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### UND grad to give commencement address

Linda Pancratz, chair and CEO of Mountain Capital, LLC and a University of North Dakota graduate, will give the main commencement talk at UND's winter commencement Friday, Dec. 14, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. The Graduate School ceremony is at 10 a.m., and the undergraduate ceremony is at 2 p.m. President Charles Kupchella will preside over his last UND winter commencement.

The UND Television Center will carry the ceremonies live on Cable Channel 3. Both ceremonies will also be Webcast live. You can find the link at UND's home page, [www.und.edu](http://www.und.edu).

Linda Pancratz grew up in Grand Forks and earned a BSBA in business administration from the University of North Dakota in 1976, graduating with honors. She also attended the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University completing their executive programs.

Pancratz recently retired as chair of the board and chief executive officer of TDL Infomedia Limited in the United Kingdom. In 1997, she participated in a management buyout of the company and in 2000, sold the company to Seat Pagine Gialle, S.p.A. She served on the Group Executive Committee of Seat Pagine Gialle, S.p.A. (Italy) and on the board of directors of TDL Infomedia Limited (UK), Thomson Directories Limited (UK), TDL Infospace Europe (UK), Thomson Directories Pension Company Limited (UK), Mobile Commerce (UK) and Euredit (France). Under her leadership, Thomson Directories Limited was recognized as one of the "Times Top 100 Companies in the UK" and received the "Investors in People Award." The Thomson Directories Pension Company Limited was recognized for "Trustee Excellence," as well as being named the "Best Small Pension Scheme in the UK."

Prior to moving to the UK in 1995, Pancratz held a number of senior management positions at US West including vice president, Small Business Services; vice president, Business and Government Services; and vice

president, Mass Market Service Delivery. Over the years, she was active in many community organizations and served on numerous boards including Junior Achievement, American Cancer Society, Training Partnership Inc., Girls Club of Omaha, Management Women's Association and the Pine to Prairie Girl Scout Council. Pancratz is currently chair and CEO of Mountain Capital, LLC, an investment company. She also serves as president of the ELM Family Foundation Limited and is on the board of directors of the University of North Dakota Alumni Association and Foundation.

Pancratz and her husband, Mark, a 1977 graduate from UND, and their daughter, Elizabeth, recently relocated to Colorado from the United Kingdom.

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## **EERC awarded nearly \$3 million from Xcel Energy for renewable energy projects**

The Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) was awarded \$2.9 million for three renewable energy projects from the Xcel Energy Renewable Development Fund.

A total of 22 projects featuring wind, hydroelectric, solar, biomass, and biofuel technologies were selected to receive a total of nearly \$23 million from the Xcel fund. Nearly 100 renewable energy proposals were reviewed during this funding cycle.

"We are very proud and honored to receive these awards from Xcel Energy, which has been a key corporate partner for many, many years," said EERC Director Gerald Groenewold. "Through the EERC's Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization, we are committed to the commercialization of new, innovative renewable energy technologies. This funding will certainly play a key role helping us advance that."

The EERC is leading three major research and development projects with the funding awards:

- To test a novel biotechnology to convert dairy manure into a biogas for heat or energy production. The technology will utilize a specialized process to significantly reduce hydrogen sulfide, which typically produces foul odors in currently available technologies. Total project value is \$970,558.
- To demonstrate the performance of a mobile biomass gasification system to convert sawdust waste from Valley Forest Wood Products, Marcell, Minn., into methanol that can be sold as a fuel for remote-site power production. The methanol will be tested in a small-scale power system operated by IdaTech, Inc., a fuel-cell based power systems company located in Bend, Oregon. This project is valued at \$999,065.
- To develop and demonstrate a biomass gasification system that combines a smaller-scale gasification technology with a near-commercial-sized gas turbine to produce a low-cost, low-maintenance distributed power system for converting biomass to electricity. Each unit will produce about 30 kW of on-grid power, which is enough to supply electricity to an average of about three homes. This provides an economical solution for smaller-scale remote power generation. Project value is \$999,728.

"These projects exemplify the types of renewable energy technologies the EERC is focused on right now," said Chris Zygarlicke, deputy associate director for research and manager of the EERC's Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization. "Tremendous effort is being put forth to develop new technologies that will utilize locally available renewable fuels for the production of heat and power where other traditional fuels are unavailable."

The EERC Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization represent more than 12 years of effort in

development of technologies and tools to advanced electricity, heat, and fuels production from renewable resources. For more information on the EERC's renewable energy programs, visit [www.undeerc.org/programareas/renewableenergy](http://www.undeerc.org/programareas/renewableenergy).

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## HRSA grants \$1.6 million for electronic medical records network

A \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will be used to develop an electronic network across seven health care facilities in the Red River Valley.

Federal officials, including Elizabeth Duke, HRSA administrator, were in Grand Forks at the Center for Rural Health Dec. 11 to announce the selected facilities which serve Grand Forks, Northwood, Park River and Cavalier.

"HRSA is very pleased to be part of solutions for maintaining access to quality care for rural Americans through the adoption of electronic health records," Duke said. "Networking is a key component for rural health providers in providing care to patients. This pilot project will help pave the way through the development of an e-highway for North Dakotans."

The federal grant, obtained through the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota, was one of 16 competitively funded across the nation.

"Health care facilities across the country are moving away from paper records to electronic records, just as banks and other businesses have done," said Marlene Miller, project co-director at the Center for Rural Health. "Through this project, North Dakota is leading the way to develop information technology networks that connect small rural hospitals and large referral systems."

The network will develop and connect electronic medical records across all of the participating facilities. Altru Health System will serve as the electronic hub, able to send and receive patient information through a secure and confidential electronic highway.

Electronic medical records are an important tool to help health care providers avoid medical errors, strengthen quality of care and improve the accuracy and security of patient information. Additionally, when patients are referred between facilities, electronic medical records provide health care clinicians with immediate and up-to-date information, such as medications, x-rays, and lab results.

"Altru Health System is excited to be a part of this great endeavor with our regional partners in healthcare and the Center for Rural Health," explained Brad Wehe, administrative director, Regional Development, Altru Health Systems. "This grant will allow us to assist in implementing an electronic process that will assure critical patient information is available immediately to assist in the care of a patient. It will help tie Altru Health System to the region in a seamless fashion."

