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TOP STORIES

President will give State of the University address Oct. 23

The University Council will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The agenda follows:

1. University Senate status report, Tom Petros, University Senate chair
2. State of the University address by President Kupchella
3. Matters arising, Tom Petros, University Senate chair

The University Council consists of the following who are employed primarily on the Grand Forks campus: the president, vice presidents, registrar, director of libraries, all deans, department chairs, full time faculty of the rank of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor; program directors, coordinators, assistant and associate deans who concurrently hold faculty rank; director of the Counseling Center; professional librarians, and such other academic personnel and administrative officers as the council may designate. The quorum of the council necessary for the transaction of business is 25 percent of the council membership (or 154 of the current 616 members). Council meetings are normally co-chaired by the chair of the Senate and the president of the University. The registrar is ex officio secretary. Council meetings are open to the public, and students, staff and the general public are invited to attend. -- Suzanne Anderson, University registrar.

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President Kupchella begins Faculty Lecture Series

"Chickens" -- that's the title of the first talk in the 2007-08 University Faculty Lecture Series. President Charles Kupchella will give the opening talk Thursday, Oct. 18, at the North Dakota Museum of Art. A reception starts at 4 p.m. and the lecture begins at 4:30 p.m. In honor of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the University and the 10th anniversary of the re-establishment of the lecture series at UND, the committee of Chester Fritz Professors coordinating the University Faculty Lecture Series invited the deans of colleges to speak on their research. This occasion will allow the deans to reflect on the important role that their scholarly work

plays not only in their career path but in their work on campus today. And, again to break precedent a little, the committee is commemorating President Kupchella's tenure at UND by inviting him to give the opening lecture.

Chandice Covington, dean of the College of Nursing, will present the second lecture in the series Thursday, Nov. 8. Her topic is "Interdisciplinary Research: A Modern Paradigm for Nursing Science." Subsequent lectures will be given in the spring and next fall, starting Jan. 17 with Paul LeBel, dean of the College of Law.

Please save the dates of Feb. 14, March 13 and April 10.

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Juana Moreno receives \$2.5 million NSF grant

The University of North Dakota has received notification from the National Science Foundation (NSF) that Juana Moreno, an assistant professor in the Department of Physics, has received a \$2.5 million dollar grant award to establish a new international graduate education program related to computational materials science research.

The project will create an integrated research and doctoral education program that leverages the resources of NSF-supported high performance computing infrastructure at UND, several foreign and domestic universities as well as a federal laboratory. This collaboration provides a unique opportunity for physics doctoral students to explore the physical properties of high tech materials by interacting with and taking advantage of the high performance computing capabilities at partner universities and laboratories around the world. In addition to providing a diverse and rich educational environment for graduate students and making them more competitive in the global marketplace, this work could result in new future high-tech devices.

"This grant is another great example of the synergy that can result from collaboration among faculty in the sciences and the humanities," said Martha Potvin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Our students will be able to work in the laboratories of experts from around the world and they will also benefit from their peer national and international colleagues. These will be life-changing experiences for our students and I am optimistic that their work and discoveries will be life changing for society in the future. I am proud of Dr. Moreno and her colleagues for developing such an innovative approach to graduate education."

The project represents a partnership between researchers at UND, the University of Cincinnati, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the U.S.; the University of Bremen, the Max Planck Institute of Solid State Research, the University of Würzburg, and the University of Göttingen in Germany; and the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich in Switzerland.

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Center for Rural Health receives \$1.6 million for health information technology

The Center for Rural Health at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences has received a \$1.6 million federal grant to help small, rural hospitals implement electronic medical records systems.

The grant will be used to form a regional health information technology (HIT) network. The Center for Rural Health is partnering with the North Region Health Alliance, a 20-member health cooperative representing primarily rural hospitals in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota to form the network.

The overall project goal is to implement electronic medical records that are usable by all the participating facilities. During the 18-month project, the group will implement electronic medical records beginning with one small, rural hospital. Using what is learned from that implementation, electronic medical records will be added to two more rural hospitals.

Electronic medical records are a digital form of medical record and are an efficient tool for transferring information between health care providers, helping to avoid medical errors and improving accuracy and security of medical records.

"We expect to see electronic medical records providing new opportunities to improve patient care and clinical staff productivity," explained Marlene Miller, the project's co-director at the Center for Rural Health,

A federally supported study of Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) found that only 20 percent of CAHs nationally had some form of electronic medical records. In North Dakota, while 68 percent of CAHs budget for HIT, only 16 percent have a formal HIT plan and only 11 percent used electronic medical records.

"It is vital that we broaden the use of high-tech information systems to improve the quality and efficiency of health care," said North Dakota Senator Kent Conrad. "And North Dakota is leading the way with the development of the HIT network. This is an investment that will save both money and lives."

"Electronic medical records are an expensive but important investment for hospitals," said Lynette Dickson, the project's co-director at the Center for Rural Health. "We're excited that we were successful in competing to bring a grant of this size to North Dakota to provide these hospitals a significant opportunity to test the benefits of health information exchange."

