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TOP STORIES

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

Doctoral examination set for Balachandra Kumar Gorentla

The final examination for Balachandra Kumar Gorentla, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in biochemistry and molecular biology, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, in United Hospital Lecture Hall, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The dissertation title is "Molecular Characterization of Dopamine Transporter Phosphorylation and Regulation." Roxanne Vaughan (biochemistry and molecular 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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"The Great American Trailer Park Musical" runs through Thursday

What do you get when you mix hot pants and heels, a double wide trailer, and a hilarious cast? "The Great American Trailer Park Musical."

Enjoy this laugh-out-loud comedic musical about life in the trailer park. With songs like "I Gotta Make Like a Nail and Press on," you'll be itching for more. It's South Park meets Desperate Housewives.

See the show this week only, through Thursday, July 10. Show time is 8 p.m. Enjoy a discount if you come dressed as trash.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students/seniors. The production contains adult situations and language.

The all-star cast includes Debra Berger, Beth Laidlaw, Amanda Speare, Darin Kerr, Ashley Braxton, Natasha Yearwood, and Daniel Dutot.

Musical numbers are "This Side of the Tracks," "One Step Closer," "The Buck Stops Here," "It Doesn't Take A Genius," "Owner of My Heart," "The Great American TV Show," "Flushed Down the Pipes," "Storm's A-Brewin'," "Road Kill," "But He's Mine/It's Never Easy," "That's Why I Love My Man," "Panic," and "Finale."

-- Benjamin Klipfel, Executive Director, Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre, ben@benklipfel.net, 701-746-0847

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Doctoral examination set for Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs

The final examination for Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in educational leadership, is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 10, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "College Students as Catalysts for Social Change: A Case Study." Marcus Weaver-Hightower (educational foundations and research) 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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Doctoral examination set for Paul A. Stebbins

The final examination for Paul A. Stebbins, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in counseling psychology, is set for 10 a.m. Friday, July 11, in 318 Montgomery Hall. The dissertation title is "Adolescent Depression: Vulnerability Factors in Boys and Girls." Kara Wettersten (counseling psychology) 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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Doctoral examination set for Badreya Al Jenaibi

The final examination for Badreya Al Jenaibi, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in communication and public discourse, is set for 2 p.m. Friday, July 11, in 200 O'Kelly Hall. The dissertation title is "Democracy and the Press in the Middle East." Mary Lee Horosewski (communication) 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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Doctoral examination set for Valeria N. Wax

The final examination for Valeria N. Wax, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in teaching and learning, is set for 2 p.m. Friday, July 11, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "A Study of the Kindergarten and First Grade Programs at Minot State University Laboratory School (1966-1988): A School Ahead of Its Time." Glenn Olsen (teaching and learning) 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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Ice cream social set for Sunday, July 13

The Grand Forks County Historical Society's ice cream social, one of the area's longest running summer events, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 13, on the society's grounds at Belmont Road and 24th Avenue.

This will be the 32nd time for the gathering, which combines ice cream and cake with outdoor music and the opportunity to learn something about the area's rich history, said Mae Marie Blackmore, president of the organization.

It is also one of the nonprofit group's annual fundraisers. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 10 to

15, and free for those 9 and under.

In the early days of the social, ice cream was hand-churned and the cake was handmade, Blackmore said. Today, city health regulations require store-bought products. Even so, she said, there will be lots of tasty refreshments and plenty of things to see and do. Among them:

- * Music. Headlining the performances will be the Dick King Memorial Swing Band.
- * Admittance to the Myra Museum. Besides its regular displays, the museum is hosting a traveling exhibit about the history of the automobile in North Dakota, created by the State Historical Society.
- * Guided tours. Among the buildings open will be the historic Thomas Campbell home and an authentically furnished country school house. Visitors will also see the society's newest building, an all-steel Lustron House. An icon of the years immediately after World War II, the structure is in the process of being restored.

"It's a great way for families to spend a July afternoon," Blackmore said. She emphasized that although located in Grand Forks, the society's work encompasses the entire county, its dozen towns, and the Air Force Base.

