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### Search committee appointed for vice president for finance and operations

Vice President for Student and Outreach Services Robert Boyd has agreed to serve as the chair of the search committee for the position of vice president for finance and operations.

Committee members include:

Robert Boyd, vice president, student and outreach services

Rick Duquette, city administrator, City of Grand Forks

Randy Eken, associate dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Denny Elbert, dean, College of Business and Public Administration

Odella Fuqua, assistant dean, Continuing Education/Outreach

Hal Gershman, president, Grand Forks City Council

Pat Hanson, director, payroll office

Jody Hodgson, general manager, Ralph Engelstad Arena

Janice Hoffarth, Staff Senate chair, music

Steve Hyman, executive director, Alerus Center

Jon Jackson, University Senate chair, anatomy and cell biology

Sue Jenö, associate professor, physical therapy

Steve Light, associate professor, political science and public administration

Peggy Lucke, associate vice president, finance and operations

Tim O'Keefe, executive vice president, UND Alumni Association and Foundation

Dave Schmidt, manager, grants and contracts

Rick Tonder, associate director, facilities

Sterling Wiggins, treasurer, UND student government

Questions or comments about the search should be directed to Vice President Boyd or another member of the search committee.

-- Robert O. Kelley, President, Office of the President, [rokelly@mail.und.edu](mailto:rokelly@mail.und.edu), 7-2121

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## UND's economic impact still more than \$1 billion

The economic impact of the University of North Dakota on its local economy continues to be more than \$1 billion a year, according to a study commissioned by the North Dakota University System. This is the third year in a row UND's economic impact as exceeded the \$1 billion mark.

The impact of UND's expenditures grew by 65.4 percent over the past nine years, reaching \$1.087 billion in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. The total North Dakota University System economic impact was \$2.8 billion, according to the study.

"This report clearly shows the impact that UND and other institutions in the University System have on the state and regional economy," said UND President Robert Kelley. "In addition, the report indicates the important contributions that students make to the economy, both through participation in the state's workforce and through their expenditures in their local communities. The report underlies the impact that university-based research has on business development, productivity, and improving the quality of life within the State of North Dakota."

The figures come from a recent report, "Economic Impact of the North Dakota University System," by F. Larry Leistriz and Randal C. Coon of the North Dakota State University Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. They estimated that business activity resulting from UND's budget would support almost 10,600 jobs in the community, over and beyond the University's own workforce of 4,183 individuals.

Not included was the spending by UND's students, the majority of whom, for example, live in private housing in the community. The report cites the direct impacts of student spending in the Grand Forks area as \$98 million in FY2008. The total economic impact of the student spending was \$243.6 million, highlighted, the reports states, by increased retail trade activity of \$110.2 million and personal income increase of \$59.1 million. The report says these levels of business activity would generate an additional \$5.1 million sales and use tax revenue, and \$881,000 more personal income tax collections. This level of student spending would create enough business activity to support 1,776 secondary (indirect and induced) jobs.

The University's economic impact, of course, extends beyond its community. For example, a 2007 study commissioned by UND Office of Research showed that institution's research expenditures alone -- some \$85.98 million in FY2007-- generated more than \$174 million in economic output and 1,649 jobs and more than \$32.9 million in local, state and federal tax revenues.

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## EVENTS TO NOTE

### Nationally known author David Linden to give lectures Jan. 15-16

David Linden, author of "The Accidental Mind: How Brain Evolution Has Given Us Love, Memory, Dreams, and God," will be at the University of North Dakota Thursday and Friday, Jan. 15 and 16. Hosted by the Red River Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience, Linden will give a public lecture Thursday, Jan. 15, and another lecture Friday, Jan. 16.

Linden's public lecture, titled "The Accidental Mind," will be based on his book, which seeks to explain how brain evolution has given rise to qualities that profoundly shape the human experience. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. A book signing and reception will follow. Books will be available.

Friday, Jan. 16, Linden will present "The Secret Life of Axons and Dendrites" at noon in the Reed Keller Lecture

Bowl, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Linden is a professor of neuroscience at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His research for the past several years has focused on memory storage in the brain and other neuroscience topics. He is also the chief editor of the Journal of Neurophysiology.

Linden's trip to the University is sponsored by a Grass Traveling Scientist Program Award through the Society for Neuroscience, the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians devoted to advancing understanding of the brain and nervous system. The Red River Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience is a member chapter of the Society for Neuroscience.

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## **Kathleen Coudle King to be honored at An Evening with the Arts**

The North Valley Arts Council (NoVAC) invites you to attend An Evening with the Arts, a celebration of the arts community, Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the First National Bank Building, 322 DeMers Ave., downtown Grand Forks. At the event, we will thank the community for contributing time, resources and talent to the arts, celebrate another successful year of service, and hold NoVAC's annual meeting.

An Evening with the Arts will feature the presentation of NoVAC's fourth annual Arts Awards and "The Grand Picture," a silent art auction of artwork created by local artists.

The 2009 Annual Arts Awards will be presented to honor exceptional artists and arts supporters in our community. NoVAC initiated the awards in 2006 to honor those individuals who most actively produce quality art, and to show appreciation for members of the community who support the production of art through their volunteerism, financial contributions, purchase of art, and attendance at arts events.

The 2009 award recipients are:

\* Kathleen Coudle King, who will receive the Artist of the Year award. This award recognizes extraordinary artistic achievement with a gift of \$1,000, underwritten by the Grand Forks Herald. King is a playwright and co-founder of the North Dakota Playwrights' Co-op. She is also a fiction writer, essayist and screenwriter. She has written works that will be performed at First Night Greater Grand Forks and has written "Companeras," a play about political prisoners in Uruguay based on Elizabeth Hampsten's translated testimonies. She has organized summer community writing workshops and film camps, teaches in the UND English department, and serves as administrative coordinator for the UND Writers Conference.

\* Tamar Read, who will receive an Individual Support of the Arts award in recognition of her extraordinary support of area arts organizations and artists.

\* Dakota Harvest Bakers, which will receive a Corporate Support of the Arts award in recognition of its extraordinary support of the arts.

\* Benjamin Klipfel, who will receive an Outstanding Achievement Award for his extraordinary dedication to the arts in Greater Grand Forks.