The federal Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Rural Health Policy funds the competitive grant. During his 2004 State of the Union address, President George W. Bush set the goal of most Americans having electronic medical records by 2014. This project will help rural hospitals meet that goal.

-- Amanda Scurry, Communication Coordinator, Center for Rural Health, ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-0871

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Provost leads top academic leaders, administrators on bus tour

University of North Dakota Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Greg Weisenstein is leading a three-day Deans Bus Tour across North Dakota. The second annual deans tour, which is modeled after the UND president's yearly New Faculty and Administrators Bus Tour, helps keep the state's flagship university in close touch with the community that supports it, Weisenstein says.

"This is a terrific opportunity for us to connect with communities, leaders, and our alumni," says Dennis Elbert, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration and participant in this year's tour.

For Arts and Sciences Dean Martha Potvin, the tour likewise offers a unique chance to meet parents of current and future UND students. "It is as important for me to hear from the people of North Dakota about how we can contribute to the success of the state and its workforce as it is to report on our faculty and student achievements," Potvin says. "The bus tour is a wonderful way to make those direct connections."

UND media relations coordinator Peter Johnson, who is on the tour this year said the first day included a very successful stop early Monday in Grafton for a breakfast and a tour and discussion at Marvin Windows, one of the region's major employers; the group made a lunchtime visit at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, where the UND leaders enjoyed an opportunity to meet their LRSC counterparts, legislators, and community and civic leaders.

The group began Tuesday with a breakfast meeting at Jamestown College for an informal opportunity to meet the administration and faculty at that institution. The tour stopped at the wind farm near Edgely, a highlight arranged by UND School of Engineering and Mines Dean John Watson. Other tour stops include an overnight stay in Fargo and a visit with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Dakota and affiliate organizations.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Theology for Lunch series continues

Join Campus Ministry Association, representing Christus Rex, Newman Center, United Campus Ministry, and Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, for the fall Theology for Lunch series. The topic and presenters for the fall series will be 4 Faiths 4 Stories.

Oct. 10 – Judaism, David Marshall

Oct. 17 – Mormonism (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

Oct. 24 – Islam

Each presentation will take place at noon at Christus Rex. A light lunch will be served, so bring your appetite, a friend, and an interest in exploring these faith traditions.

-- Lisa Burger, Director, Student Success Center, lisaburger@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4706

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Domestic violence awareness panel discussion is Oct. 10

The Law Women's Caucus (LWC) will host a panel discussion about domestic violence awareness at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the Baker Courtroom, School of Law.

Panel participants include:

* Jeanne McLean is the assistant dean of student affairs at the UND School of Law and teaches Family Law and Juvenile Law. Prior to joining UND, she served as Bottineau County State's Attorney for 12 years and was also in private practice primarily in the areas of family law, probate and tribal law. Among other things, she has acted as consultant to the North Dakota Supreme Court for the development of a benchbook on domestic violence.

* Meredith Larson is a prosecutor in the Grand Forks County State's Attorney's office focusing on prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assaults.

* Jim Brothers is a partner in the Wold Johnson P.C. law firm in Fargo, N.D., practicing primarily in the area of family law.

* Kelsee McIntosh is a staff attorney for Legal Services of North Dakota in Fargo, N.D. She practices a wide range of civil law, with an emphasis on providing family law services for victims of domestic violence including protection orders, divorce, and custody.

The LWC is a student organization housed in the UND School of Law. The purpose of LWC is to advance the rights and improve the position of women and all persons in society by furthering legal, civil, and human rights, and to foster a closer relationship between law students of the University of North Dakota and other legal and women's organizations.

The panel discussion is free and open to the public.

-- Rob Carolin, Director of Alumni and Public Relations, Law School, carolin@law.und.edu, 777-2856

Doctoral examination set for Darla J. Adams

The final examination for Darla J. Adams, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in teaching and learning, is set for 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Adequacy of Labor Epidural Information for Informed Consent." Myrna Olson (teaching and learning) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

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

Baylor anatomist to present BIMD seminar Oct. 12

On Friday, Oct. 12, the School of Medicine and Health Sciences welcomes Kathy Svoboda, past president of the American Association of Anatomists, professor of biomedical science and director of research development at Baylor University's College of Dentistry, who will be our distinguished guest. In addition to directing the Imaging Core Facilities of the Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dr. Svoboda maintains an active research lab, and is involved in the activities of working with state and federal legislative bodies to preserve and protect the availability of cadaver dissection in the face of new changes to the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

Her talk, titled "Combining Structural and Functional Studies to Understand Corneal Development," will be both a review of her own pivotal work in corneal development, and a tribute to her mentor, Dr. Elizabeth Hay, who died this past August. The seminar will be held in Room 5510 of the medical science building and the public is welcome to attend.