"Electronic medical records are an important investment for hospitals," said Lynette Dickson, project co-director at the Center for Rural Health. "We're excited about successfully competing for a grant of this size and bringing it in to North Dakota to benefit rural communities."

In 2004, President George W. Bush set a goal that most Americans should have electronic medical records by 2014. This project helps move rural North Dakota communities toward achieving this goal.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, [spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-4305

## Faculty, administrative staff invited to participate in winter commencement

UND faculty and administrative staff are encouraged to march in academic regalia in the winter commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 14. Two ceremonies will be held this year, and faculty and administrative staff are encouraged to participate in one or both events. The ceremony for all graduate degrees will begin at 10 a.m., and all undergraduate degrees will be awarded at the ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Both events will be held in the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Faculty and administrators should assemble in the lower level of the Auditorium at least 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. University marshals will be on hand to direct participants to their places in the procession.

Please contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events in the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services Office at 777-2724 by Wednesday, Dec. 12, or send an e-mail to

[terrimachart@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:terrimachart@mail.und.nodak.edu) if you plan to participate so that the appropriate number of seats can be reserved. When responding, please make sure to indicate if you'll be participating in one or both ceremonies.

I encourage participation by faculty and administrative staff to help make commencement a memorable occasion for our graduates and their guests.

-- Charles E. Kupchella, President, Office of the President, [ckupchella@mail.und.edu](mailto:ckupchella@mail.und.edu), 777-2121

## EVENTS TO NOTE

### Doctoral examination set for Michael McLoughlin

The final examination for Michael McLoughlin, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in educational leadership, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "A Reason for Reform in Alternative High School 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](mailto:joseph.benoit@und.edu), 777-4005

### Audio conference on undergraduate research is Dec. 12

The Council on Undergraduate Research President Kerry Karukstis will present an audio conference, "Promoting an Undergraduate Research Culture," at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. The 30-minute talk will be followed by a question and answer session.

Those who wish to participate can do so in Conference Room 1917, School of Medicine and Health Sciences (north wing of the main building). A PowerPoint presentation will be shown in conjunction with the audio-only conference.

Karukstis will discuss how institutions are creating undergraduate research programs as they look to promote closer connections between professors and students, to expose students to the excitement of intellectual discovery, and to enhance student learning. Her talk is intended for provosts and deans, academic affairs and research officers, and faculty members.

Karukstis is a professor of chemistry at Harvey Mudd College. She received both her B.S. degree in chemistry (1977) and her Ph.D. degree in physical chemistry (1981) from Duke University. After her postdoctoral work in the Laboratory of Chemical Biodynamics at the University of California - Berkeley, she joined the faculty at Harvey Mudd College in 1984 and regularly teaches courses in general chemistry, physical chemistry and

biophysical chemistry.

Additional information is available at [insidehighered.com](http://insidehighered.com):

<http://events.webeventservices.com/insidehighered/2007/12/12/> .-- Patrick Miller, North Dakota IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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## Speakers will discuss NDSCS nanoscience technology program

Michael Burke and Kristi Jean, from the Center for Nanoscience Technology Training (CNTT) at North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS), will visit the UND campus Wednesday, Dec. 12. They will present a talk at 2 p.m. in 211 Witmer Hall about their experience with this new and exciting program, "Educating the Emerging Technologies Workforce." Coffee and cookies will be served at 1:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall.

The mission of the North Dakota State College of Science Center for Nanoscience Technology Training (CNTT) is to support economic development within the state of North Dakota. The CNTT will meet the increasing need for technically skilled workers in the emerging technologies located throughout the Red River Valley, North Dakota and the surrounding region through the creation and delivery of educational and training programs based upon industry standards. NDSCS-CNTT will create modular educational/training materials, able to be delivered in a variety of methods, such as web-based, face to face, and CD/DVD.

The CNTT will provide educational and technology training opportunities in the following areas as a result of existing industry strengths in the region and identified potential growth areas:

- \* Nanotechnology (program status - active; start date fall 2006)
- \* Bio-fuels Technology (program status - approved, start date fall 2008)
- \* Biotechnology (program status - approval pending; anticipated start date fall 2009)
- \* Microelectronics Technology (program status - under development; anticipated start date fall 2010)
- \* Micro-manufacturing Technology (program status - under development; anticipated start date fall 2010).

-- Juana Moreno, Assistant Professor, Physics, [juana.moreno@und.edu](mailto:juana.moreno@und.edu), 777-3517

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## Spirituality book discussion is Dec. 12

The Spirituality Subcommittee of the Healthy UND Coalition invites the UND community to join in a discussion of the book, "Encouraging Authenticity and Spirituality in Higher Education," by Arthur Chickering, Jon Dalton and Liesa Stamm from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the Memorial Union's Leadership Room, Room 115. This week's discussion will be on Chapter 6, the Place of Spirituality in the Mission and Work of College Student Affairs and Chapter 7, Integrating Spirit and Community in Higher Education. It is not too late to join this discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the discussion sessions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Rains at 777-4076 or by e-mail at [lindarains@mail.und.edu](mailto:lindarains@mail.und.edu).

-- Linda Rains, Coordinator of Civic Leadership, Memorial Union, [lindarains@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:lindarains@mail.und.nodak.edu), 701-777-4076

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## Farewell reception will honor Heidi Kippenhan

You are invited to a farewell reception for Heidi Kippenhan from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Enrollment Services Board Room in Carnegie Hall. She has served as director of admissions for over eight years. Heidi has accepted the position of associate dean of services to students at Hibbing Community College in Hibbing, Minn. Please join us in thanking Heidi for her many contributions while at UND.

## Commencement will be webcast

The UND Television Center will carry the graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 14, live on Cable Channel 3. The graduate ceremony will be telecast at 10 a.m. and the undergraduate ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Both ceremonies will be Webcast live. Click on the link found on the UND home page, [www.und.edu](http://www.und.edu).

The Television Center will also sell DVDs of both ceremonies for \$15 each. For more information, contact the TV Center at 777-4346 or [tv@und.edu](mailto:tv@und.edu). -- Barry Brode, Television Center and UND Radio.

## Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics seminar is Dec. 14

Harry "Chip" Davis, Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases, Schering-Plough Research Institute, Kenilworth, N.J., will present a seminar titled "Niemann-pick C1 like 1 (NPC1L1): Role in Cholesterol Absorption, Atherosclerosis, and Activity of Ezetimibe (Zetia™)" at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, in Room 3933, School of Medicine. This seminar is sponsored by the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence Pathophysiological Signaling in Neurodegenerative Disorders and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics. All are welcome to attend.