Previous award recipients include: Artist of the Year Michael Blake (2008), Job Christenson (2007) and Adam Kemp (2006); Individual Support of the Arts: Jean Holland (2008), Bruce Gjovig (2007) and Tom Edwards and Jackie McElroy Edwards (2006); Corporate Support of the Arts: Happy Harry's Bottle Shops (2008), Sanders

1907 (2007) and Hugo's (2006); and Outstanding Achievement: Laurel Reuter (2008), Lee Barnum (2007) and the late Carol Graham (2006).

A silent auction fundraiser to benefit NoVAC programming will feature original artwork by local artists, many of whom have rarely shown their work. This will be an opportunity to purchase paintings, sculpture, and other unique objects d'art created by local and regional artists at reasonable prices. Artists included in the auction include Amy Uthus, Jackie Uthus, Mary Haustad, Diane Paulson, Mark Larson, Bonnie Sobolik and many others.

Traie Dockter, president of the NoVAC Board of Directors, said, "We are honored to present these awards to those who have distinguished themselves in the support of the arts in our community. Grand Forks is fortunate to have a strong arts and culture component generally only found in much larger cities. Sustaining these groups is a priority for the quality of life we are privileged to enjoy, and we want to say 'thank you' publicly to the individuals and corporations who make commitments year after year."

An Evening with the Arts will also include NoVAC's annual meeting. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Admission is \$10 at the door. Advance reservations are not required. The event is sponsored by the Grand Forks Herald and Happy Harry's Bottle Shops.

The North Valley Arts Council supports arts and culture for the artists, arts organizations, and citizens of Greater Grand Forks. Visit [www.novac.org](http://www.novac.org) for more information.

-- Nicole Derenne, Executive Director, North Valley Arts Council, [nicolederenne@novac.org](mailto:nicolederenne@novac.org), 701-772-3710

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## University Within the University (U2) lists new classes

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

### Laboratory Safety

Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to noon, 115 Abbott Hall

Learn general lab-safety principles for the use of chemicals in laboratories. The workshop covers potential health hazards in the laboratory, protective measures, and response to incidents and emergencies. This training is required for all University employees working in a laboratory. Presenter: Eric Pearson.

### Lean Lifestyle

Every Wednesday from Jan. 20 to Feb. 25, from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., Memorial Union Presidents Room

The Lean Lifestyle program is a new class offered to UND employees who meet weekly to support and educate one another on weight management issues. 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. Presenters: Emily Spicer and Mallory Houck.

### UND Faculty - Making a Difference for New Student Recruitment

Jan. 21, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Swanson Hall, Room 10-12

We know that faculty who personally connect with incoming undergraduate students have a direct and positive influence on UND new student enrollment. Many faculty have a genuine interest in, but limited time and availability to direct toward, connecting personally with incoming students. This session is a forum where we will discuss an easy-to-use and completely flexible way for interested and willing faculty to support new student recruitment. An online environment has been developed that allows faculty to directly connect with as few or as many students as they desire. If you want to make a difference for UND new student enrollment, but have limited time or lack the specific detail as to how to proceed, please make plans to attend this session.

Presenter: Kenton Pauls, director of Enrollment Services.

#### Running, Reading, and Reconciling Key Finance Reports in PeopleSoft

Jan. 22, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Gamble Hall, Lanterman Center, Room 9

Prerequisite: Must have previously attended either a "Budgets Overview Inquiry" or "Budget vs. Cash Inquiry" U2 session and must have a PeopleSoft user ID and password for Finance Module. This training provides the tools necessary to navigate through PeopleSoft in order to run, read, and understand PeopleSoft financial reports. Important tips will be provided to help you recognize why, when, and how to reconcile revenue and expense transactions posted to your funds. Troubleshooting tips and tools to help you resolve budgeting errors will also be provided. Includes hands-on practice activities. Presenter: Tom Swangler.

#### Defensive Driving

Jan. 22, 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

#### GroupWise 7.0: Intermediate

Jan. 22, 1 to 4 p.m., 361 Upson II

Students will work with advanced message options, set mail properties, customize message headers, use Web Access interface, create and use rules to automate e-mail responses, set access rights, and work in depth with the junk mail folder and archive feature. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

-- Patricia Young, U2 Coordinator, Continuing Education, [patriciayoung@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:patriciayoung@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-0720

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## OID announces On Teaching online

This spring the Office of Instructional Development will pilot an online offering of the On Teaching seminars (informal discussions on teaching-related topics of interest to faculty in all disciplines) for those who teach distance courses at UND. The first seminar, "Significant Learning and Strategies of Student Engagement," will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21. A full description of the session is available here:

[http://www.und.edu/dept/oid/Documents/Box\\_Lunch\\_Flier\\_21\\_Jan\\_2009\\_online.pdf](http://www.und.edu/dept/oid/Documents/Box_Lunch_Flier_21_Jan_2009_online.pdf). This interactive discussion will be conducted via WIMBA (and a tutorial for its use is available through Blackboard.) Participants will join the discussion remotely via computer and will need a USB headset to do so. To be fully interactive (with video) a USB webcam is recommended.

Please RSVP to [jana\\_hollands@und.nodak.edu](mailto:jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu) by Monday, Jan. 19, to register. You will receive information about logging in to the seminar.

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## On Teaching Seminar: focus on student engagement

The first On Teaching seminar of the semester, "Significant Learning and Strategies of Student Engagement," will take place Wednesday, Jan. 21, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Badlands Room, Memorial Union.

Many studies affirm that learning correlates strongly with engagement. The more deeply we involve students with the subject matter, with ourselves, and with their fellow students, the more likely they are to achieve at higher levels. The good news is there are strategies of engagement which clearly promote significant learning—learning that results in students having a greater understanding and ability to hold onto and intelligently use

the knowledge we have spent our professional lives trying to share with them.

This spring OID will focus on pedagogies of engagement that promote this deeper learning and make it more likely that our students take what they have learned with us into future classes and their lives after college (and for very hands-on help with this process consider signing up for the Creating Significant Learning Through Integrated Course Design Workshop on Feb. 5: more information available at <http://www.und.edu/dept/oid/> In this session of On Teaching we will explore some of the pedagogies of engagement that research suggests are most effective.