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Doctoral examination set for Daphne Ghorbani

The final examination for Daphne Ghorbani, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in teaching and learning, is set for 10 a.m. Monday, July 14, in Room 308, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Characteristics of Male Pre-Service Elementary Education Candidates in North Dakota: An Exploratory Study." Richard Landry (educational foundations and research) 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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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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Doctoral examination set for Christopher Irmen

The final examination for Christopher Irmen, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in anatomy and cell biology, is set for 1 p.m. Monday, July 14, in Room B710, Frank Low Conference Room, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The dissertation title is "The Role of Src-suppressed C-Kinase Substrate in Primary Sensory Neurons." Patrick Carr (anatomy and cell 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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Learn Sushi basics at Wellness Center July 14

Did you know Sushi doesn't mean raw fish?! Come to "Sushi!" and learn the basics of the Japanese delicacy from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 14. With just a little information and practice, you can learn to make really delicious and beautiful sushi at home. Each participant will get to make their own roll. This session of Sushi will also feature a delicious Japanese dessert known as sweet rice.

Cost is \$10. Sign up at the Wellness Center Welcome Desk.

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

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Doctoral examination set for Greg S. Grooters

The final examination for Greg S. Grooters, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in educational leadership, is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Secondary Students' and Teachers' Perceptions of Building Relationships for Personalizing Education." Sherryl Houdek (educational leadership) 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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Doctoral examination set for Jim A. Torkelson

The final examination for Jim A. Torkelson, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in educational leadership, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Half-day to Full-day Kindergarten Programming and Early Literacy Behaviors of Emergent Readers." Gary Schnellert (educational leadership) 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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Doctoral examination set for Pamela Cronin

The final examination for Pamela Cronin, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in educational leadership, is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Perceptions of Shared Superintendency in North Dakota: Principals, Superintendents and School Board Members." Sherryl Houdek (educational leadership) 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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Online seminar will focus on returning veterans

Is America's post-secondary education system prepared to effectively serve the needs of its armed forces returning to school after a term (or several terms) of active duty service? How are their needs different from non-military students? Featured higher education presenters: W. Scott Lewis and Brett A. Sokolow, will specifically address these questions and offer information on how colleges and universities can best prepare to serve these special students.

What you'll learn:

- * Understand how returning veterans differ from veterans of earlier conflicts
- * Discover the implications these differences will have on the nature and delivery of your student services
- * Learn how returning veterans will affect the rest of the campus community
- * Know what support services will help veterans succeed academically and personally
- * Gather staff and administrators to discuss this key issue
- * Hear answers to the questions posed to our experts during the live program

All are welcome to attend the seminar from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, in Room 211, Skalicky Tech

Incubator.

-- Joshua Riedy, Dean of Outreach Programs, Continuing Education, joshuariedy@mail.und.edu, 777-3231

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UND Summer Graduation Expo is July 15

The Summer Graduation Expo will be held Tuesday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Loading Dock, Memorial Union. A visit to the Expo will be a one-stop information source for students graduating Aug. 1. The Registrar's Office will be available with a list of students eligible to graduate. The UND Barnes & Noble Bookstore and Herff Jones will have regalia, diploma covers, frames, and class rings for purchase and viewing. Financial Aid can answer questions about student loan payments. Career Services will assist with any job search. The Alumni Association will explain services to new graduates. Additional information about the Graduate School, photographers, and catering will also be available. Faculty are invited to attend and check out custom regalia that can be ordered through the Barnes & Noble UND Bookstore. If you have any questions about the Expo, contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events at 777-6393 or e-mail

dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu. For more information about the August commencement ceremony, visit <http://commencement.und.edu>.

-- Dawn Botsford, Events Coordinator, Office of Ceremonies and Special Events,

dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-6393

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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

The University Within the University (U2) lists the following workshops.

Coffee, Cookies and Catered Events, Oh My! (UND Catering: Not Just Doughnuts!)