-- Deb Kroese, Administrative Officer, Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics,  
[dkroese@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:dkroese@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-6221

## Physics colloquium on direct write technology

Dr. Orven F. Swenson from North Dakota State University will present a colloquium with title "Direct Write Technology Enhancement Through Applied Optics" at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, in 211 Witmer Hall. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall.

Direct write technologies are rapidly reaching the goal of printing an entire microelectronic device on flexible polymeric substrates. An interdisciplinary team at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering has been a leader in advancing a type of direct write tool, the Mesoscale Maskless Materials Deposition (M3D) system, for printing microcircuits on polyimide substrates. M3D is a focused aerosol beam approach sold by Optomec. I will discuss two optics enabled enhancements: aerosol beam collimation resulting from a new mathematical model of the aerosol dynamics verified by laser scatter imaging and laser sintering of M3D printed silver nano-ink conductors.

-- Juana Moreno, Assistant Professor, Physics, [juana.moreno@und.edu](mailto:juana.moreno@und.edu), 777-3517

## Broadway Bound Showcase performs Dec. 14-15

This Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14-15, the Broadway Bound Showcase will perform "A Night of Song and Scene from 12 Broadway Hopefuls" at 7:30 p.m. in the Josephine Campbell Recital Hall, Hughes Fine Arts Center. The performance is free, but donations to support the performers' trip to New York are welcome. The program is for mature audiences. A reception will follow both performances.

The members of Broadway Bound Company will travel to New York this March to present a showcase performance for casting directors, agents and managers. The performance includes songs, monologues and scenes that are being prepared for the New York performance.

## Master Chorale presents "A Scandinavian Christmas"

The Grand Forks Master Chorale will present two opportunities to enjoy "A Scandinavian Christmas" this year. The first concert will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, East Grand Forks, followed by a second concert Sunday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Grand Forks. The concerts will feature Christmas music from Norway, Sweden and Denmark, and post-concert receptions with Scandinavian goodies.

Advance tickets of \$25 for a family, \$12 for general admission, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students are available at the Chester Fritz Auditorium Box Office at 777-4090. At the door, tickets are \$35 for a family, \$15 general admission, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$7 for students.

The Grand Forks Master Chorale is a 35-45 person choir under the direction of Joshua Bronfman, who also serves as the UND director of chorale activities. The Master Chorale is accompanied by Sara Bloom. For more information, go to <http://masterchorale.wetpaint.com> or contact Peter Johnson, executive director, at 777-4317 or [peterjohnsonund@yahoo.com](mailto:peterjohnsonund@yahoo.com).

The Master Chorale also provides Christmas Caroling for parties. To find out more, contact Kellie Burger at (701) 772-7266 or visit [kburger@MorleyLawFirm.com](mailto:kburger@MorleyLawFirm.com).

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## Hockey Fan Fest is Dec. 15

Don't miss the 2007-2008 Fighting Sioux Hockey Fan Fest at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Join the men's Fighting Sioux hockey team for a better-than-ever Meet the Sioux event. Join us for a skills competition, exciting fan games, prize giveaways, autograph session and more. Fans are encouraged to bring a toy to be donated to the local Toys for Tots organization so no kid goes without a present this holiday season. -- Ashley Johnk, marketing coordinator, Ralph Engelstad Arena.

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## Disease prevention research seminar is Dec. 17

Edward Sauter, professor and vice chair for research, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, Hugh E. Stephenson, Jr. Department of Surgery, Columbia, Mo., will present a research seminar titled "Translating Research Into Disease Prevention, Early Detection and Therapy," from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in the Reed T. Keller Auditorium, Room 1350, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. His presentation will include a description of his professional background and accomplishments, as well as some of his current research interests. Dr. Sauter is a candidate for the position of associate dean for research at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Geiger, chair of the search committee at 777-2183 or via e-mail [jgeiger@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:jgeiger@medicine.nodak.edu).

An open forum will follow from 3:15 to 4 p.m. with research-oriented faculty in the Reed T. Keller Auditorium, Room 1350. The purpose of this meeting is to provide faculty with an opportunity to meet Dr. Sauter and to discuss expectations for the next associate dean for research. This is especially informative for faculty currently funded or currently seeking funding.

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## Free week pass to Wellness Center is Dec. 17-21

Have you been wanting to try out the Wellness Center, but just haven't found the time? Well, don't miss this great opportunity. The Wellness Center will be free for all UND employees during the week of Dec. 17-21. Take advantage of this opportunity to see if the Wellness Center is for you. You must bring in your UND ID card each time you visit. We hope to see you.

-- Kayla Effertz, Assistant Director of First Impressions, Wellness Center, [kaylaeffertz@mail.und.edu](mailto:kaylaeffertz@mail.und.edu), 701.777.4762

## Holiday art party planned at Museum

Join us for a holiday art party Saturday, Dec. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop in for a few minutes or stay all day creating art collages. Families are invited to participate, along with artists, and non-artists.

There will be live music, free food and best of all, there is no charge for this event. Live music is by North Country Fiddle and Dance, along with other musicians throughout the day. Refreshments are provided courtesy of the Museum Café.

Bring your friends and family. No experience necessary and no registration required. Bring old magazines and pictures to add to your creation, however, materials will be supplied by the Museum. What a good way to wind down from the holidays.

The North Dakota Museum of Art is located on Centennial Drive, Grand Forks. For more information call 777-4195.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, [blofthus@ndmoa.com](mailto:blofthus@ndmoa.com), 777-4195

## UND to face Bemidji State at Target Center on Dec. 29

The University of North Dakota men's basketball program has announced an additional game to the 2007-08 schedule. The Fighting Sioux will face Bemidji State Saturday, Dec. 29, in Minneapolis at the Target Center, home of the National Basketball Associations Minnesota Timberwolves. The game is scheduled for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

Tickets can be purchased for \$14; each ticket includes a voucher redeemable for a future Timberwolves game (\$20 value) for any one of the following dates:

Wednesday, Jan. 30, vs. Chicago Bulls, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, vs. Philadelphia 76ers, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, vs Utah Jazz, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 2, vs. Seattle Supersonics, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22, vs. New York Knicks, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1, vs. Detroit Pistons, 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the UND ticket office or by calling 777-4689 or via e-mail at [tickets@theralph.com](mailto:tickets@theralph.com).