We will have lots of time for discussion, so bring your experiences and questions along. We would especially be interested to hear if you have had success or failure with a strategy designed to engage students more deeply in their learning.

To register and reserve your lunch, call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or e-mail [jana\\_hollands@und.edu](mailto:jana_hollands@und.edu) by noon Monday, Jan. 19.

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, [anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu](mailto:anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu), 701-777-4233

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## Volunteer Recruitment Day is Jan. 22

Volunteer Recruitment Day at the Spring Involvement Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Ballroom, Memorial Union. Agencies will be on campus to recruit volunteers for the spring semester. Everyone is invited to visit with agency representatives about available opportunities. Faculty and staff, in addition to students, are encouraged to attend. Those programs and departments that require service hours are asked to inform students about Volunteer Recruitment Day. For further information, contact Linda Rains, assistant director for student involvement, 777-4076 or [lindarains@mail.und.edu](mailto:lindarains@mail.und.edu).

-- Joe Mathern, Graduate Assistant for Programming, Memorial Union, [joseph.mathern@und.edu](mailto:joseph.mathern@und.edu), 7-0673

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## Celebrate National Pie Day Jan. 23

Jan. 23 is National Pie Day, as ordained by none other than the American Pie Council. In celebration, we're bringing in 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.

Join us in the Culinary Corner at the Wellness Center Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

-- Karina Wittmann, Coordinator of Nutrition Services, Wellness Center, [karinawittmann@mail.und.edu](mailto:karinawittmann@mail.und.edu), 701-777-2719

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## Webcast of Annular Solar Eclipse in Jakarta

Two UND professors, Timothy Young (physics) and Ronald Marsh (computer science), will travel to Indonesia to broadcast a live webcast of the Jan. 26 annular solar eclipse. This will be the 12th webcast that this team has produced and provided to the world via the World Wide Web.

The narrow path of this eclipse begins in the South Atlantic Ocean traversing the Indian Ocean and ends over Indonesia. The only land in the path is Indonesia where the UND eclipse team will be located (Java or Sumatra).

The UND eclipse team will transmit the annular solar eclipse live with multicast technology and will have a chat room where anyone can share the experience with viewers from around the world. Schools, libraries and the public are being urged to tune in to this unique event and experience it live. Please visit <http://www.sems.und.edu> for more information.

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## Writers Conference 101 plans book discussions

The organizers of the 2009 UND Writers Conference have planned a series of book discussions to help acquaint readers with the visiting authors and their books.

The book discussions, called Writers Conference 101, will be Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. starting Jan. 26 at Christus Rex, facilitated by the English department faculty, graduate students and others.

For those who can't get away during the lunch hour, Writers Conference 101 will be held on selected Sundays (beginning Jan. 25) from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the UND Bookstore next to Englestad Arena.

The Writers Conference, March 31 through April 4 at UND, will feature authors Steve Almond, Charles Baxter, Marco Candida, Chuck Klosterman, Jaqueline Osherow, Karen Russell and Greg Williamson.

This year the UND Writers Conference will celebrate its 40th anniversary. It was founded in 1970 when the late John Little, a UND English professor, missed some of his literary friends from the South and decided to invite them to share their work in North Dakota.

Since that first conference, some of the most lauded names in literature have visited the UND campus, including Allen Ginsberg, Truman Capote, Edward Albee, Louise Erdrich, Thomas McGrath, Sherman Alexie and Alice Walker. Last years Writers Conference included Sir Salman Rushdie and Junot Diaz, who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize earlier this year.

The event typically draws more than 3,000 literature lovers from North Dakota, Minnesota and beyond to attend the free conference. It includes readings, panel discussions and opportunities for attendees to ask questions of nationally and internationally prominent authors.

Organizers of the conference believe lots of people buy the visiting author's books before the conference, intending to read them but then never finding the time. The organizers want Writers Conference 101 to help people learn more about the authors and to discuss their work.

Each session will begin with a brief overview of the author, followed by questions and discussion of the book title. Questions? Call 777-2787 or go online to [www.english.und.edu](http://www.english.und.edu).

Here's a schedule for Writers Conference 101

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/articles/includes/printer.cfm?id=99702>

Heres a rundown on the visiting authors who will speak and discuss their work at the 2009 UND Writers Conference set for March 31 to April 4 at UND.

- UND alum Chuck Klosterman released his first novel, *Downtown Owl*, earlier this year but perhaps is best known for his nonfiction works, including "Fargo Rock City," "Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs" and "Killing Yourself

to Live." He has written for SPIN, Esquire and other publications.

- Steve Almonds nonfiction book "Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America" was a New York Times Bestseller and featured on The Food Network. He is the author of two collections of short stories.

- Charles Baxter is author of "The Soul Thief" and "Saul and Patsy." His third novel, "The Feast of Love," was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2000 and has been made into a film by Robert Benton starring Morgan Freeman. His works include novels, essays and poems. He is Edelstein-Keller professor of creative writing at University of Minnesota.

- Marco Candida, born in Italy, a resident of Genoa, has published novels, "La mania per lalfabeto" (Alphabet Mania), "Il diario dei sogni" (Dream Diary) and "Domani avrò trentanni" (Tomorrow I'll be Thirty). He recently was named a finalist at the prestigious Turin Poetry Festival. He is well-known in Italy for his literary blog: <http://lamaniaperlalfabeto.splinder>.

- Poet Jacqueline Osherow is the author of five books, including "Looking for Angels in New York," "Conversations with Survivors" and "The Hoopoes Crown." She has been awarded grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, and other prizes. She is distinguished professor of English and creative writing at the University of Utah.

- Karen Russell is the author of a collection of short stories, "St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves," and the forthcoming novel "Swamplandia!" She has been featured in The Best American Short Stories and more. She teaches at Williams College.

- Greg Williamson is the author of two poetry collections, "The Silent Partner," which won the Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize in 1995, and "Errors in the Script," winner of the 1998 Whiting Award. He teaches in the writing seminars at Johns Hopkins University.

