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Gov. Hoeven gives address at Biomass Workshop

The Energy & Environmental Research Center announced that the Honorable John Hoeven, North Dakota governor, will be the keynote presenter at the Biomass '08 Technical Workshop, scheduled for July 15–16, at the Alerus Center.

"We are extremely pleased and honored to have Gov. Hoeven at this event," said EERC Director Gerald Groenewold. "Gov. Hoeven has supported programs throughout our state to further the development of alternative fuels and has been a strong advocate of the EERC."

"North Dakota is in a premier position to benefit from biomass development and contribute yet one more among several vital resources toward our nation's energy needs," Hoeven said. "By any number of measures, our potential to create perennial crops and other biomass resources for energy production ranks at or near the top of the states. North Dakota's role will grow increasingly more important as we continue to develop more feedstocks for the ethanol and biodiesel industries and more applications for other forms of biomass energy production, as well."

The Biomass '08 Workshop will explore the latest trends and opportunities in utilizing biomass, biomass feedstocks and agriculture, policies and incentives for renewable energy, the latest technologies for ethanol and biodiesel production, and biomass for heat and electricity.

This year's preliminary program is now available and features four main sessions, which include over 40 speakers representing all aspects of the biomass industry from around the world. Special comments will be provided by video from U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan.

The program includes several key presenters. Ohen Akoto, director of operations for Jatropha Africa, Ltd., Kaneshie-Accram, Ghana, Africa, will discuss his country's utilization of biomass for fuels, including using jatropha (poisonous seeds rich in oil ideal for biofuel production) as a new triglyceride feedstock for biodiesel production. Alice Pilgeram of Montana State University will speak on the development of crop oil feedstocks in dry, short-season climates, a topic of particular interest to farmers in the Midwest. Greg Langmo, fuel manager for FibroMinn, Litchfield, Minn., will discuss the newest biomass-to-electricity power plant in the United States located in Benson, Minn., which provides on-grid power to Xcel Energy from turkey litter.

Event organizers anticipate over 300 people will attend this year's biomass workshop. The exhibit show is sold out, and currently, registration numbers are strong and on track with last year's numbers. Registrations from more than 30 states and six foreign countries, including Canada, Ghana, India, South Africa, United Kingdom, and Yemen have been received. Organizing sponsors of the Biomass '08 Workshop include the EERC and the Signature Sponsor BBI International. Additional sponsorship is being provided by the North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Community Services.

The Biomass '08 Workshop is open to the public. For up-to-date program information or to register, log on to www.undeerc.org/biomass08 or contact the registration department at 777-5246.

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Green vest volunteers sought for summer commencement Aug. 1

We invite you to serve as a "Green Vest Volunteer" at summer commencement Friday, Aug. 1, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Volunteers assist by greeting visitors who will attend the ceremony, seating guests, and helping organize graduates in the assembly room. Commencement begins at 3 p.m. and all volunteers are asked to report to the Chester Fritz Auditorium by 1:15 p.m. Most volunteers will be able to leave shortly after the ceremony begins. We anticipate that commencement will conclude by approximately 4:15 p.m.

Please contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events in the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services office at 777-2724 or send an e-mail message to Terri Machart at terrimachart@mail.und.nodak.edu to let us know if you will be able to participate. Please feel free to call Terri if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your help.

-- Dawn Botsford, Events Coordinator, VPSOS, dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-6393

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Wednesday, July 30, is Denim Day

Wednesday, July 30, is the last Wednesday of the month and that means Denim Day. Pay your dollar, enjoy going casual, and know that all proceeds go to charity always. If you need buttons, let me know.

-- Patsy Nies, Special Project Assistant, Enrollment Services, patsynies@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3791

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Doctoral examination set for Promise K. Yong

The final examination for Promise K. Yong, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in chemistry, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, in 138 Abbott Hall. The dissertation title is "New Strategies for the Release of Acids and Carbonyl Compounds from Photoremovable Protecting Groups." Anamitro Banerjee (chemistry) 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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Student Account Services moves back to Twamley Hall

Dear UND students, faculty, and staff,

Student Account Services will move back to 204 Twamley Hall Wednesday, July 16. Our office will officially re-open at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday morning. We will have limited services available Tuesday, July 15. Payments will only be accepted at our location in the Parking Office in Room 15, lower level, Memorial Union, on Tuesday.