July 15, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Badlands Room, Memorial Union

How to plan an event from start to finish. Discover what's new in catered events, learn how to successfully complete the forms to request catering services, learn menu planning from the catering experts, and how to take your catered event to the next level. Presenters: Diane Brenno and Millie Strang.

Internet Safety for Kids: A Parent's Guide** (NEW)

July 17, 10 a.m. to noon or Aug. 6, 2 to 4 p.m.

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.

F&A Costs (Indirect Costs) (NEW)

July 16, 2 to 3 p.m., United Hospital Lecture Hall, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

It is the policy of the University of North Dakota to recover full F&A Costs (indirect costs) as defined by our federal negotiated rate agreement. But, do you ever wonder why the University is so adamant about this policy? This training session will focus on answering that question by addressing other questions such as (1) what are F&A costs; (2) what do the F&A costs pay for; (3) what if some sponsors limit the amount of F&A costs we can ask for; (4) why do we have different F&A cost rates for different activities; and (5) how often does the F&A cost rate change. Presenter: Corey Graves.

Records Disposal Procedures

July 15, 1 to 2 p.m., Memorial Room, Memorial Union

Learn more about the process for destroying or transferring records that have passed their retention time limits. We'll review the system used, discuss why it's necessary to document, and you will take part in a hands-on run-through of the entire process. It's fun to clean out, it's easier to do than you think, and now's the time to do it. Presenter: Chris Austin.

Records Retention and E-Mail

July 17, 1 to 2 p.m., Memorial Room, Memorial Union

Learn what role e-mail plays in an organization and UND policy and best practices for retaining e-mail messages. Presenter: Chris Austin.

Taking Care of Each Other When Tragedy Strikes (NEW)

July 17, 2 to 3:30 p.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union

Learn how to recognize some warning signs, raise awareness, and reach out to someone dealing with a loss from suicide. Presenter: Karyn Hippen.

** Limited seating – please register early.

To register: Online: www.conted.und.edu/U2/ e-mail: U2@mail.und.nodak.edu or phone: 777-2128.

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

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U2 offers class on preventing, dealing with suicide

University Within the University (U2) will feature Karyn Hippen, co-founder and facilitator of S.A.S.S. (Support for Adult Survivors of Suicide) and UND Division of Continuing Education outreach specialist, as presenter for the upcoming U2 session titled "Taking Care of Each Other When Tragedy Strikes." In this special U2 session, learn how to recognize some of the warning signs of suicide, how to raise awareness, and how to reach out to someone dealing with a loss from suicide. The information presented in this session can also be applied to any loss or tragic experience.

As Karyn, in her U2 session description says, "There are always bumps in the road at some point in our life's journey. For some, the path through life is rockier than for others. In our work environment we are trained to focus only on our work and leave our personal feelings at the door. But too often, people around us may be suffering in silence, when even the slightest nudge of support and comfort could bring them hope." Please join us for this very moving and educational experience from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union.

To register: Online: www.conted.und.edu/U2/ or e-mail: U2@mail.und.nodak.edu or phone: 777-2128. Space is limited, so please register early.

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

Retirement reception to honor Peggy Pazderic

Peggy Pazderic, assistant director, Student Financial Aid, will retire at the end of July after 42 years at UND. A retirement reception will be held in the J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. Cake and refreshments will be served. All who know or have worked with Peggy are welcome to attend.

-- Robin Holden, Director, Student Financial Aid, robinholden@mail.und.edu, 7-3121

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note NIH standard terms and conditions for research grants

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

On Jan. 25, 2008, the National Science & Technology Council (NSTC) announced an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS) to create greater consistency in the administration of federal research awards. Given the increasing complexity of interdisciplinary and interagency research, it has become increasingly important for federal agencies to manage awards in a consistent fashion. Under the initiative all research agencies would be able to utilize a standard core set of administrative terms and conditions on research and research-related awards that are subject to OMB Circular A--110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations" (2 CFR Part 215) (see Federal Register. Vol. 73, No. 17, pages 4563-4567).