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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](mailto:wayne.barkhouse@und.nodak.edu), 777-3520

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## Retirement reception to honor Clay Finger Jan. 28

A retirement reception will be held in honor of Clay Finger, telecommunications analyst, lead technician for the Department of Telecommunications/ITSS, Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Carnegie Building lower level. He will retire following 14 years of service to the University. Please join us in wishing Clay well in his retirement. Everyone is welcome.

-- Larry Fisk, Telecom Leader, Telecommunications / ITSS, [larryfisk@mail.und.edu](mailto:larryfisk@mail.und.edu), 777-3708

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## University Senate meets Feb. 5; agenda items due

The University Senate will meet Thursday, Feb. 5, at 4:05 p.m. in Gamble Hall, Room 7. Agenda items for this meeting are due in the Office of the Registrar by noon Thursday, Jan. 22. They may be submitted electronically

to: [lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu). It is recommended that some detail be included in the agenda items submitted. -- Suzanne Anderson (registrar), secretary, University Senate.

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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](mailto:lynda.kenney@und.edu), 777-2197

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## Great Backyard Bird Count is Feb. 13-16

What mid-winter activity is fun, easy, free, and helps bird conservation? What can parents and teachers do with children that connects them to a whole new world of natural wonders? This February, the 10th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, will give everyone a chance to discover the birds in their neighborhood and "Count for the Record."

During Feb. 13-16, people of all ages, from beginners to experts, are invited to join this event which spans all of the United States and Canada. Participants can take part wherever they are - at home, in school yards, at local parks or wildlife refuges. Observers simply count the highest number of each species they see during an outing or a sitting, and enter their tally on the Great Backyard Bird Count Web site at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

Visitors to the Web site can also compare their sightings with results from other participants, as checklists pour in from throughout the United States and Canada. Together, these counts offer a real-time snapshot of the numbers and kinds of birds that people are finding, from boreal chickadees in Alaska to anhingas in Florida.

Last year, participants submitted a record-breaking 85,000 checklists. In 2008 participants documented the huge southward movement of northern finches from Canada, as well as the expanding ranges of Eurasian collared-dove and the red-bellied woodpecker. Northern bobwhite and eastern meadowlark numbers continued to decline. Unusual sightings included two birds that rarely leave the Arctic. An Arctic loon was sighted in California and an ivory gull was sighted in South Dakota.

Participants who want to hone their bird watching skills can learn more from the Great Backyard Bird Count Web site, which offers identification tips and access to photos, sounds, maps, and natural history information on more than 500 bird species. People can also submit photos to an online gallery showcasing the dazzling array of winter birds found during the GBBC.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a free event, sponsored in part by Wild Birds Unlimited. For more information, visit [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a nonprofit membership institution interpreting and conserving the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds.

Audubon is dedicated to protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitat that supports them. Our national network of community-based nature centers and chapters, scientific and educational programs, and advocacy on behalf of areas sustaining important bird populations, engage millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in conservation.

The mission of the Dakota Science Center is to encourage lifelong curiosity and fascination with science in children, parents, teachers, and the community through discovery, exploration and interaction.

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## Founders Day is Feb. 26

The 2009 Founders Day banquet will be held Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Memorial Union Ballroom. A reception will begin at 5:45 p.m. and banquet at 6:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided during the reception by Jazz on Tap.

In the UND Founders Day tradition, retirees, 25-year honorees, and department and faculty award winners will be recognized during the banquet. A newly updated Founders Day video will be shown.

Banquet tickets for the Founders Day event are \$20 each and must be reserved by Feb. 17 by contacting Terri Machart in the Office of the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services at 777-2724 or by e-mail at

[terrimachart@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:terrimachart@mail.und.nodak.edu). Or, you can print out a registration form at

[http://sos.und.edu/foundersday/foundersday2009\\_r3.pdf](http://sos.und.edu/foundersday/foundersday2009_r3.pdf) and mail it to Terri at Stop 7140.

-- Fred Wittmann, Director, Ceremonies and Special Events, [fredwittmann@mail.und.edu](mailto:fredwittmann@mail.und.edu), 7-4267

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## Bill Gaither tour performs at Ralph Engelstad Arena May 31

Gospel music fans everywhere are "Lovin' Life" as Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Friends bring their inspirational music and message across America with the Gaither Homecoming "Lovin' Life" tour 2009. The tour arrives at Ralph Engelstad Arena Sunday, May 31, at 3 p.m. with tickets on sale Monday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m. Visit [www.gaither.com](http://www.gaither.com) for additional information.

Hot on the heels of the release of their latest CD, "Lovin' Life," The Gaither Vocal Band, along with a bevy of artists, share the classic and timely gospel sounds of the Gaither phenomenon live with audiences in more than 32 cities. Few events have the ability to bring people together the way Gaither Homecoming concerts do. Year after year, Bill Gaither showcases the very best talent in the world of gospel music, entertaining both young and old, and winning new fans with every performance.

To call Mr. Gaither a music mogul might just be an understatement. In the 15 years since gospel music pioneer Bill Gaither began recording his Homecoming series of videos, virtually everything the Grammy Award winner

has touched has turned to gold ... and platinum. Ninety-nine of Gaither's Homecoming projects have achieved precious metal status, with four certified multi-platinum, 45 certified platinum and 50 selling gold. To date, Gaither Homecoming videos have sold more than 15 million units.

Gaither joins a cavalcade of singers, musicians and comedians, whose collective talents have been honored with Grammys, Doves and The NARAS President's Merit Award. In 2000, Bill and Gloria Gaither were presented with the first ever "Songwriter of the Century" award by ASCAP. They also received the 2008 Sagem, the state of Indiana's highest award.

Joining Gaither are the Gaither Vocal Band; Ernie Haase and Signature Sound, Jeff and Sheri Easter, Janet Paschal, Gordon Mote, Ben Speer and others (all artists subject to change).

Groups of 10 people or more can take advantage of great group discounts which include TWO complimentary tickets for every 10 tickets purchased. Additional information on ticketing and group sales is available at [www.gaither.com](http://www.gaither.com).

Tickets for Gaither Homecoming "Lovin' Life" Tour 2009 are \$39.50 / \$28.50 and all seats are reserved. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Ralph Engelstad Arena box office, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or by calling 701-772-5151. -- Ralph Engelstad Arena.