-- Dr. Jon Jackson, Biomedical Science Seminar Director, Anatomy & Cell Biology,

jackson@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-4911

Infant bereavement support group marks remembrance day

Oct. 15 is International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. To honor these lost children, all over the world parents and loved ones will light a candle at 7 p.m. in their time zone, creating a global continuous wave of light. The Grand Forks Infant Bereavement Support Group will mark International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day with a candle lighting ceremony Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the garden room of Holy Family Catholic Church. Anyone who has lost or would like to remember a child lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or any child death is invited to attend. Please feel free to bring pictures or mementos of the child to use in the ceremony. For more information contact Rebecca Weaver-Hightower at 787-8818.

-- Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, Department of English; Christin Nelson, Grants and Contracts; and Marcus Weaver-Hightower, Educational Foundations and Research.

Join class in Burnt Toast demo kitchen

"Healthy Relationships over Hearty Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup" will be presented from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Burnt Toast demo kitchen, Wellness Center. Cost is \$5.

Just as a balanced diet is an essential component for a holistic life by following basic relational principles, you can derive dynamic results toward your overall wellbeing. Pastor Bruce Fischer and his wife Cilla will demonstrate what it takes to stir up a quick tasty soup while he shares the essential ingredients for healthy relationships.

Sign up for the class at the Wellness Center welcome desk by Sunday, Oct. 14.

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

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Provost to speak at leadership series Oct. 17

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Greg Weisenstein will present "The People Part of Leadership" at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Badlands Room, second level, Memorial Union, as part of the Leadership Series to be held Wednesdays through Nov. 28. Faculty, please announce this event to students. The series is free and open to the entire University community. The series is sponsored by the Memorial Union Center for Student Involvement and Leadership.

Upcoming topics include "Ethics in Leadership" and "Cultural Competency and Leadership."

-- Kaleigh Lindholm, Project Coordinator for Leadership Development, Memorial Union Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, leadership@und.edu, 777-3665

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Keynote address on community-university partnerships is Oct. 17

A national expert on community development will give a keynote address on community-university partnerships and lead a community building workshop Wednesday, Oct. 17, on campus.

The UND Center for Community Engagement is hosting the visit of John Kretzmann, co-director of the Asset-Based Community Development Institute at Northwestern University. Kretzmann is co-author with John McKnight of "Building Communities from the Inside Out" (1993), a book that helped launch the community research technique called asset mapping.

Kretzmann will give a keynote address on community-university partnerships at the Center's annual awards luncheon and program, where four awards will be given to recognize exemplary community and university efforts by community organizations, students, faculty, and departments. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the North Ballroom, Memorial Union.

Kretzmann's workshop, "Building Community Assets," will be held after the awards program from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 (\$10 for students with a UND ID), while the workshop is \$10 (free to students, with ID). The workshop is available for .3 CEU credits for an additional charge of \$10.

Registration is available by calling the Center at 777-0675 or by visiting the Center's web site at www.communityengagement.und.edu. Information about award nominations is also available at the web site. Nomination deadline for awards is 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

-- Fayme Stringer, Americorps*VISTA, Center for Community Engagement, fayme.stringer@und.edu, 7-2706

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Reception honors Elaine Metcalfe Oct. 17

Please join in recognizing Elaine Metcalfe as the recipient of the Council for Opportunity in Education Walter O. Mason Award. This prestigious award is the Council's highest national recognition and honors outstanding educational opportunity professionals for distinguished service and leadership. The recognition will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the North Dakota Museum of Art. A short program will begin at 3 p.m., including remarks by President Kupchella and Vice President Boyd.

-- Joan Jorde, Assistant Director, TRIO Programs/Student Support Services, joanjorde@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-3426

UND's Mortar Board chapter hosts art auction

The University of North Dakota Mortar Board chapter will hold an art auction at Porpoura Coffee House in downtown Grand Forks across from the Waterwheel at 8 South Third St. Thursday, Oct. 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A large number of pieces for auction will be on exhibit at Porpoura one week prior to the event.

Mortar Board announces their 28th annual turkey basket drive providing all items needed to prepare a Thanksgiving meal to over 700 families in the Greater Grand Forks community. All proceeds from the art auction will be used for the turkey basket drive. Works of artists follow: Marjorie Schafer (blue iris bowl and grapevine goblets), Theodore Schindler (rural scene sculpture), Ann Piersol (leave motif), Robin and Lorrie Foster (zinc crystalline platter), Barbara Seeger (hand sculpted roses), Florian Ranft (print), and Elizabeth Bradshaw (jewelry) will be part of the silent auction and coffee sampling event. Nationally recognized artists Susan Warner (hand painted porcelain pitcher) and Richard Bresnahan (two-piece rice bowl) will have coveted pieces on the silent auction as well.

Please e-mail mortar.board@und.edu or call (701)269-9862 with questions, or if you would like to donate a piece of art.

-- Kristi Nelson, Special Projects Coordinator, Enrollment Services, kristinelson@mail.und.edu, 777.6468

Retired faculty to meet Oct. 18

The UND retired faculty in the Grand Forks area will meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Christus Rex Fireside Room. UND Program Specialist Connie Hodgson will discuss the first year's experience with the University's lifelong learning program and opportunities for 2008. The retired faculty meets regularly at 7:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. -- Professor Emeritus Lloyd Omdahl, convener.

