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Public invited to Great Conversation Event with Phil Jackson

The University of North Dakota invites the public to take part in the latest installment of its "Great Conversation" series, celebrating the school's 125th anniversary Monday, Aug. 25, when University alumnus and legendary professional basketball player and coach Phil Jackson comes to the Chester Fritz Auditorium.

Jackson, who graduated from UND in 1967 with degrees in psychology, philosophy and religion, will take a seat at 5 p.m. on the Chester Fritz stage for the event, which will be fashioned as an informal conversation with the community. The Jackson event comes on the heels of a previous highly successful conversation with world renowned author Salman Rushdie.

Jackson will be joined on stage by Bob Boyd, UND vice president for student and outreach services.

Jackson was born in Deer Lodge, Mont., in 1945 and grew up in Williston, N.D. He would go on to play basketball for UND and professionally for the New York Knicks. He is probably best known for coaching the Chicago Bulls and leading players, such as Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman and Scottie Pippen, to six NBA championships. Later, he would win three more championships with Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Known as the "Zen master" for his Eastern-influenced philosophies and his holistic approach to coaching, leadership and life, Jackson has been inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the Roughrider Award, North Dakota highest honor.

Earlier in the day, on Aug. 25, Jackson will receive an honorary doctoral degree from the University at a special academic convocation, set to begin at 2 p.m. at the Chester Fritz Auditorium.

Another Great Conversation will take place in the fall, featuring world-famous journalist and author Stephen Bloom.

Questions for Phil Jackson from the media and the public can be submitted online at www.125.und.edu and click on "Schedule of Events."

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Faculty, staff invited to process at Phil Jackson Convocation

UND faculty and staff are invited to process in regalia at the first of two major events Monday, Aug. 25, in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the University. Faculty and staff wishing to process must contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events by Friday, Aug. 22, at 777-2724.

Phil Jackson ('67), UND alum and coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, will be presented an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at a convocation at 2 p.m. Aug. 25, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. The academic convocation serves as the official opening of the 2008-09 academic year, and will be a special time for students, faculty and staff to hear from Jackson and see him presented with this honor.

Convocation literally means "coming together" and serves as a formal start to the academic calendar. Jackson will provide a short keynote address to assembled students and members of the campus community. There is no charge for the event, and seats are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Later that afternoon, Jackson will engage in an informal conversation with the community during a "Great Conversation." The event, which begins at 5 p.m. at the Chester Fritz Auditorium, is open to the public, and will feature a question-and-answer session with Jackson, moderated by Vice President for Student and Outreach Services Robert Boyd.

If you'd like to submit a question for Phil Jackson, you can fill out the form at

<http://www2.und.edu/our/125th/events.html> .

For more information on this and other UND 125th events, visit our Web site at 125.und.edu.

-- Benjamin Klipfel, Marketing Coordinator, 125th Anniversary, benjamin.klipfel@und.edu, 7-0857

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President and First Lady Kelley lead bus tour

President Robert O. Kelley led more than 30 new faculty members, top administrators and their guests on a three-day tour of North Dakota, including stops at Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the historic town of Medora, Aug. 18-20. This year's tour - the 18th since the inaugural launch in 1990 by then-president Thomas Clifford - is the first for Kelley, who succeeded Charles Kupchella as University president on July 1, and UND First Lady Marcia Kelley.

Funded by the UND Alumni Association and the President's Office, these trips are designed to acquaint new faculty and administrators with the state and its landmarks as well as provide them with an opportunity to form connections with other people on campus, according to tour coordinator Fred Wittmann, assistant to the UND vice president for student and outreach services.

The tours alternate each year between southern and northern routes. This bus tour traveled the so-called "southern route" and began with a tour of MeritCare Hospital in Fargo, followed by a visit to the farmstead of North Dakota Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple in Casselton. School faculty also made stops at Valley City State University, the Heritage Center and State Capitol in Bismarck, the Assumption Abbey in Richardton, and the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Dickinson before heading into the Badlands of southwestern North Dakota.

On the way back to Grand Forks, the faculty members visited the Freedom Coal Mine in the Beulah area, the Knife River Indian Villages historic site, and a community dinner in Northwood, a community on its way to recovery after a devastating tornado nearly one year ago.

A few of the new key administrators on the tour this year were Joshua Riedy, associate vice president for outreach services and dean of continuing education; Edward Sauter, associate dean at UND's School of Medicine and Health Sciences; Michelle Eslinger, director of student health services; and Cara Halgren, associate dean of students.

Tour participants got an education about their new state that they will be able to translate to the classroom; the tour also gave new faculty a sense of where many of their students will come from, organizers say.

Douglas Munski, a UND geography professor with a vast knowledge of North Dakota geographic, cultural, and political lore, was the tour's color commentator for the eighth time. Veteran UND motor coach driver Fran Kryzsko - now officially retired - was the tour driver again this year.