Attention students: If you need to make a payment, please remember that you can pay online via Campus Connection.

We would like to thank all of you for your patience as we move back to Twamley Hall. -- Student Account Services.

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Note electrical shutdown Wednesday

An electrical shutdown from Xcel Energy is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Please notify your staff of this outage. Xcel Energy will be tying in high voltage. All of circuit #3 will be affected to

include the following buildings:

Armory
Babcock Hall
Burtness Theater
Carnegie Building
Chandler Hall
Education Building
Johnstone, Fulton, Smith
Gillette Hall
Gustafson Hall
Harrington
Hughes Fine Arts Center
J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center
Leonard Hall
Merrifield Hall
North Dakota Museum of Art
President's residence
Steam Plant
Twamley Hall
Upton I
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Children's book sale continues

A huge children's book sale continues through Wednesday, July 16, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 301, Education Building. The sale includes nonfiction, fiction and professional books, posters, books with stuffed animals, items and books for all content areas - math, science, social studies, music - math manipulatives and more. Come early for best selection.

This sale is open to the public; invite your family and friends. It is sponsored by the Department of Teaching and Learning as part of its Reading Clinic.

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Head of physical and materials chemistry division of NCL, India, visits UND

Sourav Pal, head of the physical and materials chemistry division of the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, India, and an internationally recognized expert in molecular electronic structure theory, will visit the Chemistry Department between July 15 and July 18. He will present a lecture, titled "Multi-reference coupled-cluster approach for spectra and properties," at noon Friday, July 18, in 138 Abbott Hall. The public is cordially invited. Besides his work in ultrahigh accuracy results for small molecules, Dr. Pal has interests in modeling larger systems of biological and materials importance. NCL has a variety of expertise, ranging from many areas of chemistry to chemical engineering and molecular biology. Members of the University community who wish to set up individual or small group meetings with Dr. Pal are asked to call the Chemistry Department at 777-2741. -- Mark Hoffmann, Chair & Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, Chemistry, mhoffmann@chem.und.edu, 7-2742

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Reception for Idona Holbrook is July 17

The University community is invited to join us in saying, "Good luck, goodbye and well wishes" to Idona

Holbrook. She is leaving UND to begin a new stage in her life. Holbrook started at UND in 1996 working in Enrollment Services and Financial Aid before being hired at the Odegard School in November 1998. Throughout her time at UND, she has touched the lives of many students as the senior academic advisor in the Aviation Department. She was active in the UND and aviation community as well as the local community. She will be missed.

We will have cake, coffee and punch in 251 Odegard Hall from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17. Please help us honor Iona and wish her well.

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Miss North Dakota to speak on suicide prevention

Miss North Dakota, Tessie Jones, will be a guest presenter at an upcoming U2 session, "Taking Care of Each Other When Tragedy Strikes" Thursday, July 17. The newly crowned Miss North Dakota wants to focus this next year on mental health and suicide prevention and has been involved with the Mental Health America of North Dakota and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

When asked about why she chose her platform, Jones replied, "The more people that I can talk to, the more people who I can spread that message to, the more lives we can save. I can make a difference this year by spreading that message, because every person who hears that and looks for the warning signs of suicide can go to those people around them and save lives."

If you are interested in attending this session presented by Karyn Hippen, co-founder/facilitator of S.A.S.S. (Support for Adult Survivors of Suicide), it will be offered from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union. To register, contact the University Within the University office by: Web site: www.conted.und.edu/u2, e-mail: u2@mail.und.edu, or phone: 777-2128.

-- Kathy Williams, U2 Coordinator, University Within the University Program, kathrynwilliams@mail.und.edu, 777-4266

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Alumni will present Friday Night Cabaret at Fire Hall Theatre

Debra Berger and Misti Koop, recent master's in theatre arts graduates of the University of North Dakota, will present a Friday Night Cabaret at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, at the Fire Hall Theatre in downtown Grand Forks.

Koop and Berger will present a series of "favorites" covering standards, Broadway and jazz. As always, wine (21+) and light hors d'œuvres will be served.

Proceeds benefit the Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre and the artists. Don't miss this opportunity to experience North Dakota's talent!

This event is first come, first served, and seating is limited to 110. Tickets are available only at the door; admission is \$15, and a free will donation to help the Fire Hall Theatre renovate its lobby will be accepted.