General Education Transition Summit is Oct. 19

All are invited to come for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, in 16-18 Swanson Hall, and an afternoon of activities and discussion focusing on UND's transition to the new Essential Studies Program. Contact Jana Hollands at 777-3600 for reservation information.

Come enjoy a buffet lunch and conversation about the new Essential Studies Program which will be implemented for incoming freshman in fall 2008.

1 to 2 p.m., disciplinary discussion groups presentation.

Late this summer, groups of faculty from across campus began to draft criteria for the disciplinary distribution, establishing guidelines the Senate General Education Requirements Committee will use to determine where to place courses when they are validated — in math/science/technology, social sciences, arts and humanities or communications. Come join these groups for a review and discussion of their work.

2 to 3 p.m. in 17 Swanson Hall, model projects and transition update. In 2007, OID granted summer professorships to faculty members who choose to focus on new features of the Essential Studies Program in their curriculum development projects. Come learn about these model projects which focus on quantitative reasoning, diversity, thinking and reasoning, advanced communication and the capstone. We will also get an update on the transition work to be accomplished this year.

3 to 4 p.m., Badlands Room, Memorial Union, Q&A on revalidation. Members of the General Education Requirements Committee will offer a Q&A on revalidation for departments due for general education

revalidation this year.

Check the OID web page at <http://www.und.edu/dept/oid/> for further details.

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development for the Essential Studies Transition Team,
anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4233

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Webinar offered on campus free speech issues

The Memorial Union is pleased to host a webinar from NCHERM (National Center for Higher Education Risk Management) from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. The webinar is titled "You Can't Say That... Can You? A Practical Guide to Campus Free Speech Issues." Presenters are Lee Bird, Mary Beth Mackin, Saundra K. Schuster, and Brett A. Sokolow. The webinar is co-sponsored by the University Risk Management and Insurance Association (URMIA). The goal of this webinar is to make the complexity of the First Amendment accessible to college administrators. Topics to be addressed include Rights of the First Amendment, Limits of the First Amendment, and Authority of Administrators under the First Amendment. A complete description is available at www.ncherm.org.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Bonnie Solberg by phone or e-mail.

-- Bonnie Solberg, Associate Director, Memorial Union, bonnie.solberg@und.edu, 777-2898

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Doctoral examination set for Jeanine Gangeness

The final examination for Jeanine Gangeness, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in nursing, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in Room 201, Nursing Building. The dissertation title is "Built Environment and Rural Women: A Case Study Approach." Eleanor Yurkovich (Nursing) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

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

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Astronomy talk, telescope observing is Oct. 23

The Physics Department will hold a free astronomy public talk at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in 116 Witmer Hall. Following the talk, several telescopes will be available for public viewing of the night sky (weather permitting). The title of the talk is "Nuclear Fusion: Source of Energy in the Cosmos" by William Schwalm (Physics). For further information, please see "www.physics.und.edu/tour."

-- Wayne Barkhouse, Professor, Physics, wayne.barkhouse@und.nodak.edu, 777-3520

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University Senate meets Nov. 1; agenda due

The University Senate will meet at 4:05 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Agenda items for this meeting are due in the Office of the Registrar by noon Thursday, Oct. 18. They may be submitted electronically to: lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu. It is recommended that some detail be included in the agenda items. – Suzanne Anderson, secretary, University Senate.

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

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IRB meets Nov. 2

The next meeting of the Institutional Review Board will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, in 305 Twamley Hall. All research proposals submitted to the Office of Research Development and Compliance before Tuesday, Oct. 23, 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 Research Development and Compliance before Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Minutes from the meeting will be available in the RD&C approximately one week after the meeting.

-- Kristie Reynolds, Administrative Secretary, Institutional Review Board, kristinereynolds@mail.und.edu, 777-4279

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Authentic Ethiopian dinner is Nov. 6

Ethiopia Reads works to improve literacy in Ethiopia in order to bring hope, vision and educational skills to this generation of Ethiopian children. The Friends of Ethiopia Reads will serve an authentic Ethiopian meal at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1405 S. 9th St. Yohannes Gebregeorgis will share his dream of bringing books and reading to Ethiopia's children, and how he enlisted the support of former Grand Forks resident Jane Kurtz. A limited number of tickets (\$30) will be sold for this event. Call me at 777-6393 for ticket information or e-mail at dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu if you are interested in attending.

-- Dawn Botsford, Events Coordinator, Office of Ceremonies and Special Events, dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-6393

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate Scholarly Activities Committee lists grant application deadlines

The second deadline for submission of applications is Monday, Oct. 15, 2007. Only research/creative activity or publication applications will be considered at that time. No other applications will be considered.

The third deadline for submission of applications is Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008. Travel applications will be considered at that time only for travel that will occur between Jan. 16, 2008, and May 1, 2008. No other applications will be considered.

The fourth deadline for submission of applications is Friday, Feb. 15, 2008. Research/creative activity and publication grant applications, as well as applications for new faculty scholar awards will be considered at that time. No travel applications will be considered.

