professional growth and development, as well as general background questions, employment history, and education information. Prior administration of this survey was in spring 2006.

In general, alumni have a very positive opinion of UND. Alumni show high satisfaction in academic programs and report general education courses a valuable component of their education. On the other hand, alumni report their greatest dissatisfaction with their current career is that of salary. Alumni also express dissatisfaction with the availability of adequate financial aid as well as with faculty availability outside of class time. Below are some findings from the 2008 Alumni Outcomes Survey:

* The five highest degrees of satisfaction are found in the areas of quality of the program in my major/field, class size relative to the type of course, overall quality of instruction, variety of courses offered, and general condition of buildings and grounds.

* UND alumni report greater levels of involvement in professional, civic, athletic, and social activities and organization while attending school than national norms. Levels of involvement in these organizations and activities are also increasing over time.

* 95 percent of alumni rate UND as excellent or good.

* When asked about their first, full-time job after completing their first program at UND, over half of alumni respondents (58 percent) report their first job was highly related to the major of their first program. When comparing this nationally, 48 percent of alumni from public colleges report their first job being highly related to their major.

* Alumni rate the importance of developing and using effective leadership skills higher than previous alumni outcomes results; the mean score increased from 3.55 in 2006 to 3.62 in 2008, while increasing its rank to No. 3 compared to No. 6. National norms have this particular item ranked No. 9 in importance.

* Alumni were asked the extent to which they agreed with 11 statements about UND.

* Respondents indicate high agreement (over 75 percent responding "strongly agree" or "agree") on three of 11 items: academic success was encouraged and supported at this school (85 percent), overall the school had an intellectually stimulating atmosphere (85 percent), and there was a sense of personal safety/security on the campus (83 percent).

* The highest level of dissatisfaction was under the item I encountered few course scheduling or course availability problems which received rating of "strongly disagree" or "disagree" from 20 percent of respondents as well as the financial aid available to me was adequate for my needs at 18 percent disagreement. The "aid availability" mean score has been decreasing significantly from surveys in 2006 and 2004. The item which had the largest drop in mean score from 2006 was the statement of most faculty were readily available to students outside of class time, which received a mean of 3.82 in 2008, down from 3.98 in 2006 and 4.01 in 2004 (scale: 1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree).

* Nine student services were rated for satisfaction. The two items scoring in the high satisfied portion (mean score >=4.0) were library services (mean=4.33) and health and wellness programs (mean=4.11). These two services also showed an increase in satisfaction mean score from 2006. The remaining seven items fell into the neutral part of the scale (mean score =3.0); in order from highest to lowest mean score are registration procedures (mean=3.82), academic advising (mean=3.74), academic support service (e.g. tutoring, study skills) (mean=3.71), personal counseling services (mean=3.66), orientation/instruction of campus computing (mean=3.63), career planning and placement services (mean=3.40), and financial aid counseling and related services (mean=3.31). Of the seven "neutral" items, the only two which increased in mean score from 2006 to 2008 were personal counseling services and career planning and placement services.

The complete report is available on the UND-IR Web site at

<http://www.und.edu/dept/dataacol/reports/subFolder/act2008Alumni/act2008alumni.htm>

If you have questions about the study, or would like further information or detail, please contact either Sue Erickson or me.

-- Carmen Williams, Director, Institutional Research, carmenwilliams@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4358

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Museum of Art seeks costume jewelry for children's fundraiser

Each May the North Dakota Museum of Art hosts Antique to Chic, a fundraiser and raffle for the Museum's children's art programs, which include summer art camps, workshops, scholarships and outreach into the local community. We accept any jewelry, costume or otherwise, and accessories such as scarves, belts, hats or purses to sell at this event.

This year Antique to Chic will be held Sunday, May 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Museum. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. The raffle tickets for jewelry donated by local jewelers and artisans will be available before the event. Prices at the sale will range from \$1 per item and up.

You can bring your donations to the Museum or call to arrange for it to be picked up.