Other new faculty and administrators on this year's tour were:

* Amanda Boyd, assistant professor, languages

- * Kyle Conway, assistant professor, communication
- * Guodong Du, assistant professor, chemistry
- * Melissa Gjellstad, assistant professor, languages
- * Jared Keengwe, assistant professor, teaching and learning
- * Sara Mosher, assistant professor, languages
- * Jeremiah Neubert, assistant professor, mechanical engineering
- * Chean Ngo, assistant professor, mechanical engineering
- * Cynthia Prescott, assistant professor, history
- * Jaakko Putkonen, assistant professor, geology and geological engineering
- * Kate Schreuer, assistant professor, political science and public administration
- * Pradosh Simlai, assistant professor, economics
- * Pauline Stonehouse, assistant professor, educational leadership
- * Deborah Worley, assistant professor, educational leadership

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Notifind system will alert U community in emergencies

Your safety while on campus is of the utmost importance. When an emergency arises, we need to notify you as quickly as possible so that you can take the most appropriate action to ensure your safety.

As an employee of UND, State Board of Higher Education Policy 1902 requires you to participate in the NotiFind emergency notification system, which will be implemented with the 2008 Fall semester. In the event of a threat - such as severe weather warnings or threatening emergencies - alerts will be sent directly to you via cell-based telephone and text messaging, land lines and/or e-mail.

More information will be provided in the very near future, including an e-mail directing you to a secure Web site where you can enter your emergency notification information. This e-mail will be easily identifiable by the sender: notifind@ndus.edu. Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this important project. -- Robert O. Kelley, president.

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UND to induct four individuals, two teams into Athletic Hall of Fame

The University of North Dakota Letterwinners Association will induct four individuals and two teams into the UND Athletic Hall of Fame this fall in its 34th annual Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonies. The dinner and ceremony will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, during Potato Bowl weekend.

The banquet, proudly sponsored by the UND Alumni Association and Foundation, will be held at the Alerus Center with a social beginning at 6 p.m., and a dinner to follow at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25/person and dress is business casual. To reserve tickets, call (701) 777-4078 or register online at <http://www.undalumni.org/>.

Individuals to be inducted this year include: Colleen Chaske (1987-89 basketball), Scott Guldseth (1989-93 basketball), Craig Ludwig (1979-82 hockey) and Kris Presler (1988-91 wrestling). Teams to be inducted include the 1934-35 men's basketball team and 1989-90 men's basketball team. Other honorees this year will be: longtime North Dakota high school and Lake Region State College basketball coach Mark Graupe (Tom Clifford Award) and Al Pearson (Honorary Letterwinner).

This year's four inductees bring the total number of individuals in UND's Athletic Hall of Fame to 222. The two team inductions bring the number of teams in the Hall of Fame to 28.

HALL OF FAME BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARIES

Colleen Chaske (1987-89): A native of Devils Lake, N.D., Chaske, a 6-5 center, was an All-North Central Conference player in both of her seasons as a member of the women's basketball team at UND (1987-88 and 1988-89). Her career field goal percentage of .584 is third-best all-time at UND, and Chaske is still tied for the school single-game record in both field goals made (16) and attempted (32), set in a 79-73 double-overtime win at Morningside on Feb. 11, 1989. Chaske scored a career-best 34 points that game. As a senior for the Fighting Sioux, Chaske scored 431 points (15.4 ppg) and had 229 rebounds (8.2 rpg) in 28 games. Chaske shot 59.4 percent from the field and 59.6 percent from the free throw line in her senior season. Chaske had seven games of 20 or more points and 11 double-doubles as a senior. As a junior at UND, Chaske scored 489 points (18.1 ppg) and had 255 rebounds (9.4 rpg) in 27 games. She shot 57.6 percent from the field and 63.6 percent from the free throw line. Chaske scored 31 points in her UND debut on Nov. 21, 1987, in a 74-72 win against Mankato State in the Northern Michigan Invitational. She had 12 games of 20 or more points and 14 double-doubles in her junior season, when she was named the MVP of two regular-season tournaments. Chaske came to UND in the fall of 1987 after spending two seasons at UND-Lake Region, where she led the Royals to a 29-4 record in 1985-86 and a 30-7 mark in 1986-87 and left holding seven school records. Prior to college, Chaske led her Devils Lake High School team to a 22-0 record and the state Class A girls championship as a senior. As a junior in high school, Chaske averaged 25 points per game for Fort Totten High School.

Scott Guldseth (1989-93): A native of Edinburg, N.D., Guldseth is the all-time leading scorer (2,190 career points) in UND men's basketball history. He also still ranks as UND's all-time career leader in field goals made (806), attempted (1,634) and steals (178). A 6-5 forward who averaged 17.4 points per game during his career, Guldseth was a two-time NABC All-America selection, earning third team honors as a junior and first team honors as a senior. He played on some of the greatest teams in Fighting Sioux history. UND went 103-28 during Guldseth's Fighting Sioux career. As a freshman and sophomore, he was a member of UND's 1990 and 1991 NCC champion and NCAA Division II Elite Eight teams, and as a junior and senior, he was a key member of two consecutive Central Region teams. A three-time All-NCC selection, Guldseth was also the North Central Conference most valuable player in 1993. Guldseth played in 126 games at UND, and started a school-record 116 consecutive games. Guldseth was also a two-time academic All-NCC selection, a 1993 CoSIDA-GTE District VII All-Academic pick, and is the only men's basketball player in UND school history to receive an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. Prior to coming to UND, Guldseth helped Edinburg High win the 1988 North Dakota high school Class B state title. He was a two-time all-state selection and a four-time all-conference performer who also was his high school class salutatorian. After earning his bachelor's degree in psychology from UND in 1995, Guldseth later earned master's and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from UND.