Fighting Sioux fans are also invited to attend a pre-game party prior to the game against Bemidji State at Champs Sports Bar on Sixth Street in Minneapolis, directly across the street from the Target Center. The pre-game party is scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and includes a full food and beverage menu. -- Athletics.

## IRB meets Jan. 11

The Institutional Review Board will meet at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in 404 Twamley Hall. All research proposals submitted to the board before Wednesday, Jan. 2, will be reviewed.

Clinical medical projects must be reviewed by the Clinical Medical Subcommittee before being brought to the full board. Proposals for these projects are due in the office of the Institutional Review Board before Wednesday, Dec. 26.

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

-- Kristie Reynolds, Administrative Secretary, Institutional Review Board, [kristinereynolds@mail.und.edu](mailto:kristinereynolds@mail.und.edu),  
701-777-4279

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## Volunteers sought for Marketplace for Entrepreneurs

The 19th annual Marketplace for Entrepreneurs will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, in Grand Forks. This economic development conference will offer classes, "how-to" demonstrations and exhibits. An emphasis is placed on the tools, information, skills and practical advice that is necessary for small and start-up businesses and community leaders seeking to encourage new business growth.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- \* Classroom monitor: Monitor Marketplace classes (be the eyes and ears in the classroom); help presenter(s) distribute handouts, observe classes and complete evaluations.
- \* Guides: Help people with directions and answer their questions.
- \* Exhibit Hall monitor: Assist with set-up of the exhibit hall floor. Assist exhibitors with move-in. Walk floor during exhibit hall hours to answer questions and help with directions.
- \* Registration: Assist participants in the registration process, answer their questions and give directions.

Volunteer times vary; shifts usually run from three to four hours long. Volunteers are sought from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Please pass the information on to people in your business/organization that you feel would be interested in helping, and pass their contact information along to me at [marketplace2@btinet.net](mailto:marketplace2@btinet.net). A complimentary lunch will be provided to those volunteering over the lunch hour both days.

The event is sponsored by U.S. Sen. Kent Conrad and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.

-- Sara Ketterling, volunteer coordinator, Marketplace of Ideas, 311 East Thayer Ave. Suite C, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701) 663-0150 or toll free 888-384-8410.

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## Museum announces art odyssey to Marfa, Texas

The North Dakota Museum of Art invites the public to join them on an exciting adventure to Marfa, Texas, for artist studio visits, museum tours, literary events, great food and much more. This year's Art Odyssey trip will be Feb. 14–18. All who are interested in attending will pay a booking fee of \$100 for Museum members or \$120 for Museum non-members, transportation to and from Texas, plus hotel, food, etc. Costs for private tours, transportation while in Marfa and other incidentals will be added to the booking fee.

Learn about contemporary art, make friends, and enliven your social life while exploring the art world. Art Odyssey attracts adults with little art expertise as well as some of our most astute collectors. No requirements or prerequisites and no tests! Past Art Odyssey trips have included: Mexico City, New York, Vancouver, Montreal, Kansas City, Chicago, New Orleans, Buenos Aires, Argentina and Montevideo, Uruguay.

Marfa, Texas, is known as one of the last American frontiers. It is situated between the Davis, Chisos and Chinati Mountain ranges and sits 4,830 feet above sea level. Big Bend National Park is just outside of Marfa. In addition to the extraordinary landscape of the Marfa Plateau, it is known for its dancing starry skies. According to Julia Cauble Smith of The Handbook of Texas Online, the stars "move about, split apart, melt together, disappear and reappear." She goes on to explain the curious happening that has brought tourist to Marfa for years. According to Smith, "The most plausible explanation is that the lights are an unusual phenomenon

similar to a mirage, caused by an atmospheric condition produced by the interaction of cold and warm layers of air that bend light so that it is seen from a distance but not up close." Marfa boasts the largest telescope in the world, outside of the two in Hawaii.

Marfa is also known as the backdrop for well-known Hollywood movies such as *Giant* (1956) and the *Andromeda Strain* (1970). However, there is much more to the town. In 1971, Donald Judd, the renowned minimalist artist, moved to Marfa from New York City. Judd bought two large hangars and some smaller buildings to permanently install his work on a larger scale. In 1976 he bought the first of two ranches that would become his primary places of residence, continuing a long love affair with the desert landscape surrounding Marfa. Later, with assistance from the Dia Art Foundation in New York, Judd acquired decommissioned Fort D.A. Russell, and began transforming the fort's buildings into art spaces in 1979. Judd envisioned large collections of individual artists' work on permanent display, as a sort of anti-museum that allowed the viewer to come to the understanding the artist intended by not rotating the work, but allowing it to remain fixed in time.

This year's Art Odyssey group will fly into El Paso, Texas. All guests will be picked up and taken to Marfa. Guests will stay at the historic Hotel Paisano. During the six-week filming of *Giant*, Warner Brothers made the hotel its headquarters. After the first two weeks of filming the three main actors (Elizabeth Taylor, James Dean and Rock Hudson) made Marfa their home.

Rooms must be reserved quickly as literary and other events will take place at the same time as the Art Odyssey trip. In order to reserve your place on this trip, please call the North Dakota Museum of Art at 701-777-4195. To learn more about the North Dakota Museum of Art's Art Odyssey, visit [www.ndmoa.com](http://www.ndmoa.com). Click on Education then Art Odyssey.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, [blofthus@ndmoa.com](mailto:blofthus@ndmoa.com), 777-4195

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## Save the date for Museum benefit dinner

The 16th annual North Dakota Museum of Art Gala Benefit Dinner and Silent Art Auction will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

E-mail Elizabeth at [eglovatsky@ndmoa.com](mailto:eglovatsky@ndmoa.com) or call 777-4195 to reserve your tickets.

The Benefit Dinner, which is both a prominent social event and successful fundraiser for the Museum, will be held in the elegant galleries of the North Dakota Museum of Art. Justin Welsh of the Museum Cafe is the Master Chef for the gourmet meal. Dress is black tie optional, and valet service is provided. The tables seat eight and arrangements can be made for parties to be seated together.