The Fire Hall Theatre is located at 412 Second Ave. North, nestled between City Hall and Central High School.
-- Benjamin Klipfel, Executive Director, Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre, ben@benklipfel.net, 701-746-0847

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Art & Wine Walk is July 19

Stroll through downtown from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 19, and view artwork by local artists at galleries,

restaurants, and other businesses that serve wine or other non-alcoholic refreshments. Most artwork is available for sale, and artists are available to discuss their work. The Art & Wine Walk is a great way to experience downtown Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, view artwork by regional artists, and learn about the many and varied businesses downtown.

The Art & Wine Walk begins at the Blue Moose Bar & Grill in East Grand Forks, where maps can be purchased for \$10. At each participating business, the map will be stamped (wine consumption is not required to receive a stamp). Maps may be turned in at the closing reception at the Empire Arts Center to enter a drawing for a gift basket of prizes donated by participating businesses. The closing reception will also feature a champagne toast, sponsored by Happy Harry's Bottle Shops.

Other Art & Wine Walk dates are: Aug. 16, Sept. 20, and Oct. 18.

The Art & Wine Walk is organized by the North Valley Arts Council and the Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau, and is sponsored by the Empire Arts Center, the Blue Moose Bar & Grill, Clear Channel Radio, Happy Harry's Bottle Shops, and Gilly's Bar & Grill.

To learn more about the Art & Wine Walk, visit www.culturepulse.org.

-- Nicole Derenne, Executive Director, North Valley Arts Council, nicolederenne@novac.org, 701-777-6120

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Grays celebrate anniversaries at Alumni Center July 19

John (Jack) and Ellen Gray of Grand Forks will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary and John's 90th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at the J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center. All are welcome. The actual wedding date is Oct. 22, 1938, and John's birthday is Sept. 1, 1918. John and Ellen both attended UND and are very avid supporters of UND. -- Alumni Association.

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Make meals to take home for your family

Tired of rushing home and then having to think about what to make for dinner? Come to Burnt Toast where we will take the guesswork out of your evening meal. Our instructor will assist you with preparing a healthy meal for you and your family (enough for four) to enjoy and all in one hour. All participants will leave with a meal for four to take and share with their family. The class is offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, or Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Burnt Toast Kitchen, Wellness Center. The cost is \$12 per class, with a limit of six per class. Sign up at the Wellness Center Welcome Desk.

-- Jennifer Haugen, Assistant Director for Nutrition and Wellness Programs, Wellness Center,

jenniferhaugen@mail.und.edu, 777-0233

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College of Education and Human Development hosts Bemidji area alumni

The College of Education and Human Development invites you to the third annual Bemidji Alumni Gathering on Grace Lake from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 30082 Viny Trail, Bemidji, Minn.

Meet Dean Dan Rice, visit with current and retired faculty and other alumni, and enjoy a light dinner. Discover what's new at the college, enjoy an afternoon of great conversation and reminisce about your time on campus. Departments featured include Teaching and Learning, Social Work, Educational Foundations and Research, Counseling Psychology and Community Services, Educational Leadership, and Physical Education, Exercise Science and Wellness.

Hosts are Ann Porter, '82, '86, and Dawn Botsford, '76, '86.

Please respond by Monday, July 21, by calling Jena Pierce at 777-0844 or e-mail jena_pierce@und.edu
-- Jena Pierce, Director of Alumni Relations and Development, College of Education and Human Development,
jena_pierce@und.edu, 701-777-0844

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Learn how to make crepes July 24

Do you think of crepes as a dish you would order in a restaurant but never attempt at home? Come learn how quickly and easily you can make delicious crepes with a variety of fillings. Not a dessert person? You will also learn to make a few savory crepe recipes as well!

The class meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at the Wellness Center. The cost is \$8. Sign up at the Wellness Center Welcome Desk.

-- Leah Wagner, Coordinator of Wellness Programs, Wellness Center, leahwager@mail.und.edu, 777-0842

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U2 lists workshops

University Within the University (U2) offers the following workshops.

GroupWise 7.0: Intermediate**

July 30, 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, and set access rights. Work in depth with junk mail folder and archive feature. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

Defensive Driving

July 24, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator

Presenter: Eric Pearson

OR

Aug. 6, 6 to 10 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator

Presenter: Dan Lund

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.