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

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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:

Vice President for Finance and Operations

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Line Service Operator, Aerospace Sciences, #09-183

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 1/30/2009

COMPENSATION: \$25,000 plus/year

OFFICE SUPPORT: No vacancies

CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES: No vacancies

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Summer programs, events council awards mini grants

The Summer Programs and Events Council (SPEC) recently awarded \$24,823 in mini-grants to eight individuals to aid in the expansion, redesign, and creation of their summer courses and programs. The Start-Up Mini-Grant Program funding is used to support UND faculty and staff in the development, marketing and start-up costs of summer on-campus programming.

The Summer 2009 awarded projects are:

- UND Movie Making Camp for Youth, English Department, \$2,125, third year funding
Kathy Coudle-King, senior lecturer, English Department
- UND Movie Making Camp for Adults, English Department, \$2,485, second year funding
Kathy Coudle-King, senior lecturer, English Department
- Advanced Lego Robotics Camp, Computer Science Department, \$3,251, second year funding
Tom Stokke, instructor, Computer Science
- UND Summer Institute for School Counselors, Department of Counseling Psychology and Community Services, \$2,500, third year funding
Dorlene Walker, clinical associate professor, Department of Counseling
- Summer Language Processing Camp, Communication Sciences and Disorders, \$1,600, second year funding
Sarah Robinson, clinical professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Summer Foreign Language Day Camps, Language Department, \$5,000, first year funding
Amanda Boyd, assistant professor, languages
- Photography for Educators, Department of Teaching and Learning, \$4,462, first year funding
Lars Helgeson, professor, teaching and learning
- Summer Art Camp for Youth, Art Department, \$3,400, first year funding
Sue Fink, Department of Education, North Dakota Museum of Art

"The Start-Up Mini-Grant Program represents a unique opportunity to encourage program development at UND," said Kerry Kerber, associate dean of continuing education and co-chair of SPEC. "Because the proposals are from both faculty and staff, the program nurtures creativity from the existing diversity of people and disciplines within the university."

By aiding in the development of summer programs, SPEC hopes to encourage greater on-campus participation during the summer months at UND. "Summer programming has changed significantly due to the camps,

courses, and programs that have been supported by the SPEC mini-grant program. We are supporting educational opportunities for many different age groups and diverse populations," said Diane Hadden, director of Summer Sessions and co-chair of SPEC. "The faculty and staff commitment to the success of these ventures is phenomenal."

The Summer Programs and Events Council's mission is to promote all summer events, programs, and courses to the Greater Grand Forks community and beyond while providing leadership and logistical support for summer programming on the UND campus.

For more information about the Summer Programs and Events Council visit www.summer.und.edu.

-- Brenda Dufault, Summer Programs and Events Coordinator, Summer Programs and Events,
brendadufault@mail.und.edu, 777-0841

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IN THE NEWS

Mary Wakefield receives national award

Mary Wakefield recently received the prestigious 2008 Nursing Economic\$/Margaret D. Sovie Writer's Award. Sponsored by Nursing Economic\$, Wakefield received the award last month during the second annual Nurse Faculty/Nurse Executive Summit in Scottsdale, Ariz.

With expertise in quality and patient safety, rural health care, Medicare payment policy, workforce issues, and the public policy process, Wakefield joined the Nursing Economic\$ editorial board in 1990. As the "Perspectives in Health Policy" columnist, her first article, "The U.S. Congress and the Power of the Purse" was published the same year.

"Since that debut column nearly 20 years ago, Dr. Wakefield has written 47 columns for Nursing Economic\$ and shared her wisdom and political expertise during editorial board meetings and symposia," said Nursing Economic\$ Editor Donna Nickitas.

"We are grateful to be able to share Dr. Wakefield's stellar contributions and insights with our readers and are very proud to present her with this award."

Wakefield is associate dean for rural health and director of the Center for Rural Health at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Under Dr. Wakefield's leadership, the Center for Rural Health has markedly expanded its portfolio of health initiatives and brought significant national visibility to both the challenges and unique solutions found in rural health care.

The writer's award is named in memory of Margaret D. Sovie, a long-time Nursing Economic\$ Editorial board member, author and manuscript reviewer.

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