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## Canadian Aboriginal Film Festival is Feb. 18-26

The Department of Indian Studies, in collaboration with the government of Canada, will present a film festival of Canadian Aboriginal films Feb. 18-26. We are fortunate to be able to present 13 films of various lengths by Canadian Aboriginal filmmakers. This event is made possible by the Canadian Consulate in Minneapolis. All films will be shown at the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl and will be followed by discussions.

We encourage you to see the schedule of films, as well as descriptions, on our Web site at

<http://www.und.edu/dept/indian/fn%20films.htm>

and we also encourage instructors teaching classes that deal with these subjects to have their students attend.

The subjects of these films range from the history of interactions with the Canadian government to women in the arts, from the foster home system and family issues to humor. These films are an excellent introduction to contemporary Canadian society and the situation of aboriginal peoples in Canada.

In a semester when the campus will not experience a Time Out Week, this film series builds on the Indian Studies Association film series in the fall to bring more information about indigenous peoples in North America to the community.

For more information, contact Sebastian Braun at 777-4315 or [sebastian.braun@und.edu](mailto:sebastian.braun@und.edu)

-- Sebastian Braun, Assistant Professor, Indian Studies, [sebastian.braun@und.edu](mailto:sebastian.braun@und.edu), 777-4314

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Code of Student Life changes sought

Departments or individuals with changes to the Code of Student Life should submit these to the Dean of Students Office, c/o Jeffrey Powell, by Tuesday, Jan. 20. The current Code is available at

<http://sos.und.edu/csl> or in paper format by request.

-- Jeffrey Powell, Student Services Officer, Dean of Students Office, [jeffreypowell@mail.und.edu](mailto:jeffreypowell@mail.und.edu), 777-2664

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## Faculty, researchers invited to participate in New Knowledge Nosh

The Honors Program announces our second annual "New Knowledge Nosh." Faculty and researchers at UND are invited to visit with undergraduate students in a relaxed, informal setting (and eat — "we'll nosh"). The conversation will focus on how new knowledge is created in different academic fields. Faculty are asked to talk about any recent/current research. This past year, some faculty recruited undergraduate students to work as volunteers and/or paid research assistants. Talented undergraduates are curious about research opportunities and possible thesis work. The 2009 New Knowledge Nosh events will occur in March and early April. All Noshes will occur at the Honors Program (Robertson Hall), and there is no cost. We hope for a variety of academic areas, including arts and humanities, social sciences, engineering, business, aviation, medicine, law, and sciences. Faculty members who are seeking to recruit students, or who simply want to share their expertise, are asked to schedule their event by contacting Kay Powell at [kristin.powell@und.edu](mailto:kristin.powell@und.edu). Each "Nosh" lasts approximately one hour, and can be scheduled at your convenience.

-- K. M. Powell, Student Life Coordinator, Honors Program, [kristin.powell@und.edu](mailto:kristin.powell@und.edu), 701-777-6218

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## Note absence notification for students

Students are responsible for contacting each of their faculty members regarding their absence from class. However, the Dean of Students Office will notify faculty regarding a student's absence due to hospitalization, death in the family or other uncontrollable emergencies. This notification serves as a courtesy notice and not a verification of their absence. If a faculty member requires justification, it is their prerogative to request that from the student. The student will be advised to contact faculty regarding missed classes and course expectations. -- Cara Halgren, associate dean of student life and director of judicial affairs and crisis programs.

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## Note surplus property policy revision

Please note revisions have been made to the surplus property policy effective Dec. 16, 2008. The policy can be viewed in its entirety on the vice president for finance and operations policy Web site under facilities:

<http://www.und.edu/dept/policyoffice/html/facilities.html>

For specific questions relating to the policy, please contact Laura Thoreson, Facilities, at 777-3006.

-- Marisa Hagg, Policy Manager, VP for Finance and Operations, [marisahagg@mail.und.edu](mailto:marisahagg@mail.und.edu), 701-777-4392

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## Computer surplus, transfer, and disposal policy available for review

A new draft policy has been created by a campuswide group of subject matter experts concerning surplus, transferring, and disposing of computers. The entire campus community is invited to review this draft policy and provide comments at

[http://itsecurity.und.edu/ComputerDisposal/ComputerDisposal\\_Public\\_Comment.html](http://itsecurity.und.edu/ComputerDisposal/ComputerDisposal_Public_Comment.html). The comment period is Jan. 14 through Feb. 18. Please visit <http://itsecurity.und.edu> for additional details. If you have questions, please contact Brad Miller, UND IT security officer.

-- Brad Miller, UND IT Security Officer, ITSS, [bradmiller@mail.und.edu](mailto:bradmiller@mail.und.edu), 777-3587

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## Note parking news, updates for spring semester

Following is parking news and updates for the spring semester.

1. Parking enforcement will be normal as of Jan. 12. Students with no current permit may purchase a permit from the Parking Office in the lower level of the Memorial Union. A student permit for the remainder of the

academic year is now \$35. Parking is planning to implement an on-line sale option for student "S" permits to start April 2009. The plan includes an accounts receivable payment option with distribution in August. Faculty/staff renewal will begin immediately. "A" permits will be valid from December 2008 until August 2009 and will cost \$120 for this nine-month period, with a maximum of 12 payroll deduction periods. Beginning August 2009, "A" permits will be renewed on an August to August cycle, with a maximum of 22 payroll deduction periods. Temporary permits are sold at \$5 per day, \$20 per week, or \$2 for a weekend permit.

2. Ramp information: Daily about 200 students and 100 faculty/staff can enter the ramp by swiping their permit's bar code on the reader located on the second entry pedestal of Lane 1 or Lane 2. If your group is full, the electronic sign along Columbia Road will indicate student group is full or faculty/staff group is full. If that happens, you may pull a ticket, enter the ramp and drive around to the exit on Lane 3 or 5. Insert the ticket you just pulled into the machine on the first exit pedestal. If this is done within 15 minutes your parking is free and the gate will open. If you choose to stay longer than 15 minutes you will need to pay for the time you are parked in the ramp. You can pay with a credit card on Lane 3 or 5, or with a credit card or cash at the pay station located on Level 1 of the SW Tower. A limited number of ramp permits remain available. These permits have been changed so that they are also honored in surface lots ("A" or "S", depending on employee or student status). Contact the Parking Office to secure your ramp permit. If you would like assistance learning how to use the ramp, call parking at 777-3551 to schedule an appointment to review entrance/exit operations. It will only take one or two minutes to explain the system!