Thursday, May 1, 2008, is the final deadline for submission of travel grant applications. This deadline is for travel occurring between May 2, 2008, and Sept. 15, 2008. No other applications will be considered.

The committee reminds applicants to carefully prepare their proposals and be specific and realistic in their budget requests. The proposal should be written with a multidisciplinary readership in mind. Avoid technical jargon and undefined abbreviations. Although the SSAC encourages submission of research/creative activity proposals and travel/publication requests, the committee takes into consideration the most recent SSAC awards granted to each applicant. Priority will be given to beginning faculty and first-time applicants. Requests for research/creative activity awards may not exceed \$2,500. The committee receives requests for funding that far exceed funds available for awards; therefore, please prepare your application carefully.

Application forms are available at Research Development and Compliance (RD&C), 105 Twamley Hall, 777-4278, or on RD&C's home page (on UND's home page under "Research"). A properly signed original and 11 copies of the application must be submitted to RD&C prior to or on the published deadline. Applications that are not prepared in accordance with the directions on the forms will not be considered by the committee. Please

feel free to contact any of the current SSAC members for information or guidance when preparing your application. Their names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses are available on RD&C's home page or by calling RD&C at 777-4278.

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

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NSF major research instrumentation program seeks preproposals

Although the NSF has not yet set the deadline for the 2008 MRI proposals, and the new solicitation is not yet available, it is anticipated that changes to it will be minor. Therefore, in order to allow more time for proposal preparation, we have set an internal preproposal deadline of 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5.

The MRI program assists in the acquisition or development of major research instrumentation that is, in general, too costly for support through other NSF programs. Proposals may be for a single instrument, a large system of instruments, or multiple instruments that share a common or specific research focus. Computer systems, clusters of advanced workstations, networks, and other information infrastructure components necessary for research are encouraged. Awards for instrumentation generally range from \$100,000 to \$2 million. Lesser amounts will be considered in proposals from the mathematical sciences or from the social, behavioral and economic science community.

An institution may submit up to three proposals to the MRI program. Up to two proposals may be for instrument acquisition. If an institution submits three proposals, at least one of the three proposals must be for instrument development. However, two or all three proposals may be for instrument development. An institution may also be included as a member of a legally established consortium submitting a separate proposal, clearly labeled as such in the proposal's title.

As a result of the limited number of proposals that can be submitted, UND will conduct an internal review of preproposals. Preproposals should consist of the following sections:

- Cover page listing the project name, collaborators, contact person, total budget amount
- Instrument(s) to be purchased or developed and its(their) function(s)
- Impact on the research program of the collaborators, department(s), and college(s)
- Impact on the university's mission as a whole
- Detailed budget. Please be aware that the University will be required to provide 30 percent in matching funds this year (see <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07251/nsf07251.pdf>)

Preproposals should be no more than five pages in length using a reasonable format (one inch margins, font size 11, single-spaced). Preproposals are due in Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5. Criteria used for reviewing preproposals will include appropriateness to the goal of the program; probability for funding by NSF; reasonableness of budgetary requests; and impact of the request on the university and the academic units involved. Investigators will be notified of the review results as soon as possible in order to provide as much time as possible to prepare a final proposal for submission.

Contact RD&C (777-4278 or shirleygriffin@mail.und.nodak.edu) for the complete NSF MRI announcement, or download it at: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf05515.

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

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North Dakota EPSCoR announces \$652,900 award

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) has announced that four academic departments at UND will share in \$652,900 designated for seven new faculty start-up opportunities. These funds are made available to departments on a competitive basis and are designed to enhance the start-up packages offered to prospective research faculty during the hiring process.

Awards, which are of two years duration and begin in August 2008, were made to the College of Nursing, Department of Chemistry, Department of Electrical Engineering, and the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering.

According to Gary Johnson, interim vice president for research at UND and co-chair of the ND EPSCoR steering committee, "the new faculty start-up awards constitute one of the most important components of the multi-faceted EPSCoR program." He went on to express appreciation to the National Science Foundation and the State of North Dakota for their support of research through this innovative program in which North Dakota's public research universities, UND and NDSU, have been a partner since 1986. In announcing the awards, Johnson added, "The overall goal of ND EPSCoR is to increase the competitiveness of North Dakota for merit-based grants and contracts in support of science and technology research from federal funding agencies. New faculty start-up awards move UND in the proper direction towards meeting this objective."

Funded through federal, state and private sector partnerships, ND EPSCoR manages a comprehensive research development plan that involves Infrastructure Improvement Programs, Science Outreach and Recruitment Programs, and Technology Transfer and Commercialization Programs.

ND EPSCoR's federal research partners include the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Department of Energy (DOE), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Department of Defense (DOD).

-- Gary E Johnson, *Interim Vice President for Research and Co-Project Director, ND EPSCoR*,
garyejohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2492

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Faculty research seed money applications invited

Applications are invited for faculty research seed money awards. The deadline for submission is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4. Program details follow.