The research terms and conditions are largely based on the terms and conditions originally utilized by 98 research institutions participating in the Federal Demonstration Project (FDP), and termed "expanded authorities". NIH previously implemented expanded authorities (with the exception of automatic carryover of unobligated balances) as the standard terms and conditions for all NIH grant awards (NOT-OD-01-070). Consequently, NIH implementation of these federal-wide research terms has no significant change in the requirements or terms and conditions for NIH awardees. Participants in the FDP will notice that the specific FDP award footnote has been changed to remove reference to FDP Terms but still references FDP participation.

The government-wide core set of administrative requirements and other documents pertinent to this RBM initiative are posed on the National Science Foundation (NSF) Web site at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rtc/index.jsp>. Grantees are encouraged to review the companion documents which include a Prior Approval Matrix, National Policy Requirements Matrix, Subaward Requirements Matrix, and Agency-specific Requirements. NIH Agency-specific Requirements are found at:

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/rtc/nih_708.pdf

Reference to these federal-wide research terms and all corresponding documents is now included on the award conditions and information for NIH grants Web site:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/awardconditions.htm>

Questions about this Notice (Notice Number: NOT-OD-08-091) should be directed to:

Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration

Office of Extramural Research

National Institutes of Health

Telephone: 301-435-0949

Email: Grantspolicy@mail.nih.gov

-- Barry I. Milavetz, Associate Vice President for Research, Research Development and Compliance,
barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701/777-4278

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NIH will move from PureEdge to Adobe grant application forms

NIH has identified three Funding Opportunities Announcements (FOAs) to pilot the transition from PureEdge to Adobe-based grant application forms (as detailed in the May 23, 2008 NIH Guide notice (NOT-OD-08-073). Each of the pilot FOAs have application due dates in mid to late October.

RFA-AI-08-020 Immune Defense Mechanisms at the Mucosa (R21)

RFA-DE-09-001 Harnessing Inflammation for Reconstruction of Oral and Craniofacial Tissues (R01)

RFA-DE-09-002 Harnessing Inflammation for Reconstruction of Oral and Craniofacial Tissues (R21)

Note: RFA-DE-09-001 and RFA-DE-09-002 were originally posted in the NIH Guide on June 25, 2008 with PureEdge application forms. These FOAs were reposted on July 1, 2008 with the new Adobe application forms. Those who downloaded the original application package must download and use the new Adobe forms for submission. No other aspects of these announcements (e.g., area of scientific interest, requirements, deadlines) were changed in any way.

The NIH SF424 (R&R) Application Guide for Adobe forms will be available on or before August 1, 2008. Although both the Adobe and PureEdge SF 424 (R&R) forms contain the same form fields and requirements, the Adobe Guide will provide Adobe screen shots and Adobe-specific navigation instructions.

Applicants should follow the usual process for seeking support. . Questions on form functionality or submission of the forms to Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Contact Center. If you encounter a technical issue that threatens NIH's timely receipt of your application, work with the Grants.gov Contact Center and be sure to contact the eRA Help Desk at NIH to document the issue and provide us with the Grants.gov Contact Center tracking number.

NIH FAQs on the transition to the Adobe forms may be found at:

http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/faq_special.htm.

-- Barry I. Milavetz, Associate Vice President for Research, Research Development and Compliance,
barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701/777-4278

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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

Note purchasing trademarked items procedures

The following procedures must be followed to order trademarked items.

To order a trademarked item, go to www.und.nodak.edu/dept/purchase/html/forms.html and click on "Trademarks Use Request Form." Fill out this form and send it to the purchasing department. This completed form can be faxed to 777-2125, sent via intercampus mail to Stop 8381, or e-mailed to sarasatter@mail.und.edu. Once you receive approval, submit a purchase requisition (there is a specific one for logo/trademarked items), or use your University purchasing card to place the order. You do not need to have your design number in order to submit your purchase requisition. Once your vendor has submitted your artwork for approval, a purchase order will be created for you.