Craig Ludwig (1979-82): A native of Eagle River, Wis., Ludwig came to UND as an unrecruited walk-on to the men's hockey team. He ended up as one of the most successful players in school history. In three seasons as a defenseman with the Fighting Sioux, the 6-3 Ludwig lettered all three years and was a member of NCAA championship teams in 1980 and 1982 and WCHA championship teams in those same seasons. In 114 games at UND, Ludwig scored 10 goals and added 42 assists for a career total of 52 points. He had five goals and 31 assists in his junior season, tying for sixth on the team in scoring. He was a second team All-WCHA selection as a junior. A third-round draft choice (61st overall) by the Montreal Canadiens in 1980, Ludwig left school after his junior season to sign a National Hockey League contract with the Canadiens, for whom he played eight seasons. He also played one season with the New York Islanders, two with the Minnesota North Stars, and when Minnesota moved to Dallas, Ludwig played an additional six seasons with the Dallas Stars. During a 17-year NHL career, Ludwig played on two Stanley Cup championship teams, with Montreal in 1986 and with Dallas in 1999. Ludwig retired after the 1998-99 season. He played in 1,256 regular season NHL games during his career, second only to James Patrick for most career games by a former Sioux. Ludwig scored 38 goals with 184 assists for 222 points in his NHL career. He played an additional 177 games in the NHL playoffs, scoring four goals with 25 assists in the postseason. Ludwig was inducted into the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame in

2002.

Kris Presler (1988-91): A native of Brooten, Minn., former UND wrestler Presler came to UND after graduating with highest honors from Willmar Community College in 1988. He ended his UND career as one of the most accomplished student-athletes ever to compete at UND. Presler was a two-time All-American wrestler at 142 pounds who finished his career with an 89-34-3 record on the mat. At the time he finished his career, he ranked seventh on UNDS all-time wrestling victory list, and he shared UND's quickest fall mark of 17 seconds. As a senior, Presler was 34-9-1 and qualified for the NCAA Division II national tournament. A knee injury ended his dreams of a title, but he still finished eighth and earned All-America honors. Presler was 27-12-1 as a junior, when he finished second in the nation in his weight class. Even more impressive than Presler's athletic accomplishments were his academic accomplishments. Presler earned an A in every college course he took, finishing with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in applied math in 1990 and earned his master's degree in math from UND in 1992. Presler earned two NCAA postgraduate scholarships and was the GTE-CoSIDA Academic All-America College Division At-Large Athlete of the Year. While a senior wrestler, Presler attended graduate school at UND and earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. In 1990, he earned an applied mathematics degree in just three years. The winner of the 1991 Stan Marshall Award as the NCC male honor athlete, Presler won numerous academic honors during his athletic career and he was one of two finalists from North Dakota for a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship in 1992.

1989-90 Men's Basketball Team: Head coach Rich Glas was in his second season in 1989-90 and was coming off an 8-20 record and last-place conference finish. UND was looking for a big turnaround and the Sioux got just that, finishing 28-7 overall and 14-4 enroute to the North Central Conference title, which was the school's 16th at that time. UND was undefeated (16-0) at home, the first of two consecutive undefeated home seasons for the Sioux. UND advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight and finished the year third in the nation. Returnees from the 1988-89 season included junior center Dave Vonesh, senior guard Mike Boschee, senior forwards Solomon Ayinla and Jim Kerr, sophomore guard Matt Wilkie and several outstanding newcomers -- two North Dakota Mr. Basketball Award winners -- guard Ben Jacobson and center Chris Gardner, forward Dave Robertson and Steve McAndrew and junior college transfer guard Terry (Rico) Burkett. Also waiting in the wings was Scott Guldseth, North Dakota's 1988 Mr. Basketball, who had transferred to UND in January 1989 from Louisiana State. After finishing third in the NCC postseason tournament, UND was named to host the NCAA North Central Region tournament on March 16-17. UND beat Alaska Anchorage 78-71 in the regional semifinals and then downed Metro State 85-80 in the region final. That put the Sioux in the Division II Elite Eight tournament in Springfield, Mass. UND opened play there with an 89-67 win over Jacksonville (Ala.) State, but lost 101-92 to eventual national champion Kentucky Wesleyan in the semifinals. In the third-place game, the Sioux dispatched Morehouse (Ga.) College 98-77 to finish third in the nation. Vonesh led the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 22.5 points and 11.7 rebounds per game, and was named a third team NABC All-American. He also was named All-NCC and was the NCCs most valuable player. Boschee averaged 15.5 points per game, Guldseth 13.9 ppg and Ayinla 11.4 ppg. The Sioux averaged 4,282 fans in 16 home games.