Description: The Faculty Research Seed Money Committee distributes funds to support projects by faculty in any department of the University. The goal of the Seed Money Program is to enhance the ability of the faculty to submit successful extramural research grant applications.

Eligibility: Applicants must have a faculty appointment at UND.

Faculty who have previously received funds from the Seed Money Committee must have a final report on file with Research Development and Compliance (105 Twamley Hall; Stop 7134) one month prior to the application date in order to be considered for an award.

Faculty who have previously received funds from the Seed Money Committee and who wish to apply for additional support must present evidence that they have submitted a related extramural research proposal since receiving committee funds. (An extramural application is one submitted to an agency or foundation "outside UND." Thus, for example, proposals sent to the following are not extramural: UND Instructional Development, NRI, RD&C, SSAC and North Dakota EPSCoR). The new application must describe how the previous Seed Money Award was used and what applications or related publications resulted.

Review Criteria: Proposals will be subject to competitive review and ranking by discipline-related subcommittees whose members are appointed by individual departments. Proposals must be clear, of high quality, and be designed to develop a project or provide preliminary data for one or more extramural grant proposals.

Higher priority will be given to:

- Proposals with high potential for producing successful extramural applications
- Applicants who have not received recent funding from the Seed Money Committee
- Applicants with a demonstrated record of research or academic accomplishment
- Projects that can be completed in 12 to 18 months

Lower priority will be given to projects from investigators who have significant and/or continuous funding, unless the request is required to begin a project not currently supported. Projects will not be supported if they were previously submitted to an extramural agency but were declined funding because of lack of scientific, technical or academic merit. However, higher consideration will be given to those projects previously submitted to an external agency if the purpose of the Seed Money Application is to address reviewers' comments, to improve the chance that a revised extramural application will be successful. Where applicable, a copy of the review summary from the most recent unfunded external proposal should be included.

Application Format:

The application should be prepared to convince and be understood by a general audience, only some of whom may be proficient in the applicant's area. The following headings and page limitations apply:

* Cover page: Include Target Subcommittee; principal investigator's name; department, college; proposal title; amount requested; proposed beginning and ending dates of the project; agency to which extramural proposal will be submitted; list of previous Faculty Research Seed Money Committee Awards and whether or not a final report and external proposal have been filed; signatures of the principal investigator, department chair, and dean of the college.

* Research or project plan: Three pages maximum. Include aims, background, significance, approach, methods

Format: One inch margins, single spaced, not to exceed six lines per linear inch. (The three page limit for the project plan will be strictly enforced. Proposals exceeding the limit will be returned without review. Appendices circumventing this limit will be discarded.)

* Detailed budget (including justification)

The budget should be for a maximum of 12 to 18 months.

Award amounts may range from \$1,000 to \$40,000.

Projected expenditures must be reasonable, justified and directly related to the project.

Unallowable budget items: The committee has ruled that seed money funds may not be used for travel and expenses in conjunction with attendance or presentation of materials at a conference. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case by case basis. If you choose to request travel funds that are later disallowed, please be assured this decision will have no impact upon the selection of the remainder of your proposal for an award.

* Biographical sketch (two pages maximum)

- * Current and pending grant support (title, short description, agency, requested amount)
 - * Historical grant support at UND (including national, private and seed money awards)
 - * List of extramural applications submitted but not funded (include past three years)
 - * Statement of intent to submit extramural application (title, agency, time period, funds to be requested).
- Where support is requested for a project that will not serve as the basis for an extramural application, then potential future sources of external funding should be listed.

Submission:

All applications must be received in Research Development and Compliance (105 Twamley Hall) no later than 4 p.m. Dec. 4, 2007.

Submit the original application plus the appropriate number of copies for the target subcommittee (see below) to:

Faculty Research Seed Money Committee
c/o RD&C, Twamley Hall, Room 105
Stop 7134

Note: The subcommittee chair has the option to forward proposals outside the subcommittee expertise to a more appropriate subcommittee.

Award Requirements:

1. All recipients of Faculty Research Seed Money grants are required to submit a final report to Research Development and Compliance within one month of the project's end date or depletion of awarded funds, if that occurs before the project ends. The report should include a brief summary of results of the study, how funds were expended and whether or not the project resulted in external grant proposals/awards, publications, presentations, etc.
2. All funds should be spent by the ending date of the award. In exceptional circumstances, recipients may request an extension for up to six months to complete a project. No further extensions will be granted.
3. All recipients of Faculty Research Seed Money grants are required to submit a proposal to an external funding agency within one year of the award's end date.
4. All recipients must present evidence that all work associated with their proposal has been approved by the appropriate compliance committee (IRB, IACUC, IBC, etc.) before the award will be set up.