'BaFa BaFa' Cultural Simulation Exercise

Date/Time: Aug. 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Room 10-12 and 16-18, Swanson Hall

BaFa BaFa is a cultural simulation game that teaches participants a great deal about cultural differences, assumptions, and misunderstandings. The overall purpose of the game is to increase cultural awareness and sensitivity among participants, to improve their ability to work with and relate to members from cultures that differ from their own. Participants are divided into two groups, each adopting a previously unknown culture. When members from the differing cultures visit each other's group, observations are made and conclusions discussed. This activity increases cultural awareness and sensitivity among participants, and assists employees, students, and professionals from all areas in working with diverse populations.

If you're interested in having a departmental or joint departmental 'BaFa BaFa' workshop, contact Keith Malaterre, American Indian Students Services by phone at 777-4292 or e-mail keithmalaterre@und.edu.

Presenters: American Indian Student Services staff.

Internet Safety for Kids: A Parent's Guide**

Aug. 6, 2 to 4 p.m., 361 Upson II

The Internet can help kids learn, communicate, and socialize, but it also exposes them to certain risks. This seminar will help parents learn how to protect their young kids and teens and keep them safe online. Some of the topics include: risks associated with popular Internet tools and social networking sites, how to filter objectionable Web content and use parental control software, cyberbullying and how to prevent it, how to educate children about Internet predators, and Web resources to help parents learn and educate their children. Presenter: Brad Miller.

** Limited seating – register early

Please reserve your seat by registering with U2 by: Phone, 777-2128, e-mail U2@mail.und.nodak.edu, or online www.conted.und.edu/U2/. Please include: (1) workshop title/date, (2) name, (3) department, (4) position, (5) stop number, (6) phone number, (7) e-mail, and (8) How you first learned about this workshop. Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.

-- Kathy Williams, Coordinator, U2 Program, U2@mail.und.edu, 777-2128

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Essential Studies is now on the Web

Essential Studies is now on the Web. To find out more about UND's new general education program, click on "E" on the main page or use these links:

<http://www.und.edu/dept/registrar/EssentialStudies/esindex.html>

<http://www.und.edu/dept/registrar/EssentialStudies/escommitteeindex.html>

The new site includes information for students, faculty, and advisors. For more information, contact Lori Robison at lori_robison@und.nodak.edu or Tom Steen at thomas_steen@und.nokdal.edu.

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School of Medicine and Health Sciences names Hammami CIO

Nasser Hammami has been named to the new position of chief information officer (CIO) at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Hammami will be in charge of overall administration and management of the information resource units and will supervise future system design, development, and maintenance of all information technology products and services. A certified technology specialist and a UND graduate, Hammami earned a bachelor's degree in biological and chemical sciences in 1994, a master's degree in biochemistry in 1998, a master's degree in clinical laboratory science in 2000, and a master's degree in industrial technology in 2006. Hammami, who also is an assistant professor, joined the school in 1999 as a graduate teaching assistant in the Department of Pathology.

-- Juan Pedraza, Director of Communications, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, jpedraza@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-6048

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Soizik Laguette named chair of ESSP

Soizik Laguette, has been named the new chair of Earth System Science and Policy (ESSP) at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences. She earned her Ph.D. in agricultural engineering at ENGREF (French Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering), Paris, France. Dr. Laguette has been at UND

since 1999, and was a founding member of the ESSP program. Dr. Laguette's research interests involve the use of switchgrass as a bioenergy crop in the Northern Great Plains and the adoption of switchgrass into the traditional cropping system; the rapid integration of remote sensing data into in-field management decisions and the use of satellite data in crop modeling as well as on helping end-users integrate remote sensing data and technology as a tool in land management practices.

Dr. Laguette succeeds Rodney Hanley as the chair of the ESSP program. Dr. Hanley took the position of Dean of Science at the University of Winnipeg.

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Sen. Dorgan addresses diabetes funding for Native American Programs

Sen. Byron Dorgan visited with staff and students from the Center for Rural Health regarding the importance of continued federal funding of diabetes research, prevention, treatment and education.

Twyla Baker-Demaray, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; , Dr. Jacque Gray, Choctaw and Cherokee; Sierra Abe, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; Erin Martin, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; and Dr. Alana Knudson thanked Dorgan for his support of diabetes-related funding and expressed the importance of funding to several of the Center's projects affiliated with Native American health.