3. Parking ticket: Beginning this semester, parking tickets will no longer double after 14 days. The ticket rate structure has changed so that all tickets cost \$20 or less, with the exception being a \$100 fine for parking in an accessible space (HZ) with no state or UND accessible permit displayed. The new rate structure is posted on the UND Parking Web page.

4. Parking meters: Information is posted on each meter indicating the length of time the meter may be loaded, the charge rate for time parked, and whether or not each meter becomes a "G" zone in the evening or remains an active meter requiring coin payment on a 24/7 basis. The meters located north of the Christus Rex Lutheran Center have been removed and those spaces are now 30-minute zones. Additionally, 12 meters were removed by Twamley, with three HZ spaces and nine "A" spaces added.

5. Boot, tow, relocation policy: If our draft policy is approved, vehicles accumulating four or more unpaid tickets will become eligible for any of the mentioned sanctions. If approved, this change will be well publicized.

6. Frequent violator: If our draft policy is approved, a violator accumulating 20 or more parking tickets during a school year will lose their parking privileges on campus for the balance of the school year. If approved, this change will be well publicized.

7. Appeal process: The parking ticket appeal process in person at the Parking Office or online to the Parking Office remains unchanged. Additional appeal avenues will be created if the boot/tow/relocation policy and/or the frequent violator policy are approved.

8. Information on parking questions: Please call the Parking Office at 777-3551 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday if you have any questions on parking services. We would much rather solve the issue before enforcement staff finds your vehicle parked in violation of a rule/regulation. ([www.parking.und.edu/](http://www.parking.und.edu/)). -- Tim Lee, parking services manager.

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**North Dakota Medicine magazine now available**

The new North Dakota Medicine magazine, Vol. 33, No. 5, is now available in print and online at

<http://www.ndmedicine.org/>.

Articles include "Touching Lives" by Pamela Knudson; "Bullseye: UND's Center for Rural Health scores BIG!" by Wendy Opsahl; "The Invisible Injury" by Tara Mertz; "Reaching Across the State" by Patrick Miller' "When I Grow Up I Want to be a Doctor" by Wendy Opsahl; and "Courage, Hope and Strength through Breast Cancer Research"

by Pamela Knudson.

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

[spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-4305

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## Holiday hours announced

Monday, Feb. 16, Presidents Day, will be observed as a holiday by faculty and staff members of the University.

Only those employees designated by their department heads will be required to work on this holiday. -- Greg

Weisenstein, vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Diane Nelson, director, human resources.

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## Chester Fritz Library lists weekend hours

The Chester Fritz Library will observe the following hours of operation for the Martin Luther King weekend:

Saturday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 18, closed; Monday, Jan. 19, 1 p.m. to midnight.

-- Karen Cloud, Administrative Assistant, Chester Fritz Library, [karencloud@mail.und.edu](mailto:karencloud@mail.und.edu), 7-2618

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## Law library announces Martin Luther King Day hours

The Law Library will be open 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

-- Jane Oakland, Circulation Manager, Law Library, [oakland@law.und.edu](mailto:oakland@law.und.edu), 7-3482

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## ITSS lists holiday closing hours

Information Technology Systems and Services will close for the Martin Luther King Day holiday at midnight

Sunday, Jan. 18, and will reopen at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20.

-- David Levenseller, Help Desk Leader, ITSS, [davidlevenseller@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:davidlevenseller@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2222

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## Important notice regarding telephone solicitations and possible scams

There has been a report of a company INFO LOGIC INC. (People Soft vendor # 109866) offering toner cartridges to state agencies via telephone. This company has been deactivated as a payable account because of fraudulent billing practices. Recently, Info Logic Inc. has invoiced an agency for one toner cartridge at over \$600. The telephone representative making the offer does not disclose this inflated price to the buyer.

We also have word of questionable phone offers for office supplies, and again, caution. If you have any issues with product or invoicing from these vendors, you have little recourse.

Be aware, do not purchase goods as a result of a telephone solicitation.

\* Check with state procurement or purchasing if you have any concerns regarding telephone solicitations. If you receive a telephone solicitation, record the date, the name of the sales representative, the company making the offer, and the offer. Refuse the solicitation or offer clearly and do not engage the sales representative in conversation. Be clear and firm.

\* If you should receive unsolicited goods, do not open the package. Without disturbing the wrapping, make a copy of the shipping label for the record, and return to sender immediately, unopened. You will not pay for return shipping costs and they (vendor) have no basis to invoice your agency for the goods.

Please report any phone solicitations that offer goods that are "too good to be true." -- Purchasing and State Procurement.

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## Note paper ordering information

Beginning Jan. 20, Facilities Management Central Warehouse will start stocking 8.5 x 11 20# white copy paper from Cole Paper for departments to order. Departments are not required to order paper from Central Warehouse; they can still use their existing vendor if they choose.

How to place an order:

Call the Facilities Management Communications Center (777-2591). The person calling will need to provide the following information:

- \* Number of cases (10 reams/case) requested
- \* Location to deliver the order
- \* Fund/department number to charge

Minimum order:

1 case (10 reams)

Cost to department:

\$31.27\* per case

\*Costs will fluctuate due to price changes from Cole Paper.

Delivery:

Orders called in by 3 p.m. will be delivered the following business day. Orders called in after 3 p.m. will be delivered in two business days. Mailing Services will deliver orders of 10 cases or fewer. Facilities Management grounds crew will deliver orders of 11 cases or more.

Billing:

Departments will be billed during the regular Facilities Management billing cycle, which occurs twice a month.

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## Participants sought for research project

This study will explore some of the employment issues that may be a concern to people with disabilities. Participants are sought from all sectors of employment from both North Dakota and Minnesota. The study will require two hours of your time filling out a brief survey and participating in a conversational interview. Information will be confidential and retained per the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) standards. This is a voluntary opportunity; however, you will receive a \$20 gift certificate to be used at a local store.