Target subcommittees (number of copies to submit)

Composition of Subcommittees

Behavioral Sciences (10)
Communication
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Counseling
Educational Leadership
Educational Foundations and Research
Psychology
Physical Education and Exercise Science

Statewide Psych-Mental Health

Teaching & Learning

Basic Medical Sciences (7)

Anatomy and Cell Biology

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Microbiology and Immunology

Neuroscience

Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics

Pathology

Engineering and Technology (8)

Aviation & Aerospace Sciences

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Computer Science

Electrical Engineering

Industrial Technology

Mechanical Engineering

Health Sciences (10)

Community Medicine

Family Medicine

Internal Medicine

Nutrition and Dietetics

Obstetrics-Gynecology

Occupational Therapy

Pediatrics

Physical Therapy

Surgery

Humanities and Fine Arts (8)

Art

English

History

Languages

Music

Philosophy and Religion

Theatre Arts

Mathematics and Natural Sciences (9)

Atmospheric Sciences

Biology

Chemistry

Geography

Geology and Geological Engineering

Mathematics

Physics

Space Studies

Professional Disciplines (7)
Accounting
Finance
Information Systems and Business Education
Management
Marketing
Practice and Role Development (Nursing)

Social Sciences (9)
Anthropology
Economics
Family and Community Nursing
Indian Studies
Law
Political Science and Public Administration
Social Work
Sociology

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Arts, humanities, social sciences funding application procedures listed

Arts, humanities and social sciences funding application procedures and criteria for award selection follow.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Faculty members in the following departments may apply for funding from this program: Anthropology, Art, Criminal Justice, English, History, Indian Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, Languages, Music, Philosophy and Religion, School of Communication, Theatre Arts (i.e., those that are not eligible for National Science Foundation funding); and the following programs: Humanities and Integrated Studies; Honors, Interdisciplinary Studies.
2. Faculty who have previously received funding from this program are not eligible for another award until they have submitted a request for funding to an external funding agency.
3. Faculty who have previously received funding from this program are not eligible for another award until they have submitted a final report for the previously funded project.
4. The following are unallowable budget items: travel to attend conferences, infrastructure, public relations activities, salary of the principal investigator, studies already completed
5. Preference will be given to proposals requesting \$5,000 or less.
6. Although these awards are primarily intended for tenured and tenure-track faculty, temporary faculty may apply as long as creative activity is required in their contract and they are able to complete their proposed activity while employed at the University of North Dakota.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- I. One page academic résumé: The résumé should include education, employment history, and relevant citations (e.g., publications, presentations, performances, juried exhibitions)

II. Project narrative

The narrative text should not exceed three single spaced pages (approximately 1,785 words).

The narrative should clearly convey the ideas, objectives, and methods of the project. It should also communicate the project's substance, potential contribution to the field, overall significance, the intended audience where appropriate, the likely outcome, and your ability to carry out the project successfully. A simple statement of need or intent is insufficient. Because reviewers may not possess specialized knowledge of the proposed field of study, the project description should be free of jargon.

There is no formula for writing a successful application. However, applicants may find it helpful to address the following questions where appropriate in their narratives:

A. What are the basic ideas, problems, or questions examined by the study? Explain the planned approach or line of thought. If the area is a new area of research, explain the reasons for working in it, if the area is not a new area describe the significance of the area. If the project is creative activity in one of the arts, describe what you intend to create and/or perform.

B. For what part or stage of your project are you seeking support? Provide an overview of the project and describe what part of the study/creative activity you will undertake during the award period. If you will be working with someone else describe your contributions to the project. If working on a book, provide a tentative chapter outline.

C. What work will be accomplished during the award period? Supply a brief work plan.

D. Will this project be supported by other resources? If so what is the source and amount, and what portion of the project will the other resources cover?

E. How will the project complement, challenge, or expand relevant work in the field? Explain what makes the project distinctive.

F. What contribution will the project make to the field?

G. What is the project's overall significance in terms of its potential social, cultural, and/or educational benefits?

H. Where will you conduct the study/create and/or perform the work? What materials will you use? Describe access to archives, collections, performance/studio venues, or institutions with the necessary resources.

I. What is the intended audience for the results of the project?

J. What are the intended results of the project? Indicate plans for articles, conference papers, books, recordings, exhibit, or other forms of outcomes.

III. One page budget and justification: The budget must be broken down into individual items with each item justified. The following are unallowable budget items: travel to attend conferences, infrastructure, public relations activities, salary of the principal investigator, studies already completed.

IV. Project bibliography (if appropriate to the proposed work)

The bibliography should not exceed one single spaced page (4,000 characters, approximately 570 words).

The bibliography should consist of primary and secondary sources that relate directly to the project. It is usually advisable to include works that pertain to both the project's substance and its theoretical or methodological approaches. Titles cited in the application narrative do not have to be included in the bibliography. Reviewers often use the bibliography to evaluate your preparation in the subject area and your approach to the topic.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD SELECTION

Reviewers are asked to evaluate an application according to the following criteria:

1. The significance of the contribution that the project will make to knowledge in the specific field and to the humanities or social sciences generally, OR in the case of projects in the arts, the potential: (a) to impact the artistic and/or cultural heritage of the nation, region, or field, and/or (b) to broaden and/or deepen public understanding and appreciation of and access to the arts, and/or (c) to have a positive effect on the development of arts learning for children and youth.
2. The quality or promise of quality of the applicant's work;
3. The quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the project;
4. The likelihood that the applicant will complete the project including the appropriateness of the budget, the quality and clarity of the project goals and design, the resources involved, and the qualifications of the applicant;
5. The likelihood that the successful completion of the project will bring some return to the University.
6. Evidence that previous awardees have fulfilled all requirements for their previous award(s).