Dorgan was in Grand Forks to receive the 2008 Congressional Leadership Award for his leadership on extending the Special Diabetes Program (SDP) in Congress from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, the American Diabetes Association and the National Indian Health Board (NIHB).

The SDP includes two programs: the Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 diabetes research, which funds type 1 diabetes research through the NIH, and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI), which funds prevention, treatment and education programs for Native Americans with type 2 diabetes through the Indian Health Service. Both programs have demonstrated a significant return on the federal investment and are transforming the lives of people with diabetes.

"Diabetes is a serious problem for our tribal communities," said Jacque Gray, assistant professor at the Center for Rural Health. "Funding is essential for continued improvement of Native American health. The federal diabetes programs are making a positive impact, as are the Center's."

Dorgan has authored legislation to extend the SDP for an additional five years, and the bill currently has 48 co-sponsors in the Senate. As chair of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, he has also worked to raise awareness about the significant progress that has been made in tribal communities struggling with diabetes.

"I plan to keep pushing for policies that will support innovative ways to deal with this disease," Dorgan said.

"Diabetes is a serious problem that hits our American Indian communities particularly hard. It's important that we find ways to educate the public about how to prevent diabetes and how to treat it effectively once they have been diagnosed."

Last year, Congress renewed the Special Diabetes Program for an additional year as part of the Medicare bill, and this year Dorgan is working to ensure that Congress renews the program for an additional two years as part of the Medicare bill.

-- Wendy Opsahl, Communications Coordinator, Center for Rural Health, wopsahl@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-0871

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SMHS reports fundraising numbers for FY08

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences is pleased to report our final fundraising numbers for fiscal year 2007-08 ending June 30, 2008. This year the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations again reached a new record high, with cash and pledges of over \$11.3 million. The year also included the funding of the Gilbertson Chair in Geriatrics, the Center for Human Safety simulation laboratory, and nearly \$200,000 awarded in student scholarships, an increase of 73 percent in the past two years.

H. David Wilson, dean, and Blanche Abdallah, director of development, have traveled across the country for the past three years and asked our alumni and friends to support us in our efforts to meet the future needs of the school, and they are responding. This would not be possible without the strong faculty and programs already in place at the UNDSMHS. Dean Wilson and his development staff would like to thank faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication to their programs, because it is what they do so well that becomes the basis of the proud stories shared with alumni on the road. It is the success of the school that donors invest in. Together we are all moving the school forward, helping our students and growing our state. Thank you.

-- H. David Wilson, Dean, School of Medicine & Health Sciences, dean@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-2514

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Aerospace acquires 25 Cessna 175 Skyhawks for flight training program

The John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences has entered into a multi-year contract with Cessna Aircraft Company and placed an initial order for 25 Cessna 172 Skyhawks. These aircraft will replace the Piper Warrior as the basic training aircraft.

"Cessna Aircraft has always been a big supporter of the Odegard School throughout our 40 years in flight training," said Don Dubuque, director of extension programs. "The first 20 years UND used Cessna aircraft for our single engine trainer. Even the years that Cessna was not building training aircraft, they continued to support our students by providing internships and scholarships. It is exciting to once again see Cessna on the ramp."

"UND is a leader among collegiate flight schools, and we're thrilled they've chosen to expand their fleet with new Cessna 172 Skyhawks," said John Doman, Cessna's vice president, worldwide propeller aircraft sales. "The 172 remains the world's most popular training aircraft due to its unique combination of safety, reliability and predictable flight characteristics. With the addition of the Mustang last year and now the 172s, we're pleased and proud that UND continues to choose Cessna as we work together to increase new pilot starts."

Earlier this year, UND Aerospace acquired a Cessna Citation Mustang, making the Odegard School the first collegiate flight program to have a Citation Mustang in its fleet. The entry-level Citation jet will be used for executive travel as well as flight training for undergraduate and contract students within the Odegard School.

"This marks the historic return of aircraft manufactured by Cessna that launched us on our journey that began in 1968 with two Cessna 150s," said Bruce Smith, dean of the Odegard School. "We are marking our 40th anniversary with the phrase "from tradition to tomorrow" by recovering and restoring one of those first two Cessna 150s, purchase of the Citation Mustang, and expansion of our fleet with Cessna 172s. Our tomorrow is certainly bright and the return of Cessna to our flight line keeps us within the top echelon of collegiate flight schools."