This research project is looking for participants with the following criteria:

- \* employed (full or part-time);
- \* received at least one medical or psychiatric diagnosis from a medical or mental health professional;
- \* diagnosis issues currently or may in the future affect work performance;
- \* and employee has not disclosed diagnosis to their employer's human resource department or administration.

The principal investigator is a master's level student, Linda Olson, from the counseling psychology and community service department with advisor David Whitcomb.

For more information or to set up a time for your participation, please call Linda at (701) 610-8502. Please leave a message with your first name, contact phone number, and if necessary, a preferred time for Linda to return your call.

-- Linda Olson , Master graduate student, Counseling Psychology and Community Services,  
[linda.olson@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:linda.olson@mail.und.nodak.edu), (701)6108502

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## Reimbursement of health club memberships

The Payroll Office has received several calls regarding the possibility of a reimbursement for health club memberships from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

UND benefitted employees are insured by an NDPERS health insurance plan, which is only administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Therefore, the NDPERS plan is different than a Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan. At this time, the NDPERS plan DOES NOT offer a reimbursement of a portion of your health club membership dues. Our health insurance plan is up for renewal in the summer of 2009, so no changes are possible until that time.

Employees interested in this option should contact the NDPERS office in Bismarck to voice their interest. Employees can call 1-800-803-7377 and ask for Kathy Allen or e-mail [kallen@nd.gov](mailto:kallen@nd.gov). -- Payroll.

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## U2 lists workshop proposals

We are preparing our spring U2 newsletter and seek a list of workshops that you would like to offer during the months of March, April, and May. You may either complete the online proposal form at:

<http://u2.und.edu/proposal> or e-mail the information to [U2@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:U2@mail.und.nodak.edu)

Please complete the form or e-mail your information by the end of the day Tuesday, Jan. 20. Please use the following format if you e-mail your information.

For each workshop, please supply the following information:

Workshop title (Please note if it is a new title)

Workshop date/s

Workshop time/s

Workshop description

Workshop presenter/s

Sponsor name

Preferred building/room location

AV needs

Other

As always, thank you for your support of the University Within the University (U2) program.

-- Patricia Young, U2 Coordinator, Continuing Education, [patriciayoung@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:patriciayoung@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-0720

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## UND to compete in recycling contest

The University of North Dakota has joined with more than 400 colleges and universities participating in RecycleMania, a friendly competition to help reduce waste. Over a 10-week period from Jan. 18 to March 28,

campuses across the country will compete in various contests to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate.

This is the first time UND has joined the RecycleMania contest. The competition will measure the amount of paper, cans, bottles, and cardboard that it recycles per person and encourages waste minimization on campus.

If you have any questions on recycling, please contact Deb Merrill at 777-4878. Consider what you can do to help improve our recycling and reduce our waste!

-- Debbie Merrill, Recycling Coordinator, Facilities Management, [debmerrill@mail.und.edu](mailto:debmerrill@mail.und.edu), 777-4878

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## 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](mailto:tomswangler@mail.und.edu), 777-4094

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## Pregnant women sought for vitamin D study

The College of Nursing, in collaboration with the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, has a new study. Preeclampsia, a form of pregnancy-induced hypertension, affects up to 8 percent of women in the United States, or about 300,000 women annually. Preeclampsia and high blood pressure are associated with vitamin D deficiency, a significant problem among rural women in the Northern Plains. The goal of the study is to identify nutritional factors and vascular mechanisms underlying the development of preeclampsia and high blood pressure.

Who is eligible? Women, age 18 and older, who are pregnant and planning to deliver at Altru Hospital. Participants must have had no prior deliveries. At time of application, they should be at 14 or fewer weeks of pregnancy.

What will be required for this study? There are a total of three visits to the Human Nutrition Research Center. Participants could earn up to \$75 for this study.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Please call (701) 795-8396.

-- Cindy Anderson, Assistant Professor, Family and Community Nursing, [cindyanderson@mail.und.edu](mailto:cindyanderson@mail.und.edu), 701-777-4354

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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: Graphic and Web Designer, University Relations, #09-175

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 1/20/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 35,000 plus/year

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Storekeeper (32 hours/week), Facilities Management, #09-177

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 1/20/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 11.00 plus/hour

POSITION: Aircraft Dispatcher, Aerospace Sciences, #09-174

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 1/15/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 20,000 plus/year

OFFICE SUPPORT: No vacancies.

CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Sunday - Friday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities/EERC, #09-178

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 1/20/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 11.00 plus/hour

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Sunday – Friday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities, #09-176

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 1/15/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 18,200 plus/year

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, [janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-3621

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## 2009 NIH regional seminars announced in Atlanta, Las Vegas

NIH has announced two NIH regional seminars on program funding and grants administration. Over 25 HHS and NIH policy, grants management, review and program staff members will be on hand to provide a broad array of expertise and insight related to federal regulations and policies, and provide the fundamentals of the grants process, peer review, NIH initiatives, and more. In addition, optional NIH Electronic Research Administration (eRA) hands-on computer workshops for Principal Investigators and administrators are offered in conjunction with the seminar, providing attendees with hands-on experience in how to interact electronically with NIH.

Anyone interested in the NIH grants process should consider attending, including sponsored project office and departmental administrators, PIs, graduate students, etc.

April 16-17, Atlanta: Registration is open. eRA computer workshops will be offered Wednesday, April 15. This seminar is co-hosted by Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology.

June 25-26, Las Vegas: Online registration available now. eRA computer workshops will be offered Wednesday,

June 24. Co-ambassadors for this event are the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the University of Nevada, Reno.

These seminars provide an opportunity for participants to gain a better perspective of NIH policies and programs, network with their peers, obtain helpful NIH contacts, and to return to their offices and/or labs with inside information into obtaining and managing NIH awards. Since these seminars are only provided twice a year, they traditionally reach capacity prior to the event, so please register early. We look forward to sharing the 2009 seminars with you. For more information, visit the NIH Office of Extramural Research Regional Seminar Web site at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm>.

Partial funding may be available from Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) if RD&C is contacted prior to registering for the conference ([john\\_laduke@und.nodak.edu](mailto:john_laduke@und.nodak.edu) or 7-4278).