As with each of the previous benefits, a silent art auction will be held throughout the evening. This year about 50 pieces from regional, national, and international artists are for sale. The auction includes work by emerging artists as well as contemporary artisans. The pieces will be circulated throughout the dinner by walking-easels.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, [blofthus@ndmoa.com](mailto:blofthus@ndmoa.com), 777-4195

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Nominations sought for Outstanding Faculty Academic Adviser Award

The Academic Advising Committee is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Faculty Academic Adviser Award to be presented at Founders Day 2008. To access the nomination form online, go to

[sas.und.edu/forms/nomination.php](http://sas.und.edu/forms/nomination.php). Paper nomination forms are available at the following locations: Memorial Union Information Center, Student Success Center, deans' offices, and the Student Government Office. All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are eligible to nominate an undergraduate faculty academic adviser for this award. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 18.

For more information, please contact the Student Success Center, 201 Memorial Union, 777-2117.

-- Lisa Burger, Director, Student Success Center, [lisaburger@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:lisaburger@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-4706

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## Graduate School issues call for abstracts for 2008 Scholarly Forum

Don't forget to submit your abstract to The Graduate School by Friday, Jan. 4. Check our Web site at [www.graduateschool.und.edu](http://www.graduateschool.und.edu) for the submission guidelines and submission form.

The purpose of the forum is to allow the University of North Dakota to highlight our scholarly activities and to provide a venue to share our research with our students and colleagues.

Faculty and students are invited to participate in the forum with presentations, exhibits, posters or performances. The forum also provides an opportunity for recruiting new students into our graduate programs.

-- Susan Caraher, Marketing & External Relations, The Graduate School, [susancaraher@mail.und.edu](mailto:susancaraher@mail.und.edu), 777-2524

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## Fulbright Scholar visits offered

The Fulbright Scholar program provides partial support for campus visits from Fulbright Visiting (non-U.S.) Scholars. These are scholars who are visiting United States institutions and would come to UND for a two- or three-day visit through the Occasional Lecturer Program. Scholars can be asked to speak to students or faculty about the scholar's area of research and/or home country. If your department might want to host a scholar in spring 2008, this is the perfect time to initiate contact.

Find a scholar of interest by going to the Fulbright Web site (<http://www.cies.org/>), clicking on "Visiting Scholar Directory," and then searching by home country, discipline, host institution, etc. Scholars who are based at the University of Minnesota, e.g., would be eligible for \$250 stipends in support of travel to UND. Scholars based 2,000 miles away would be eligible for \$750 travel stipends.

To contact a scholar of interest, get in touch with someone at his/her host institution for contact information, and then make the initial contact for the proposed visit. Guest scholars may or may not receive honoraria, but they will definitely expect you to help them enjoy their experience of the local area, culture, and people (they typically are hosted by a family, rather than put up in a hotel). They may be especially interested in visiting UND if their host institution is located in a very different setting. In order to apply for funding to support the visit, your guest scholar will need a formal letter of invitation that specifies the dates of the trip and the lecture topic.

For further information, visit the Web site cited above and click on the "Occasional Lecturer Program" under "Fulbright Programs for Visiting Scholars."

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost, VPAA, [joan\\_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu](mailto:joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu), 7-4684

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## Note date change for Museum exhibition

Warren MacKenzie: Legacy of an American Potter and the Craig Langager exhibition will close Jan. 13.

Warren McKenzie: Legacy of an American Potter is an exhibition presenting seminal works produced by Warren McKenzie over a 60-year period (1947-2006). Recognized as a true master of 20th Century ceramic art, Warren McKenzie embodies eastern and western ceramic traditions and his vision of fusing art and life, where the potter's hand is felt and touched through pots made for use in everyday life.

In the early 1950s, McKenzie studied under Bernard Leach, a renowned studio potter in England who focuses on the aesthetic aspects versus the function of everyday pottery. His works also carry Japanese influences of Shoji Hamada and Soetsu Yanagi, both celebrating passion and expression in handcrafted art of ordinary people.

As a Regents' Professor Emeritus, the highest honor within the University of Minnesota, McKenzie has contributed enormously to the field of functional ceramics. McKenzie, nearing 84 years of age, is still producing work in his studio outside of Stillwater, Minn.

Craig Langager: Sculptures is a collection of sculptures that has a strong relationship to animals and brings access to regionally important art. Originally from Aberdeen, S.D., this Seattle-based artist has ties to this area and many of his works are based on his memories and experiences of being on the Northern Plains in the 1980s and 1990s.

Bringing his sculptures back to this region, Langager has offered the North Dakota Museum of Art a selection from his major sculptures for its permanent collection. The Museum invites the public to help decide what pieces should be chosen. Guests are encouraged to choose their favorite works of art to help the Museum make this significant decision. Ballots will be at the Museum and voting will continue through the closing of the exhibition, Jan. 13.

The North Dakota Museum of Art is located on Centennial Drive, Grand Forks. Weekday hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; weekends 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.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, [blofthus@ndmoa.com](mailto:blofthus@ndmoa.com), 777-4195

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## More Essential Studies transition events to be held in spring semester

To help successfully launch the new Essential Studies (ES) program, which will replace the current general education program, and which is set to begin in fall 2008 for incoming freshman, two campus-wide events are being planned for spring 2008. The first, to be held Friday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 5 p.m., will be a workshop focused on ES curriculum design. The second, an ES Summit, will be held Friday, April 11, with various events planned for most of the day. Although the exact details regarding the schedules for each of these events are still being worked out, everyone with an interest in, or questions about, the ES program is encouraged to look for additional information about these events as the spring 2008 semester gets under way.

-- Ryan Zerr, Chair, General Education Requirements Committee, Mathematics, [ryan.zerr@und.edu](mailto:ryan.zerr@und.edu), 777-4605

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## Library of the Health Sciences lists extended hours

The Library of Health Sciences will be open extended hours Friday, Dec. 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

-- April Byars, Administrative Assistant, Library of the Health Sciences, [abyars@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:abyars@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-3893

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## Senior Federal health administrators visit UND

Dr. Elizabeth Duke, administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C., visited the UND Center for Rural Health Dec. 10-11.

Duke directs a \$7 billion agency, one of the largest in the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Over the past five years, HRSA has competitively awarded more than \$15 million to the Center for Rural Health to support a range of projects reaching over 170 rural North Dakota communities as well as communities across the nation.