Trademarks use request forms are returned immediately if approved. However, if your vendor is unlicensed, there will be a substantial delay. Artwork approval takes only as long as your vendor requires to design and upload your artwork. Purchase requisition turnaround time is the same as for purchase of non-trademarked items. Please attach the approved trademark use request form to your monthly purchasing card record form, if using your purchasing card.

Printed items do not need to go through the logo approval process. All printed items must comply with the style and standards guide available on the University relations' Web page at www.und.edu/dept/our. All printing jobs done off campus need to be routed through the purchasing department for competitive pricing.

Please contact the purchasing department at 777-2126 with any questions.

-- Sara Satter, Licensing Coordinator, Purchasing, sarasatter@mail.und.edu, 7-2132

All UND Blackboard systems will consolidate to MyUND

By August 5, there will be one UND Blackboard learning system for all courses. This comes from consolidation of the Blackboard systems supported by the Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies (CILT)/Information Technology Systems and Services (ITSS), the Division of Continuing Education (DCE), and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS).

This consolidation to the MyUND Blackboard system will provide students and faculty with one site to log into for course and group sites. Everyone will have access to new tools such as Blogs, Wikis and Podcasting. The MyUND Blackboard learning system is supported for traditional, hybrid, and online courses and the community system for campus community organizations, committees and groups to facilitate communication and share resources.

Staff at CILT, DCE and SMHS are available for any questions students, faculty, and staff may have regarding Blackboard accounts and services.

Contact Information:

MyUND: <http://online.und.edu>

Center for Instructional & Learning Technologies/ITSS – 777-2129, blackboard@mail.und.edu

Division of Continuing Education – 777-3044, UNDonline@mail.und.edu

School of Medicine and Health Sciences – Information Resources 777-5046

Problem reports can be made to the ITSS Help Desk at 777-2222 or at itsshelf@mail.und.edu.

-- Dorette Kerian, Interim CIO, ITSS, blackboard@mail.und.edu, 777-2129

Marci Mack named new assistant registrar

Marci Mack has joined the Office of the Registrar as assistant registrar. She began her duties July 1. She supervises a staff of five and oversees the service area and maintenance of student records. Mack earned a bachelor's degree in information management and a master's in business administration, both at UND. Her previous position was with Career Services, where she held the position of administrative officer/recruitment coordinator. As assistant registrar, Mack is an integral member of the University registrar's team of managers. - Suzanne Anderson, University Registrar.

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

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Note construction areas

From now until approximately July 30, an electrical contractor will be working on pulling in new high voltage cable and the removal of old ones. The areas affected will be from the south side of the Memorial Union to Leonard Hall and west from Leonard Hall to the front of Upson II. Workers will be in that area, but traffic flow should not be affected. We apologize for any inconvenience that may occur during this construction period. -- Facilities.

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Museum Cafe lists specials, soups

The North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists the following soups and specials.

July 9-11, France week

Soups: Butternut Squash Soup with Carmelized Apples / Cream of Tomato Basil

Wednesday: Chicken Breast Parmesan

Thursday: Stuffed Pork Doria

Friday: Coq au Vin

July 14-18, Museum Employee Week

Soups: Stephanie's Lentil Soup / Popcke's Dumpling Soup

Monday: Salad de Glovatsky (Pears, goat cheese, granola, on a bed of mixed greens)

Tuesday: Lofthus Chutney Plate

Wednesday: Laurel's Linguinie

Thursday: Vettelwood Sandwich (think Dagwood, only bigger)

Friday: The Welsh Margherita Sandwich

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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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: Research Specialist, Research Affairs, School of Medicine, #08-400

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 7/11/2008

COMPENSATION: \$35,000 plus/year

POSITION: CRC Service Coordinator/Trainer, Conflict Resolution Center, (20 hours a week may go to 40 hours), #08-398.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 7/11/2008

COMPENSATION: \$18,000 (20hrs/week)