1934-35 Men's Basketball Team: An all-native North Dakota 1934-35 UND men's basketball team was nearly all victorious, as coach Clem Letich's ninth team raced through to a 19-1 season record, losing only at the University of Nebraska (34-21), and sweeping aside all other opposition to win the first of four straight conference championships with a 9-0 record. The Sioux were undefeated at home (8-0) and 11-1 on the road. The starting five included senior Herman Witasek of Lankin at center, sophomores Bob Finnegan of Bismarck and Emmet Birk of Park River at the wings, and senior Weston Booth of Grand Forks and junior Gordon Aamoth of Bismarck in the back court. Witasek, a fantastic shooter, averaged 11.6 points per game, and Finnegan and Birk each averaged 9.7 points per game. Those three ranked first, second and fourth in North Central Conference point totals. Witasek later went on to play with the Milwaukee-Oshkosh pro team that played in a league that was the forerunner of the National Basketball Association (NBA). UND played four games against

NDAC (now NDSU) in 1934-35 and won all four games. To end the season, UND edged a team of former college all-stars called the Bismarck Phantoms, 41-39, at Bismarck on March 9, 1935.

Thomas J. Clifford Award: Mark Graupe will be presented with this year's Thomas J. Clifford Award for excellence in the coaching profession. Graupe, who earned his bachelor's degree from UND in 1987 and master's in 2004, is being honored for more than 20 years of coaching excellence. This summer he moved to Fort Collins, Colo., where he is now an assistant men's basketball coach at Colorado State under head coach Tim Miles. A native of Crosby, N.D., Graupe was the head men's basketball coach for the last seven seasons at Lake Region State College, where he posted an overall record of 126-95 (.570). He led Lake Region to NJCAA Region 13 titles in both 2007 and 2008, and was the region coach of the year in both seasons. He also spent two seasons coaching boy's basketball at Williston High School, four seasons coaching boy's basketball at Devils Lake High School and six seasons coaching boy's basketball and three seasons coaching girl's basketball at Unity High School in Petersburg, N.D.

Honorary Letterwinner: Al Pearson graduated from UND in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He has worked in sales with Prudential Financial since 1966 and has also been a UND lecturer in insurance and risk management. He has organized fan bus trips to UND athletic events for many years.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Doctoral examination set for James Maskey

The final examination for James Maskey, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in biology, is set for noon Thursday, Aug. 21, in 141 Starcher Hall. The dissertation title is "Movements, Resource Selection, and Risk Analyses for Parasitic Disease in an Expanding Moose Population in the Northern Great Plains." Richard Sweitzer (biology) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

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

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View Symposium on Sustainability through Aug. 28

Sustainability: Meeting the needs and values of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs. UND's first-ever Symposium on Sustainability, which took place in the Chester Fritz Auditorium in April 2008, will be aired on Channel 3 through Thursday, Aug. 28, in 90-minute segments beginning at 1 and 9 p.m. each day. Each day's segments will be rebroadcast in a combined three-hour block beginning at midnight. The entire symposium comprises some 12 hours of recorded material. The Symposium on Sustainability was organized by UND's Northern Great Plains Center for People and the Environment and featured nationally known speakers, including explorer and environmentalist Jean-Michel Cousteau, activist Winona LaDuke, U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan, and many others, all sharing ideas on ways to achieve ecological integrity, economic security, and social justice. More information at

<http://sustainability.und.edu>.

-- Karen Katrinak, Science Analyst, Center for People & Environment, katrinak@aero.und.edu, 777-2482

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Museum hosts opening for Ewa Tarsia exhibit

Ewa Tarsia: Absolute Dot will have a gala opening at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. The artist will be present. The exhibition continues through Oct. 5.

Polish-born and educated, this Canadian artist will exhibit both monoprints and relief paintings. She works in painting, sculpture, tapestry, landscape design, and drawing, and is known internationally as a printmaker. She has showed in international print biennials in Spain, France, Poland, Austria, United States, England, Germany,

Japan, and Korea. Most recently, Tarsia was included in the New York International Print Center's New Prints 2008/Summer. This exhibition represents the evolution of Tarsia's printmaking into personal techniques that meld the actual lucite printing plate into relief paintings on canvas.

As a printmaker, Tarsia is part of a tradition of artists who acknowledge that their plates — the pieces of metal, plastic, wood and linoleum that they print from — are the true objects of their affection. Covered with marks, lines, and subtle traces of color, printing plates are often as interesting as the images pulled from them. As an environmentalist, Tarsia sees the irony of using plastic and paper to create images that celebrate the beauty of the natural world. "It reflects our society," she says of the work. "Plastic is everywhere." The success of her artistic career in Canada was celebrated in June 2007 when she was inducted into the Royal Academy of Arts.