Accompanying Duke were three senior officials from HHS: Marcia Brand, associate administrator, Office of Rural Health Policy and Bureau of Health Professions, Tom Morris, deputy associate administrator, Office of Rural Health Policy, and Steven Smith, senior advisor to the HRSA administrator.

The federal officials were visiting Grand Forks to recognize the success and fifth-year anniversary of one of the HRSA-funded projects at the Center for Rural Health, the Rural Assistance Center, which has brought more than \$4.4 million to UND and employs nine people. Also attending was Alan Morgan, chief executive officer of the National Rural Health Association, Washington, D.C.

The Rural Assistance Center (RAC) is a national resource designed to meet the substantial rural health and human services information needs of rural communities. RAC provides rural communities with access to a full range of available programs, funding and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services.

In December 2002, RAC launched its Web site and took its first information request by telephone.

"In five short years, the Rural Assistance Center has built a national reputation as a premier source of timely, high-quality information on rural health and human services," said Kristine Sande, RAC project director.

Sande noted that last month, the RAC Web site (<http://www.raconline.org>) passed the 1.5 million mark in visits, with over a half-million coming in the last year. In addition, RAC has responded to more than 5,000 specific information requests from people in all 50 states and over 20 foreign countries.

"The Health Resources and Services Administration is delighted to be celebrating a five-year partnership with the Rural Assistance Center, which provides a one-stop location for people seeking information about health and human services in rural America," said Duke. "The RAC is a key part of HRSA's efforts to improve the delivery of health and social services in rural areas." "We have a winning combination of highly committed University of North Dakota rural health experts and state-of-the-art technical resources," said Mary Wakefield, director of the Center for Rural Health. "As a result, North Dakota is the national 'go to' place for help in areas we know best, rural health and human services.

"The value of this resource to the nation is evident when four federal agency heads and the CEO of the leading national rural health association come to North Dakota to celebrate and recognize the importance of this activity to rural America."

RAC coordinates and streamlines information and makes it available through the use of a comprehensive Web site, [www.raconline.org](http://www.raconline.org), including an online clearinghouse of news, documents, maps and success stories; a calendar of events; a directory of rural contacts and organizations; state resource pages, and a searchable

database of funding opportunities.

Also available on the Web site are information guides, which provide in-depth information focusing on rural aspects of an issue or topic. RAC's electronic updates on rural health and human services keep more than 5,000 subscribers abreast of new information and resources. RAC also provides free customized assistance on topics related to rural health or human services.

Contact RAC at 1-800-270-1898 or [info@raconline.org](mailto:info@raconline.org) to request customized assistance from RAC's information specialists.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, [spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-4305

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## Library of the Health Sciences lists Christmas break hours

The Library of Health Sciences will begin Christmas break hours Thursday, Dec. 20. Hours are: Thursday and Friday, Dec. 20-21, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 22-23, closed; Monday, Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, Dec. 25, closed; Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 26-28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 29-30, closed; Monday, Dec. 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 1, closed; Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 2-4, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 5, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 6, closed. Regular hours resume Monday, Jan. 7.

-- April Byars, Administrative Assistant, Library of the Health Sciences, [abyars@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:abyars@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-3893

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## Memorial Union lists holiday break hours

The Memorial Union lists the following holiday break hours, effective Dec. 17 through Jan. 7.

### Info Center:

Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed weekends

### Lifetime Sports:

Closed through break

### Sign & Design Studio:

Dec. 17-21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 24 through Jan. 7, closed, closed weekends

### Union Services:

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed weekends

### Memorial Union Building Hours:

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closed weekends, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1

Individual services may vary. Check each area for holiday hours.

-- Marsha Nelson, Assistant Director of Facility Operations, Memorial Union,  
[marshanelson@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:marshanelson@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2953

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## Note Museum holiday hours

The North Dakota Museum of Art will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Jan. 1. In addition, we will

close at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

The Museum Shop will be open for the holiday season with great gifts available for friends and family. Remember UND faculty and staff receive 10 percent off through Dec. 14. If you are already a member, take an additional 10 percent off.

The Museum Café will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1.

-- *Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, [blofthus@ndmoa.com](mailto:blofthus@ndmoa.com), 777-4195*

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## Law Library announces holiday hours

The Law Library's holiday hours follow:

Dec. 17-21, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 22-23, closed; Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), 8 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), closed; Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 26-28, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 29-30, closed.

Monday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve), 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), closed; Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 2-4, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 5-6, closed.

Regular hours resume Monday, Jan. 7.

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

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## Nominations sought for Martin Luther King Jr. awards

The University of North Dakota's Asian Student Association, Black Student Association, and Organization of Latin Americans seek nominations for the 11th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Awards. Nomination forms are available at <http://sos.und.edu/erabell/>.

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## International Programs newsletter available online

The latest issue of the International Programs newsletter, "Building Bridges," is available online at

<http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/documents/12-3-07.pdf>

Featured this month:

- \* Centre holiday hours
- \* Open doors report
- \* Study abroad referrals
- \* Study abroad promotional materials
- \* Where are UND students studying abroad?
- \* Thursday Night cultural series update
- \* International Quiz Bowl winners
- \* Processing delays for USCIS
- \* Advising notes

-- *Ray Lagasse, Director, International Programs, [raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu](mailto:raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu), 777.2938*

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## U2 lists workshops

Below are the U2 workshops for Dec. 18-21. Visit our Web site for more.

Understanding School Violence

Dec. 18, 1 to 3 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator

Violent crimes occur all too often whether at school, in the workplace, home, or in the course of our daily lives.

It is important that individuals know what to do to protect themselves and how to respond if they are the victim of a violent crime. This workshop will identify underlying causes of violent crimes, warning signs, and methods for heading off serious situations as well as planning for prevention. Presenter: Duane Czapiewski and Jason Uhlir.

Introduction to Adobe Flash

Dec. 20 and 21, 1 to 4 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator

Fee is \$25

This workshop covers the basics of Flash. Timeline animation, tweening, and a basic introduction to the ActionScript language are just a few of the topics that will be covered. You MUST bring your own laptop with a working copy of Flash. If you have a copy of Flash but no laptop, contact U2, and a laptop can be provided for you. Flash, however, cannot be provided for you. Presenter: Brian Barclay.