-- Karen Ryba, director of communications, aerospace, ryba@aero.und.edu, 701-777-4761

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UND Aerospace offers campers an introduction to

aviation

The John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences is sponsoring the 25th International Aerospace Camps being held on through July 20. Students from across the United States visit the Grand Forks facilities to experience real-life situations in the exciting world of aviation in conjunction with a taste of college. The camp is at full capacity; however, waiting lists are available for next year.

This unique camp is open to teenagers (ages 16-17) and offers aviation enthusiasts a chance to attend ground school, log flight time, and learn about the various careers within the aviation industry. The amount of actual flight training makes this summer adventure unique, the sky becomes a college classroom where students fly and log time with flight instructors with six different launches, simulator session, Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flight, Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight, cross-country flight, night flight, and an aerobatic flight. They also study flight planning in accordance to a structured college curriculum. They reside in UND residence halls and eat with current UND students at Wilkerson Hall. This seminar really gives the students a realistic taste of the aviation industry and a university, said Ken Polovitz, assistant dean at the Odegard School. While flying and classroom activities will remain the focus of the curriculum, the campers will be able to experience what our aviation students experience on a daily basis. The campers will be getting a true taste of college.

For more information about the 25th annual UND International Aerospace Camp, contact Ken Polovitz at 777-3561, 800-258-1525, or polovitz@aero.und.edu.

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U2 seeks new session ideas/presenters

The University Within the University (U2) program seeks new department sponsors, new topic ideas and new presenters to provide professional and personal development sessions for UND employees. The Fall U2 series runs from September through November 2008. If you have some topic suggestions or would be willing to present a U2 session, proposals are due July 23. Include in your proposal the following information: Name of proposed session, presenter name and brief biosketch, session description, preferred presentation date/time, and your contact information. You may submit your proposal by e-mail to U2@mail.und.edu or call the U2 Program at 777-4266.

-- Kathryn Williams, U2 Coordinator, University Within the University, kathrynwilliams@mail.und.edu, 777-4266

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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: No vacancies.

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL: No vacancies.

OFFICE SUPPORT: No vacancies.

CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Sunday - Friday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities #09-006

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 7/21/2008

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IN THE NEWS

Richard Ferraro selected for Fellow status by National Academy

A University of North Dakota distinguished professor has been approved for Fellow status by the National Academy of Neuropsychology.

F. Richard Ferraro, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of psychology, recently was informed in a letter from Arthur MacNeill Horton Jr., chairman of the academy, that his application for Fellow status was endorsed by the NAN Board of Directors.

"We received a number of applications for NAN Fellow status this year, and the review process was highly competitive," Horton wrote. "This is indeed an honor and reflects your significant contributions to the field of neuropsychology."

Ferraro, who will be starting his 17th year at UND this fall, has been invited to the NAN business meeting set for October in New York City to be recognized for the honor.

At the time Ferraro was named a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in May 2007, he had completed 167 peer-reviewed publications and 205 conference presentations. Grant awards, attracted by Ferraro and his colleagues, at the time were calculated to be \$7.5 million. The distinguished professorship is the highest faculty honor bestowed at UND.

Ferraro has served as editor, co-editor, consulting editor, and reviewer for many journals in his field. In 2005, he received the Thomas J. Clifford Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Research at UND.

Ferraro received his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Potsdam. His master's and Ph.D. degrees came from the University of Kansas. Before joining UND in 1992, he held positions at the University of Kansas and Washington University in St. Louis, where he served dual appointments with the psychology department and the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center/Memory and Aging Project.

Ferraro currently directs the General Experimental Program in UND's Psychology Department. He has taught courses in adult and child neuropsychology, cognitive psychology, aging and age-related diseases, and developmental psychology.

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Medical school grants officer scores CRA designation

Corey Graves, grants and contracts officer at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, recently earned the distinction of "Certified Research Administrator" (CRA) through the Research Administrators Certification Council. The designation CRA is bestowed only on candidates who successfully pass a national certification exam.

"Obtaining the CRA is one of the high points in my career," says Graves, who earned a B.S. degree from

Minnesota State University Mankato in 1993. "The achievement gave me a sense of professional credibility as well as an affirmation of my status as a well-rounded research administrator."

The CRA designation is offered to candidates who have experience as a research administrator. Getting the designation requires passing a national test on a broadly based body of knowledge that reflects a wide range of subject areas that a research or sponsored programs administrator must know to handle the demands and responsibilities of the profession. Graves now will be able to use the designation CRA as part of his signature and professional activities. This designation is good for five years.