The success of her passion for garden design was celebrated in the January 2008 issue of *Manitoba Gardener*. Thus, it is fitting that the Museum galleries will resemble the blaze of color and the plant complexity of a summer garden, just as her own Winnipeg garden is known far and wide for both its brilliant color and the plethora of plants that are only supposed to flourish much further south. Her husband Ludwik grows rhododendrons; Ewa grows everything else.

The North Dakota Museum of Art is located on Centennial Drive in the heart of the UND campus. Weekday hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend hours are 1 to 5 p.m. The Museum Shop is open during these hours as well. The Museum Café is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Although the Museum does not charge an admission fee, the suggested donation is \$5 for adults and change for children. Wireless Internet access is available.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, blofthus@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Auditions for "Lend Me a Tenor" are Aug. 24-25

The Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre will hold auditions for their fall production of "Lend Me a Tenor." Parts are available for four men and four women. Auditions will be held Sunday and Monday, August 24 and 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Auditions are at the Fire Hall Theatre, downtown Grand Forks.

Auditions are done by cold reading, and nothing needs to be prepared. No prior experience is necessary; all are welcome.

Performance dates are Sept. 25 through Oct. 11 (Thursday through Saturday evenings, Sunday matinées).

This night in September of 1934 is the biggest in the history of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company: world-famous tenor Tito Morelli is to perform Othello, his greatest role, at the gala season opener. Saunders, the general manager, hopes this will put Cleveland on the operatic map. Morelli is late; when he finally sweeps in, it is too late to rehearse the company. Through a hilarious series of mishaps, Morelli is given a double dose of tranquilizers, which mix with the booze he has consumed, and he passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders and his assistant, Max, believe he is dead. What to do? Max is an aspiring singer and Saunders persuades him to get into Morelli's Othello costume and try to fool the audience into thinking he's Morelli. Max succeeds admirably, but Morelli comes to and gets into his other costume. Now, two Othellos are running around in costume, and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with *Il Stupendo*!

It's a hilarious non-musical comedy to kick off the Fire Hall Theater's season of a million laughs.

-- Benjamin Klipfel, Executive Director, Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre, ben@benklipfel.net, 701-777-0857

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Fall yoga classes begin Sept. 2

Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the Lotus Meditation Center, 2908 University Ave. Beginners and continuing students are welcome. The first eight-week session ends Oct. 23. The second session runs from Oct. 28 through Dec. 18. The cost is \$65 for each session or \$10 drop-in fee. Dyan Rey, instructor, can be reached at 772-8840 or e-mail dyanre@aol.com.

-- Dyan Rey, Lecturer, Visual Art, dyan_rey@und.edu, 701-772-8840

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Volunteer Recruitment Day set for Sept. 3

Volunteer Recruitment Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, in the Loading Dock, Memorial Union. Agencies will be on campus to recruit volunteers for the fall 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.

-- Linda Rains, Assistant Director for Student Involvement, Memorial Union, lindarains@mail.und.edu, 701.777.4076

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"Mindless Eating" author to keynote North Dakota Obesity Summit

Brian Wansink, executive director, USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, and author of "Mindless Eating," will headline a one-day conference focused on overcoming obesity Tuesday, Sept. 9.

"Obesity in North Dakota: Finding Solutions" will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center, UND campus.

The summit will organize leaders from across the state and across disciplines to address the obesity epidemic in North Dakota with a special focus in the areas of practice, education and research, and public policy.

Health care professionals, researchers, educators, parents, policymakers, community members and anyone interested in reversing the rising obesity trend in North Dakota are welcome to attend. To register for the conference, please visit www.nursing.und.edu

Obesity rates in the United States are soaring, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Between 1980 and 2000, obesity rates doubled among adults. About 60 million adults, or 30 percent of the adult population, are now obese. Similarly since 1980, overweight rates have doubled among children and tripled among adolescents – increasing the number of years they are exposed to the health risks of obesity.

The primary behaviors causing the obesity epidemic are well known and preventable: physical inactivity and unhealthy diet. Despite this knowledge, most people still do not practice healthy behaviors that can prevent obesity, including eating the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables and getting enough physical activity to provide health benefits.

Sponsors of this program include the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Executive Nurse Fellows Alumni Association, San Francisco, Calif.; Dakota Medical Foundation, Fargo, N.D.; USDA Human Nutrition Research Center, Grand Forks; University of North Dakota College of Nursing, Grand Forks; Grand Forks Public Health Department; and Meritcare Health Systems, Fargo, N.D.

For more information, please contact: Loretta Heuer, UND College of Nursing at 777-4527; Debbie Swanson, Grand Forks Public Health Department, (701) 787-8113; or Jo Burdick, Meritcare Health Systems, Fargo, N.D., (701) 280-4092.

-- *Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Officer, College of Nursing, beckycournia@mail.und.edu, 777-4526*

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Plan to attend ND EPSCoR state conference

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research is holding its 2008 state conference in the Memorial Union Friday, Sept. 19. The conference theme is "The Dimensions of North Dakota EPSCoR."