-- Sara Satter, U2 Program Assistant, Continuing Education, [sarasatter@mail.und.edu](mailto:sarasatter@mail.und.edu), 777-2128

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## Consider pledging to United Way

By giving to United Way this fall, University of North Dakota employees have to date invested \$83,354 in our community. Your investment in our community will help many people who depend on the United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and area and its partner agencies.

If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to pledge to United Way for this campaign year. If you have not been contacted through your department or if you have misplaced your pledge form, please contact me at [alicehoffert@mail.und.edu](mailto:alicehoffert@mail.und.edu) and I will get you a new pledge form.

Thank you for investing in our community. -- Alice Hoffert (associate vice president for enrollment management), UND campaign coordinator.

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## Surplus items for sale to public

The University is offering for sale to the public by set price or sealed high bid the following items: golf carts, washer, dryer, microwave, dishwasher, fridges, stove, panic bars and lock parts, electronic parts, filters, miscellaneous heating and lighting parts, miscellaneous telecom parts, wire and cable, wire and switch boxes, electrical parts, ballasts, pads and miscellaneous, mop heads and fiberglass rolls, water heaters (40-gal electric), durabond and miscellaneous, roll towel dispensers, insulation, used water heater 55gal electric, corn dryer electric, x-ray shielding, wood lettering router, grill commercial 2'x6', film processor, rotating file cabinet, freezers, cookie machine, stainless steel sink-table-tray holders, windows and doors, tables, chairs, desks, files, bookcases, typewriters, tv's, monitors, speakers, printers, photocopiers, overhead projectors and miscellaneous office items. These items will be sold and bids received at the Central Receiving building, Door No. 2 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18. A link for complete listing may be viewed at [www.facilities.und.edu](http://www.facilities.und.edu).

-- Jacque Brockling, Central Warehouse Supervisor, Facilities, [jacquebrockling@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:jacquebrockling@mail.und.nodak.edu), 7-3033

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## Patients sought for medical students

The Office of Medical Education is seeking people to hire as patients for our medical students. We are looking for people who would like to help students learn and practice history taking and physical exam skills. You would be paid \$50 for your afternoon of participation. The students learn a lot from this experience and your willingness to help out would be greatly appreciated.

We need a diverse group of healthy men and women, ages 18 to 80, with the following:

- a flexible schedule
- transportation to and from the University
- limited number of medications and health problems

We would need you only for one of the following Tuesday afternoons from 12:45 until 4:30 p.m. Sorry, you can't come more than once. The afternoons are Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29. During this time, you would be interviewed and examined by three different student physicians. The experience would be much the same as a visit to your own doctor's office. You would be asked to share your personal medical history and allow the student to do a physical exam. Don't worry, this does not require shots, blood tests or other invasive procedures. Students are observed by physicians and all information given would be confidential. If there is medical or personal information you do not wish to share, you don't have to.

If you are interested, please contact Dawn at 777-4028 in the Office of Medical Education as soon as possible. Please feel free to pass this information along to others you know who may be interested.

-- Dawn Drake, Coordinator Standardized Patient Program, Medical Education, [ddrake@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:ddrake@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-4028

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## Winter Olympics postponed

The Work Well/Staff Senate Wacky Winter Olympics will be postponed until sometime next year. You will all be notified of the new schedule and will be given the opportunity to get your teams together and register. Contact me with any questions.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Assistant Director for Work Well, Wellness Center, [amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu](mailto:amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu), 701.777.0210

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## Report icy conditions to facilities

The weather has caused icy conditions on our parking lots, roads, and sidewalks. We will continue to salt and sand to reduce the slipperiness as much as possible. Please report any hazardous conditions to Facilities, 777-2591. There are some things that you can do to help reduce the risk of falling on ice. Here are some helpful hints.

1. Wear boots or overshoes with grip soles. Slick leather or rubber soles on dress shoes are unsafe on ice.
2. Don't walk with your hands in your pockets. This reduces your balance if you slip on the ice.
3. Take short to medium steps, or shuffle your feet in very icy areas.
4. Don't carry or swing heavy loads, such as large boxes or cases, which could cause you to lose your balance when walking.
5. When walking, curl your toes under and walk as flatfooted as possible.
6. Don't step on uneven surfaces. Step well over or avoid curbs with ice on them.
7. Place your full attention on walking. Don't allow your attention to be divided by getting your keys out of your pocket, digging in your pocketbook for items, etc., while walking on ice.

-- Paul Clark, Associate Director of Facilities, Facilities, [paulclark@mail.und.edu](mailto:paulclark@mail.und.edu), 777-3005

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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 for Gateway, please go to the 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, 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

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

-- Scott Schreiner, Director of Purchasing, Purchasing, [scottschreiner@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:scottschreiner@mail.und.nodak.edu), 7-2681

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## Ray Richards golf course 2008 season passes now available

The 2008 golf season passes for faculty and staff are now available for \$220. With your purchase, you will receive a free season pass for the driving range (\$140 value). This price is only good through Dec. 31 (\$240 starting Jan. 1).

UND faculty and staff family season passes are \$500; they are not eligible for the free driving range pass, but for an extra \$150 the family can have season driving range passes.

Stop at the Chester Fritz box office or call 777-4090. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Remember that passes may be paid through payroll deduction over six pay periods.

-- Tom Swangler, Asst Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, [tomswangler@mail.und.edu](mailto:tomswangler@mail.und.edu), 777-4090

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## Ray Richards lists Christmas golf specials

Ray Richards is offering a Christmas golf special. Buy a punch card for five rounds of golf for \$45 (\$50-\$63 value) or 10 rounds of golf for \$90 (\$100-\$126 value). Added bonus: The buyer will receive a free round of golf for buying the 10-round punch card.

Also this year, you may buy a cart seat for each punch card. Five rounds of golf with a cart seat will cost \$70 (\$85-\$98 value) or 10 rounds of golf with a cart seat for \$140 (\$170-\$196 value). A free round is included with 10-round purchase.

Christmas golf special punch cards may be bought by stopping at the Chester Fritz Auditorium Box Office or by calling 777-4090. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Payroll deductions are accepted.

-- Dustin Hetletved, Manager, Ray Richards Golf Course, [dustin.hetletved@mail.und.edu](mailto:dustin.hetletved@mail.und.edu), 777-3500

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## PRSSA seeks support for Boundless Playground

The UND Chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) has teamed up with the ARC Upper Valley, Grand Forks Park District, Grand Forks Sertoma Club, Grand Forks Public Health and many other community-based organizations in the effort to build a dream playground in the Grand Forks community for children and families with disabilities.