-- John C. La Duke, Interim Associate Vice President for Research, Research Development and Compliance,  
[johnladuke@und.nodak.edu](mailto:johnladuke@und.nodak.edu), 701/777-4278

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## Note external grant proposal guidelines

In order to expedite processing of grant proposals, Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) requests that the following guidelines be followed:

1. The transmittal form, which can be found on the RD&C Web page at <http://www.und.edu/dept/rdc/InternalForms.htm>, should be used for ALL proposals to external funding agencies.
  2. Federal and UND regulations require that Conflict of Interest forms be on file for Principal Investigators (PI) of proposals submitted to external funding agencies. UND has recently approved a new policy on Conflict of Interest. The policy and forms can be found at <http://www.und.edu/dept/rdc/ConflictForms.htm>. PIs must also submit a "Certification of Filing of Financial Interests Disclosure Statement" to the Division of Research annually, or more frequently if their status changes during the year.
  3. In order to ensure that correspondence from granting agencies is received by the Division of Research in a timely manner, regardless of changes in personnel, please use the following e-mail address for John La Duke, interim associate vice president for research, on all external grant proposals: [rdc@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:rdc@mail.und.nodak.edu).
  4. As part of its commitment to research development at UND, the Division of Research frequently provides matching funds for proposals to external funding agencies. In order to properly monitor the amounts and sources of matching funds provided for these proposals, principal investigators requesting matching funds for proposals to external funding agencies must complete a "Division of Research Matching Funds Request Form," which can be found on the Division of Research Web page at: <http://www.und.edu/dept/research/docs/MatchingFundsRequestForm.pdf>.
- This form is to be used when requesting matching funds from the Vice President for Research or Research Development and Compliance. Please note that matching funds will be provided by only one of these offices. All requests for matching funds should be submitted to Research Development and Compliance.
5. Lead time of no less than three working days prior to the proposal deadline is required for internal processing in Grants and Contracts Administration (GCA) and RD&C. This lead time is especially important at this time due to a significant increase in the number of proposals submitted and awards received, an increase in workload since implementation of ConnectND, an increase in oversight responsibilities concerning Federal and State

regulations on a variety of issues, and the time required to successfully submit proposals electronically (especially those submitted via Grants.gov).

We understand that occasionally this policy cannot be honored, and we will continue to process all proposals as efficiently as possible with the intent of meeting deadlines.

6. Two copies of the proposal in final form must be presented to GCA for processing. One of those copies will be retained in RD&C, the other will be returned to the Principal Investigator (PI) for submission to the funding agency (i.e., the PI will then not be required to send a copy to RD&C after the proposal is processed). The proposal must not be modified after it is processed through G&C and RD&C.

7. Proposals to be submitted electronically through Grants.gov or other portals may be delivered to RD&C physically on a CD or flash memory drive, or they may be sent electronically as an e-mail attachment. In the latter case, send the e-mail to both [john\\_laduke@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:john_laduke@mail.und.nodak.edu) and [rdc@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:rdc@mail.und.nodak.edu). This will ensure that RD&C staff have access to the proposal when J. La Duke is unavailable.

Following these policies will help UND maintain compliance with State and Federal regulations concerning sponsored programs, and allow the Division of Research staff to better assist Principal Investigators with applications, particularly with electronic submission of proposals. If you have any questions, contact RD&C at 777-2890 or [rdc@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:rdc@mail.und.nodak.edu).

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## IN THE NEWS

### Student Health Services laboratory recognized

The Student Health Services laboratory has met all criteria for accreditation by COLA, a national health care accreditation organization. Accreditation is given only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey. The Student Health Services laboratory has earned COLA accreditation as a result of a long-term commitment to provide quality service to UND students.

-- Jane Croeker, Health Promotion Advisor, Student Health Services, [jane.croeker@und.edu](mailto:jane.croeker@und.edu), 701.777.2097

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### Staff Senate announces January "U Shine" award winner

UND Staff Senate announces John Seibel as the January "U Shine Award" recipient. Seibel was nominated by Gwen Molsbarger and was presented with a check for \$50 and a certificate by Staff Senate President Janice Hoffarth Jan. 7.

This award is presented monthly to a UND staff member who went out of their way to make UND a better place. Here is an excerpt of what Molsbarger had to say about John: "A custodian was emptying a waste can and heard a kind of unusual noise, a kind of noise paper shouldn't make. He looked in the container and discovered a bag of money. He immediately turned it in to our supervisor who returned it to the office worker who accidentally tossed it. I think that's an incredibly honest thing to do and makes John a truly 'U Shine' employee."

All UND staff members are eligible to receive this award. Nominations can be submitted through the Staff Senate Web site, <http://www.und.edu/org/undss/> or forms are available at UND Facilities, Dining Services

and the Memorial Union Post Office.

Nominations must be received by the 15th of the month; awards are presented the first business day of the following month.

-- Janice Hoffarth, President, Staff Senate, [janice\\_hoffarth@und.nodak.edu](mailto:janice_hoffarth@und.nodak.edu), 7-2646

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Remembering Bill Holden

Bill Holden, retired UND journalism professor and longtime journalist in Paris, New York and Grand Forks, died Jan. 12 in Valley Elder Care. He was 72.

After graduating from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, Holden embarked on a worldwide newspaper career.

Holden was managing editor of the International Herald Tribune in Paris and an editor for the European edition of the New York Times, also in Paris. He also worked for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the Chicago Tribune and the Des Moines Register. He came to Grand Forks in 1984 to teach journalism at UND, leaving in 1995.

Holden worked at the Herald from May 1997 to August 2002 as night editor, where he was considered invaluable by reporters as an old hand with vast experience.

"Bill was the consummate word editor," said Herald Managing Editor Kevin Grinde. "His gentle way with reporters and their copy always resulted in an improved story. Bill performed his work as a representative of the reader. He put his experience at UND to work in the newsroom teaching the professionals. We all learned something from Bill about the care and feeding of the English language in print."

Holden and his wife, Victoria Holden, and their daughter, Marie, lived in rural Marvel, N.D.

Victoria Holden died in June 2008. She had been on the faculty of the School of Communication since 1991.

Holden's survivors include his daughter, Marie, and son, Michael.

Funeral arrangements with Gregory J. Norman Funeral Home are not finalized.

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