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Radiologic Technician, - Bismarck Center for Family Medicine, #08-399

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 7/11/2008

COMPENSATION: \$40,000 plus/year

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Loan Clerk, Student Financial Aid, #09-003

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 7/14/2008

COMPENSATION: \$23,500 plus/year

POSITION: Administrative Secretary, (part time, benefited, 20hrs/wk) College of Business & Public Administration, #09-001

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 7/14/2008

COMPENSATION: \$13.00 plus/hour

POSITION: Administrative Secretary, Electrical Engineering, #08-397

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 7/9/2008

COMPENSATION: \$22,000 plus/year

POSITION: Administrative Assistant, INMED, #08-396

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 7/9/2008

COMPENSATION: \$26,000 plus/year

CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES: No vacancies.

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

Programmer/Analyst - UND

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IN THE NEWS

Phil Harmeson provides political analysis of Barack Obama's visit

Vice President for General Administration Phil Harmeson continued a tradition of providing analysis of various high-profile political happenings in the Red River Valley, North Dakota and the nation when he was tapped by

KVLY/KXJB TV to share insight on Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama's visit to Fargo.

Harmeson teamed with veteran television anchorman Daron Selvig to provide live coverage of Obama's speech before about 200 military veterans and more than 1,100 spectators at The Children's Museum at Yunker Farm in north Fargo. The telecast aired during the KX4 News at noon.

Harmeson's relationship with KXJB and KVLY goes back more than 20 years to the 1984 presidential campaign, according to Charley Johnson, KVLY/KXJB general manager.

Harmeson also serves as UND's chief government relations officer. In January, he represented UND at the U.S. Senate committee hearings on the confirmation of UND graduate and former North Dakota Governor Ed Schafer as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Over the years, Harmeson has joined other UND and Grand Forks personalities, including Lloyd Omdahl, UND professor emeritus in political science and a former lieutenant governor of North Dakota, for on-the-spot political commentary on local and national events.

Harmeson has become a familiar face on regional television during election nights for better than two decades.

"I remember being stuck in the rafters of the old Hyslop Sports Center doing political analysis with Phil in 1986 when Ronald Reagan came to Grand Forks," Johnson said.

Harmeson also provided analysis of Obama's first campaign visit to North Dakota during the state Democratic Convention in April at Grand Forks' Alerus Center. That event also was attended by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., a former challenger for the Democratic presidential nomination.

A fourth generation North Dakotan, Harmeson is the son of a school superintendent. He grew up in Underwood, Surrey, Linton and Velva, and graduated from Grand Forks Central High School.

He earned his undergraduate and master's degrees in Tennessee. He was a superintendent of schools before going to law school at UND. Upon graduation in 1983, he practiced law and was the associate director of UND's Bureau of Governmental Affairs. He became director of the bureau when Omdahl was appointed North Dakota's lieutenant governor and served in that capacity until 1993.

Harmeson was named senior associate to the president by former UND President Charles Kupchella in 2000. He became vice president for general administration in 2007.

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Jim Faircloth assumes new duties at Alerus Financial

Jim Faircloth, associate professor of marketing, has recently announced that he has taken a position at Alerus Financial as senior vice president of marketing. He assumed those duties July 1.

Jim is no stranger to Grand Forks, having begun his academic career in Marketing at UND during the mid-1990's, returning to UND in 2006 as Associate Professor of Marketing. Jim has published widely on the topic of brand management, and has recently been the Advisor to the Student Chapter of the American Marketing Association. Prior to his academic pursuits, Jim was CEO of a highly successful concrete products firm in North Carolina for some years.

Jim will continue to teach on a part-time basis in the department and provide oversight for the AMA group. His

colleagues at UND, especially in the Department of Marketing, wish him every success in his new role and appreciate his many contributions spanning nearly a decade. -- Department of Marketing.

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EERC celebrates record financials

The Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) is celebrating its fifth consecutive record year in contract awards. In the 12-month period ending June 30, 2008 (FY08), the EERC received \$95 million in new contract awards. To date, \$40 million of those new contract dollars are available to spend immediately.