It's Ali Karpenko's dream to have a community playground that is accessible to children with disabilities. With the support of her friends, family and various community organizations, she is working to raise \$200,000 for a new Boundless Playground to be constructed in Grand Forks in 2008. Boundless Playgrounds are tailor-made for the way children are naturally drawn to play. They are universally accessible so everyone can play side by side at his or her own highest level of ability.

Ali, an eighth grader at Schroeder Middle School in Grand Forks, was born with spina bifida. "I am very blessed, as I have a very mild case of it. Many of the problems I face are hidden to most, as I am very physically able. I did not begin the playground project for myself. I'm doing it for the kids like me who have a disability, but aren't as lucky as I am."

The Grand Forks Park District has donated land in Sertoma Park and will assist in the construction and on-going maintenance of the playground. Two local organizations, Grand Forks Sertoma Club and The Arc, Upper Valley have teamed up to assist Ali in her marketing and fundraising efforts, which will include soliciting donations from local residents and businesses. The project also has the support of Grand Forks Mayor Mike Brown.

"I think every kid should be able to have fun and feel like they belong," says Ali. "It would be nice to have a place where kids with disabilities and their siblings could have fun together."

PRSSA will be the point of contact for the University to get involved with the fundraising and building of this playground. A community Jean's Day has been established for Dec. 14.

PRSSA chapter mission is to prepare our members for successful integration into the public relations industry through hands-on experience; to provide access to our national organization, internships, scholarships, contacts and other professional opportunities.

To review the information about the playground visit [www.thearcuppervalley.org/html/playground.html](http://www.thearcuppervalley.org/html/playground.html). If you would like to get involved, please contact Shelle Michaels, PRSSA advisor or Courtney Olson, PRSSA president at [PRSSA@und.edu](mailto:PRSSA@und.edu) or (701) 777-4116.

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## Stuff the Bus toy drive

The Salvation Army announced Dec. 10 that they anticipate a greater need for toys and gifts to supply the needs of families in Grand Forks. The Office of Civic Leadership, located in the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, 113A Memorial Union, is the donation location for the Stuff the Bus gift drive at UND. Toys and gifts for children age 0 to 18 years of age and valued at \$10 can be left in the Stuff the Bus box in the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership. Please no stuffed toys. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Rains at 777-4076 or [lindarains@mail.und.edu](mailto:lindarains@mail.und.edu).

-- Linda Rains, Coordinator of Civic Leadership, Memorial Union, [lindarains@mail.und.edu](mailto:lindarains@mail.und.edu), 701-777-4076

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## Denim Day comes early in December

Denim Day comes early in December, so on Wednesday, Dec. 19, dig out your pin, pay your dollar, and enjoy going casual.

-- Patsy Nies, Special Project Assistant, Enrollment Services, [patsynies@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:patsynies@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-3791

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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: Director of Admissions, #08-164

DEADLINE: (I) 12/17/2007

SALARY: \$47,000+/year

POSITION: PeopleSoft Technical Security Specialist, HECN, #08-162

DEADLINE: (I) 12/17/2007

SALARY: \$32,000+/year

POSITION: Director of Communications, School of Medicine, #08-161

DEADLINE: (I) 12/17/2007

SALARY: \$60,000+/year

POSITION: Air Traffic Control Associate, Aerospace, #08-160

DEADLINE: (I) 12/12/2007

SALARY: \$18,000+/year

POSITION: Research Associate, Chemistry, #08-156

DEADLINE: (I) 12/12/2007

SALARY: \$23,000+/year

POSITION: Assistant Archivist, Chester Fritz Library, #08-104

DEADLINE: Oct. 31 or until filled. (Applications received by Oct. 31, 2007 will receive first consideration)

Internal applicants will be considered along with the external applicants.

SALARY: \$37,000+/year

### TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Research Information Associate, Energy & Environmental Research Center, #08-159

DEADLINE: (I) 12/12/2007

SALARY: \$25,000+/year

POSITION: Aircraft Dispatcher, Aerospace Sciences, #08-153

DEADLINE: (I) 12/12/2007

SALARY: \$1,666+/month

POSITION: Building Automation Technician (Re-advertised, salary change), #08-033

DEADLINE: (I) 12/17/2007

SALARY: \$40,000+/year

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Administrative Secretary, Research Development & Compliance, 08-157

DEADLINE: (I) 12/12/2007

SALARY: \$23,500+/year

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE: No current vacancies.

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

Executive Director Academic, Research and Learning Technology (ARLT)

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Remembering Arlen Anderson

Arlen U. Anderson, retired maintenance worker at Plant Services, died Dec. 9 at his home in Grand Forks. He was 90.

Anderson, the son of Gus and Anna (Urness) Anderson, was born Nov. 26, 1917 in Niagara, N.D. He grew up in North Dakota and attended schools in Fordville, Northwood and East Grand Forks, Minn. He worked for Flaats Potato Company where he met his future wife, Evelyn. They were married Nov. 26, 1947.

He worked for many years at Peavey Mill. He also worked for UND Plant Services. After retiring he and his wife moved to California for six years, only to return to North Dakota, the land where he grew up and loved. He was also a WW II veteran. His wife, Evelyn, died in 2003.

Anderson had a great sense of humor, even to his last day. He was a dedicated fan of the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings. He also enjoyed UND hockey. He loved fishing and caught his first ever muskie in June 2001. He also loved his 20-year-old dog, Peppy, who preceded him in death by just three days.

He is survived by his children, Arlene (Bob) Clayton, Fort Worth, Texas; Gary (Elaine) Arnebeck, Modesto, Calif.; Connie (Marcus) Bachmeier, Grand Forks; Nancy (Johnny) Reed, Modesto, Calif.; Suzanne (Michael) DeHaemer, San Diego, Calif.; and Dan Anderson (Jennifer), Elwood, Ind.; 22 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; and sister Jeanette (Duane) Chaffee, Des Moines, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, brother Selmer, sister Blanche, and beloved dog.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Hope Covenant Church, 1601 17th Ave. S., Grand Forks. Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. prayer service at Amundson Funeral

Home, 2975 S. 42nd St. Visitation will continue for the hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

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