Included in the conference will be a graduate and undergraduate student poster session.

Conference registration, poster guidelines, and a complete agenda for the conference may be viewed on the ND EPSCoR Web page at www.ndepscor.nodak.edu

For further information, contact the ND EPSCoR office on the UND campus at 777-2492.

-- *Gary E. Johnson, Co-Project Director, ND EPSCoR, garyejohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2492*

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2008-09 Chester Fritz Auditorium shows on sale now

Tickets for all shows on the 2008-09 Chester Fritz Auditorium season are now on sale. Performances include:

- * STOMP – Oct. 7 and 8;
- * Little Red Riding Hood and Other Stories – Oct. 25;
- * UND Steel Drum Band – Nov. 3;
- * Church Basement Ladies – Nov. 22;
- * Tonic Sol-fa – Nov. 23;
- * Hairspray – Dec. 6;
- * Sister's Christmas Catechism – Dec. 14;
- * Grand Forks Public Schools Messiah – Dec. 16;
- * Lorie Line and her Pop Chamber Orchestra – Dec. 21;
- * Annie – Feb. 15;
- * Winter Dance Party – Feb. 24;
- * Defending the Caveman – March 28;
- * Footloose – April 16.

Descriptions, pricing and performance times can be found at www.cfa.und.edu/shows2.html

Get your tickets at the Chester Fritz Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, charge by phone at 772-5151 or online at www.ticketmaster.com/venue/49273 For information only, call the Chester Fritz Box Office at 777-4090 or 800-375-4068.

-- *Betty Allan, Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, bettyallan@mail.und.edu, 7-2170*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ND EPSCoR announces UND doctoral dissertation awards

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) has announced the 2008 Doctoral Dissertation Assistantship (DDA) awards at the University of North Dakota.

ND EPSCoR's DDA awards are designed to increase the completion rate of Ph.D. students enrolled in the

science, engineering, and mathematics disciplines at North Dakota's research-intensive universities; and to increase the number of competitive proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation. Gary Johnson, ND EPSCoR co-chair and interim vice president for research at UND, noted that "the overall goal of ND EPSCoR is to increase the competitiveness of North Dakota researchers for merit-based grants and contracts in support of science and technology research from federal funding agencies."

DDA support is available for up to 24 months to enable doctoral students to dedicate their time exclusively to dissertation research. Applications are made by the students with supplemental information provided by their advisors, along with endorsement from their graduate program directors and department chairs.

Four competitive awards were made at UND and the review committee was very impressed by the overall quality of the proposals, according to Dr. Johnson.

The 2008 DDA students, their departments and faculty mentors, and the topic of their approved research proposals follow.

* Biswaranjan Pani, Biochemistry, advisor Brij Singh, "To Investigate the Role of Lipid Raft/Caveolar Protein Caveolin 1 in the Regulation of TRPC1 Function."

* Josef Beranek, Chemistry, advisor Alena Kubatova, "Characterization of Oligomers in Air Particulate Matter."

* Aize Li, Chemistry, advisor Julia Zhao (PI) and David Pierce (co-PI), "Synthesis and Applications of Silica-Based Nanocatalysts."

* Tae Hee Han, Electrical Engineering, advisor Hossein Salehfar (PI) and Michael Mann (co-PI, Chemical Engineering), "Simulation, Design, and Control of Stand-Alone Integrated Wind-Hydrogen Power Systems in Residential Applications."

For additional information concerning ND EPSCoR or the DDA program, please contact Gary Johnson, co-project director, ND EPSCoR, 415 Twamley Hall, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58201-7093, 701-777-2492.

-- Gary E Johnson, Co-Project Director, ND EPSCoR, garyejohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2492

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Deadlines listed for SSAC grants

The deadline dates for grant applications to the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee (SSAC) for the 2008-2009 academic year are listed below. Please note that the deadlines for travel applications are different than those for research and creative activity, publication, and new faculty scholar awards.

* Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, for travel Sept. 16, 2008, to Jan. 15, 2009

* Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008, for research/creative activity or publication grants

* Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, for travel Jan. 16, 2009, to May 1, 2009

* Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, for research/creative activity or publication grants and new faculty scholar awards

* Friday, May 1, 2009, for travel May 2, 2009, to Sept. 15, 2009

Application forms are available at Research Development and Compliance, 105 Twamley Hall, 777-4278, or on RD&C's home page (on UND's home page under "Research"). The forms are revised frequently; therefore, please obtain an up-to-date form from RD&C or the Web site. Over the summer, please feel free to contact RD&C (777-4278) for information or guidance when preparing your application.

-- Patrick A. Carr, Ph.D., Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, Anatomy and Cell Biology, pcarr@medicine.nodak.edu, 701/777-4278

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Motorpool rate changed effective Aug. 1

The following rental rates took effect Aug. 1 per North Dakota State Fleet. Changes were affected by costs of fuel and maintenance. Rates will be reviewed again in October for a possible November 1 adjustment.