The dollar value of contract awards at the EERC has dramatically grown over the past five years, with FY08 contract awards more than double the contract awards in FY03. With 433 active contracts (over 80 percent with industry) in FY08, the EERC's total research portfolio (total value of all contracts currently in place) is now more than \$200 million, which includes multiyear awards.

"One of our greatest challenges is keeping up with the number of opportunities," said EERC Director Gerald Groenewold. "The global interest in the EERC's capabilities has seen dramatic increases in the past few years."

The EERC's new contract awards will result in an annual economic impact of approximately \$100 million in the Grand Forks region. Currently, the EERC has more than 320 employees representing 120 different disciplines, with 20 new positions currently advertised.

"The bottom line is the world is coming to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and new commercialization opportunities present themselves continually, which leads to endless new opportunities for high-quality job growth in our region," said Groenewold.

The EERC is recognized as one of the world's leading developers of cleaner, more efficient energy technologies as well as environmental technologies to protect and clean our air, water, and soil. The EERC has a market-driven, entrepreneurial culture which fosters working partnerships with private industry, government, and research clients. Since 1987, the EERC has had more than 1000 clients in all 50 states and 50 countries.

"The EERC has carefully positioned itself over the years in a number of strategic energy and environmental topic areas which are drawing an ever-increasing number of clients from all over the world. Our unique culture is one of the cornerstones of our success," said Groenewold. "I want to recognize our Congressional delegation, and specifically, Senator Byron Dorgan, who has been one of our greatest supporters for many years. Sen. Dorgan has continued to secure cornerstone funding that drives strategic research and development at the EERC to achieve energy security for our nation and provide economic opportunities for his Red River Valley Research Corridor and Energy Corridor," he said.

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Kiwi Project reaches milestone by refurbishing 50th computer

A project started by a group of University of North Dakota students that refurbishes discarded computers and donates them to nonprofit groups and individuals in need is preparing to distribute its 50th computer.

This past spring, Collin Anderson, a senior political science student, with the help of Tom Stokke, an instructor in the computer science department, as well as fellow UND seniors Jayson Coffel, Nikki Manual and others, launched the "Kiwi Project" to intercept the computers, most of them headed for landfills. An estimated 250 million computers will be cast off as obsolete from American homes and businesses over the next five years, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Starting with a handful of surplus computers only a few years old from UND, the Kiwi Project members updated them and installed new software. The first computer was delivered to a local nonprofit in late March.

The refurbished machines are set up to be usable by someone who hasn't had a lot of experience with computers, allowing them to use e-mail, browse the Web and do word processing.

"Because of the design philosophies, the computers often run as well as new computers," said Anderson, 23, a native of Bismarck.

Other frequent providers of old computers for the project include Mayville (N.D.) State University and the Grand Forks Public School District. The group still is open to donations from others.

Anderson said he'd like to see the project continue into the future.

"Kiwi's survivability is contingent on our ability to bring in individuals with both applicable knowledge and interest locally," he said. "Because of the support of the (computer science) department, we have had more success than similar efforts in large cities like Minneapolis."

The Kiwi Project recently teamed up with the LaGrave Learning Center in Grand Forks to provide five refurbished computers, stocked with educational games and learning aids for school children. That partnership was recognized nationally last month by the federal Office of Housing and Urban Development, which regularly highlights success stories regarding learning centers on low-income housing developments.

"I am so grateful to the Kiwi Project for these refurbished computers," said Christina Hutchison, LaGrave Center coordinator. "I think they've developed a great project that, like us, is placing more computers in the hands of children. The games are kid-friendly and the children love them. They are realizing that learning can be fun.

"Through this partnership with the Kiwi Project, we are providing our children with greater access to technology."

For more information about the project, visit the group's Web site at <http://kiwi.cs.und.edu>, or call Anderson directly at collina@gmail.com, or visit the computer science department in Streibel Hall.

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