Graves promotes and facilitates all aspects of research activity at the medical school, providing resources to help employees in acquiring funding for research. He also helps with the administration of funded research, maintaining compliance with university, state, and sponsor guidelines and policies. He's also a liaison between medical school employees, sponsors, and the Grants and Contracts Administration.

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Fieber-Beyer awarded \$90,000 to characterize asteroid surfaces

Sherry Fieber-Beyer, a doctoral student within the Earth System Science and Policy Department at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, has been awarded a \$30,000 per year, three-year NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship (NESSF) for her research project titled "Mineralogical Characterizations of Asteroids Near the 3:1 Kirkwood Gap." Competition for the grant was intense, but Fieber-Beyer's overall score surpassed those of 43 other individuals who applied from across the United States.

Mike Gaffey, Fieber-Beyer's faculty advisor and professor of space studies, said, "Being awarded this highly prestigious fellowship means that the planetary science community recognizes the quality of Sherry's previous work, the scientific importance of her proposed research project, and her great future potential as a professional in the field."

The NESSF program solicited applications from accredited United States universities on behalf of students who are working toward master's or doctoral degrees in Earth and space sciences at respective institutions. The purpose of NESSF is to ensure continued training of a highly qualified workforce in disciplines needed to achieve NASA's scientific goals outlined by the NASA Science Mission Directorate objectives and NASA's strategic goals. Awards resulting from the competitive selection were made in the form of training grants to the respective universities with the faculty advisor serving as the principal investigator.

The research program coordinates observations using the NASA IRTF SpeX instrument (Hawaii) with the Multi-Mirror Telescope Red Channel spectrograph (Arizona) to obtain high signal-to-noise Visible-Near-infrared spectra (0.3-2.5 μm) of asteroids in a zone centered on the 3:1 resonance. These spectra will be used to mineralogically characterize asteroid surfaces in this zone in order to identify their meteorite analogs (if any). If meteorite analogs can be identified, the cosmic ray exposure ages of those meteorites would empirically constrain the dynamical lifetimes of objects from the 3:1 resonance.

Fieber-Beyer received her B.S. degree in physics/astronomy in 2003 from Minnesota State University Moorhead, her master's degree in physics in 2006 from UND, and intends to graduate with a Ph.D. degree in Earth System Science and Policy from UND in 2010. She is the daughter of Dennis Fieber and Kevin and Terry O'Meara of Jamestown, N.D.

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UND aerobatics team competes in Seward, Neb., contest

The UND Aerospace Aerobatic Team participated in its first competition of 2008 on June 28-29 in Seward, Neb. Five of the UND collegiate competitors performed before a panel of judges and scored exceptionally well.

Neil Acomb won the Primary Aerobatic Category and had the highest scoring percentage of all competitors in all categories during the contest. Jordan Weiss placed third in Primary. Brian Prange and Ashley Kennie narrowly missed placing in the Primary Category, but held excellent percentages that will be compared against other collegiate teams at the end of the season. Jeremy Baker won the "Best First Time Sportsman" and also held an excellent scoring percentage.

"Our team is very strong, and we hope to continue the success for the remainder of this season," said Ryan Carlson, coach/advisor of the UND aerobatic's team. "In addition, several of our competitors this year will be returning members next year."

The next competition is scheduled for late August in Albert Lea, Minn.

The UND Aerospace Aerobatic Team has competed within the Collegiate Aerobatic Program of the International Aerobatic Club (IAC), a division of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), over the past six seasons. The individual collegiate competitors must complete the "Introduction to Aerobatics" flight course at the University of North Dakota prior to competing at their first aerobatic contest. The team members practice on both an individual and team basis with a UND flight instructor acting as a safety pilot. Once the team attends three competitions throughout the Midwest during each season, the competitor scores are totaled, average, and compared against other universities throughout the country. During the 2007 season, the UND Aerospace Aerobatic Team placed second in the nation.

-- Karen Ryba, director of communications, aerospace, ryba@aero.und.edu, 777-4761

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Stuart Lundberg

It is with regret we announce the death of Stuart Lundberg, 75, associate professor emeritus of accountancy, Sunday, July 13, at Altru Hospital. More information will be in next week's University Letter.

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