VEHICLE TYPE UND RATE PER MILE/HOUR

Sedan \$0.313

Minivan - seven-passenger \$0.403

Van, 12- and 15-passenger \$0.673

Compact 4x4 SUV \$0.513

Expedition, six-passenger \$0.533

Suburban, six-passenger \$0.673

Pickup, ext. cab, 4x4; 6-foot box \$0.533

Cargo van - full size \$0.673

Mini cargo van \$0.533

-- Mary L. Metcalf, Manager, Transportation, marymetcalf@mail.und.edu, 777-4123

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Chester Fritz Library lists Labor Day weekend hours

The Chester Fritz Library will observe the following hours of operation for the Labor Day weekend: Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30 and 31, closed; Monday, Sept. 1, 1 p.m. to midnight.

-- Karen Cloud, Administrative Assistant, Chester Fritz Library, karencloud@mail.und.edu, 7-2618

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Law Library posts fall, holiday hours

The law library's fall hours follow: Monday through Thursday, Aug. 18-21, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 22, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23-24, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, Aug. 25-28, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 29, 7:30 to 5 p.m.

Labor Day weekend: Saturday through Monday, Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, 1 to 5 p.m.

-- Jane Oakland, Circulation Manager, Law Library, oakland@law.und.edu, 7-3482

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Purchasing lists policies

A policy and procedure titled "Equipment/Supplies-Transfer/Sale Procedures for Departing Faculty" is available from the Purchasing Office. A copy may be requested from Purchasing at 777-2681 or by using the Web address:

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/purchase/html/Policies%20&%20Procedures.html#equipment>.

When obtaining quotes from MPC (formerly Gateway), please go to the ITSS (Information Technology Systems and Services) Web site.

A reminder to all University employees that the UND Conflict of Interest policy requires all employees who currently have a business interest in a business entity, or whose spouse, child, sibling, parent, or relative-in-law has a business interest in a business entity that currently does business with the University, or could potentially do business with the University, must complete the "Notification of Business Interest" form and submit it to the Purchasing Office.

Departments should disregard/destroy any credit card offers from vendors (Example: Target, MilesOne Business Platinum Visa, Sears, and Lowes Home Improvement Stores). Department personnel are not authorized to

enter into any credit card agreements that are not administered by UND.

UND only supports the "MasterCard" purchasing card and the "Visa" travel card.

To obtain a purchasing card:

- Contact Janelle McGarry, Purchasing, at 777-3881
- Submit to Purchasing, the Purchasing Card Application Form (located at <http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/purchase/index.html> select "Forms")
- Attend a REQUIRED purchasing card training session PRIOR to receiving your purchasing card

The Purchasing Department is required to be involved in any purchase greater than \$5,000. This pertains to the entire cost of purchasing the item(s), including freight. Orders cannot be artificially divided to fall under the \$5,000 threshold.

Printing is the exception to this requirement. The Purchasing Department must be involved in all printing that is produced off-campus, regardless of the cost.

Contact the Purchasing Department once you have identified your item(s) and determined the approximate cost of the purchase. The Purchasing Department is required to submit all requests to the vendors if the purchase is expected to be over \$5,000.

Any concerns or questions regarding the policies and procedures can be directed to Scott Schreiner at 777-2681.

-- Scott Schreiner, Director of Purchasing , Purchasing, scottschreiner@mail.und.edu, 7-2681

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Donated leave requested for Jane Grega

Donations of annual leave or sick leave are sought for Jane Grega, serials manager at the UND Law Library.

Jane thanks you for your generosity. Donated leave forms are available at www.und.edu/dept/payroll, then click on "forms." Please send the completed form for annual or sick leave to Sherry Zeman, Stop 9004.

-- Kaaren Pupino, Head of Technical Services, Law Library, pupino@law.und.edu, 777-2486

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Updates sought for Student/Faculty/Staff Directory

We are seeking updated information for the front section of the 2008-2009 UND Directory of Students, Faculty and Staff, pp. 1-68. This is NOT the faculty/staff section, which will be run after the school year begins. The section we are updating contains office information, including e-mail, Web addresses, physical locations, phone numbers, and more. Each office has received an e-mail requesting updated information. If your office did not receive a request, please contact Mavis Ness at 777-4304 or mavisness@mail.und.edu . Thank you for your assistance.

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

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Museum Cafe lists soups, specials

The North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists their daily soups and specials:

August 20-22: New Orleans Week

Soups: Paella / Clam Chowder

Wednesday: Vegetable Crepes

Thursday: Jambalaya

Friday: Dirty Rice and Vegetables

August 25 - 29: Middle Eastern Week

Soups: Middle Easter Vegetable / Fasulia

Monday: Kofta with Tomato Sauce

Tuesday: Honey Chicken with Tomatoes

Wednesday: Chicken and Sweet Jeweled Rice

Thursday: Bean and Spinach Omelet

Friday: Roasted Peppers and Lemon Capers

The Museum Café is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

-- *Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, blofthus@ndmoa.com, 777-4195*

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Union Services offers two-for-one movie tickets

Union Services, in the Memorial Union is offering two-for-the-price-of-one movie tickets starting Aug. 22 while supplies last. These movie tickets can be used at ANY Carmike Theater. Stop by Union Services for more information or call today.

-- *Linda Maszk, Business Manager, Memorial Union, lindamaszk@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-3927*

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Athletics institutes new donation request policy

Athletics has instituted a new policy regarding donation requests. The link to fill out a request is:

http://www.fightingsioux.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=13500&KEY=&ATCLID=866832

In order to process any request, a two-week notice has to be given and the two-page form must be completed and signed. Forms can be sent to Lisa Persuitti, UND Athletics Director of Marketing, Stop 9013.

Contact Persuitti at lisapersuitti@mail.und.nodak.edu or 777-2237 for more information.

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Fall football promotional schedule announced

Fighting Sioux Sports Properties has announced the fall promotional schedule that includes all football in-game giveaways and schedule promo items.

Highlighting the schedule is the limited release of promotional "We are 1. We are North Dakota" yard signs in support of Fighting Sioux athletics. The signs are available at the REA Sioux Shop and at the UND Athletic Department in the Hyslop Sports Center. The signs are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The highly demanded all-sports calendars and fall pocket schedules will be available in the coming week at various locations around the community, as well as in the UND Athletic Department offices and at Ralph Engelstad Arena.

This football season provides many opportunities for eager fans to get their hands on exclusive Sioux items. Below is a breakdown of the season's events.

* Aug. 28 - UND vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville (military appreciation)

First 2,500 fans through the doors will receive a Football Schedule Key Tag, presented by Choice Financial; all

military personel will receive free admission with picture ID (good for up to three dependents); unlimited tickets for UND students with valid ID.

* Sept. 6 - UND vs. St. Cloud State

First 1,000 fans through the doors will receive a Football Schedule Poster, presented by Altru Health System; one UND student will win a semester of free tuition.

* Sept. 13 - UND vs. Wisconsin-LaCrosse (Potato Bowl)

First 2,500 people in the door receive a Fighting Sioux rally towel.

* Oct. 18 - UND vs. Western Washington (Homecoming/Breast Cancer Awareness)

Wear pink and get \$3 off ticket purchased the day of the game at the Alerus Box Office.

* Nov. 8 - UND vs. Southern Utah (Can the Cougars)

First 750 people will receive Fighting Sioux mini-football; \$5 off ticket purchased the day of the game at the Alerus Box Office with donation of a non-perishable food item.

Visit www.FightingSioux.com for up-to-date information on all Fighting Sioux news, teams and student-athletes.

Fighting Sioux Sports Properties is a joint operating unit between UND Athletics and REA that manages all marketing functions for UND Athletics.

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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: Academic Advisor, Aerospace Student Services, #09-033

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 8/22/2008

COMPENSATION: \$32,000 plus/year

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL: No vacancies.

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Office Support Assistant, Continuing Education, #09-035

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 8/22/2008

COMPENSATION: \$24,000 plus/year

CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES:

POSITION: Technology Development Mechanic, Energy & Environmental Research Center, #09-038

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 8/22/2008

COMPENSATION: \$40,000 plus/year

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Sunday - Friday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities, #09-037

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 8/21/2008

COMPENSATION: \$18,200 plus/year

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Sunday - Friday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities, #09-036

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 8/21/2008

COMPENSATION: \$18,200 plus/year

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

NDUS Programmer Analyst - Grand Forks

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Don Johnson

Don Johnson, Cooperative Education Coordinator, Career Services/Co-op Education, died Aug. 16, at Altru Hospital from injuries sustained in a scooter/automobile accident. He was 63.

Johnson, son of Henry and Edna (Goebel) Johnson, was born Jan. 25, 1945, in Bismarck, N.D. He attended school in Lehr, N.D. Following his graduation from high school, he attended the University of North Dakota and earned his bachelor's degree in music education, graduating in 1968. He married Marlys Walz July 30, 1967, in Pettibone, N.D.

In July 1968 he joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa, Rapid City, S.D., Germany and Belgium, and then retired in July 1988 from the Grand Forks Air Force Base. In 1975 he attended South Dakota State University, earning a master's degree in education administration. In October 1988 he began working in Career Services/Cooperative Education as a cooperative education coordinator, where he worked until his death.

Johnson was the choir director and served as chair of the board of elders at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks.

He is survived by his wife Marlys of East Grand Forks; two daughters: Michelle (Michael) Jerome of Mobridge, S.D., and Kristen (Joe) Prusak of Grand Forks; six grandchildren; his mother, Edna Johnson of Horace, N.D.; one niece and nephew; and father and mother-in-law, Rudolph and Katherine Walz of Jamestown, N.D.

Johnson was preceded in death by his father, Henry Johnson, and one sister, Noreen Echola.

Memorials are requested to the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Grand Forks.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1710 Cherry St. Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, and one hour before the service. A prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

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