DEADLINE AND NUMBER OF COPIES

The application, with original signatures of the principal investigator, department chair, and dean, and nine (9) copies must be submitted to Research Development and Compliance (105 Twamley Hall) on or before 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007.

PROCESS FOR AWARD SELECTION

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by a committee of arts, humanities, and social sciences faculty, chosen and chaired by the Associate Vice President for Research. Applications from faculty teams/groups are encouraged.

Award Requirements

1. All recipients of arts, humanities and social sciences grants are required to submit a final report to Research Development and Compliance within one month of the project's end date or depletion of awarded funds, if that occurs before the project ends. The report should include a brief summary of results of the study, how funds were expended and whether or not the project resulted in publications, external grant proposals/awards, presentations, etc.
2. All recipients of arts, humanities and social sciences grants are required to submit a proposal to an external

funding agency within one year of the award's end date.

3. If an award results in a tangible product such as a book, article, or a video or audio recording, a copy must be provided to the Division of Research.

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Faculty can receive feedback on teaching

It's not too late to make plans to use the SGID (Small Group Instructional Diagnosis) method for receiving midterm feedback from students in your classes. The SGID process, facilitated by a trained faculty colleague, is a method of soliciting student perceptions about the progress of their learning. Since it is conducted by an outsider to your class, students are free to be direct, but since it is normally done around mid-semester, you receive the feedback at a time when there is still ample opportunity for you to consider any changes that might improve student learning. The SGID process is flexible enough to be used with both large and small classes, and yields information likely to be useful to both beginning and experienced faculty.

For more information about the SGID processor, or if you would like to request an SGID, contact Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu.

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 777-4233

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Nominations sought for honorary degrees

Members of the University Council are invited to nominate outstanding individuals for an honorary degree. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, Nov. 30. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, the following State Board of Higher Education criteria (see SBHE, Policy 430.1):

1. The candidate should have had an association with the State of North Dakota. This association may be by virtue of birth, of residence, of education, of service to the state, the Board, or one of the institutions governed by the Board.
2. The candidate must have achieved a level of distinction which would merit comparable recognition in his or her profession or area of excellence.
3. The renown of the candidate should reflect favorably on the Board, the institutions it governs, and the State of North Dakota.

In order to avoid any embarrassment, no suggestion shall be made to any person to be so honored until the State Board of Higher Education has acted on the nomination.

Institutional criteria and standards for the awarding of honorary degrees at the University of North Dakota have been established by the University Senate. It is recommended that the following criteria be used in considering persons for an honorary degree:

1. Achievement of distinction in scholarship, or in comparable professional or creative achievement.
2. Recognized and outstanding service to the nation, to the state, or to the University of North Dakota.
3. Attendance at or graduation from the University of North Dakota, except as the individual is outstanding with reference to the preceding criteria 1 and 2.
4. Non-membership on the faculty of the University of North Dakota.
5. Scholarship specialization in an area in which the university normally grants an earned degree.

Procedures:

1. Nominations may be made by any member of the University Council.
2. Nominations must be accompanied by a factual dossier providing evidence that the nominee meets the criteria and standards established by the University Senate (Nos. 1-5 above). Factual compilation should include the following, in the order listed:

- a. A brief biography
 - b. A list of scholarly writings, research and publications
 - c. Description of public service and achievements
 - d. List of offices and positions held
 - e. Other factual justifications for consideration
3. The nominee's scholarship will be evaluated by the departmental faculty in the area of the nominee's specialization, such evaluation to be a part of the dossier presented to the Honorary Degrees Committee.
 4. A nominee will not be informed that he/she is being considered until the nomination has been approved at the SBHE level.
 5. The titles of honorary degrees shall be distinct from those of earned degrees at UND.
 6. No honorary bachelor's or master's degrees will be awarded.

On behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, nominations and all supporting materials may be sent to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Room 302, Twamley Hall. The dateline for submitting nominations is Friday, Nov. 30. - Greg Weisenstein, Provost, 10-03-07.

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Note Summer Administrative Leadership Program application deadline

The President's Leadership Program supports two upper-level UND administrators to participate in one of several national summer leadership institutes. Past opportunities have included the Management Development Program (MDP) and the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education (MLE) at Harvard (<http://gseweb.harvard.edu/~ppe/highered/index.html>), the Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education at Bryn Mawr (<http://www.brynmawr.edu/summerinstitute/>), the AACSC Millennium Leadership Institute (<http://www.aascu.org/mli/>), and the Frye Leadership Institute Emory University (www.fryeinstitute.org).

This summer funding opportunity is for individuals already in administrative roles at UND who wish to expand the breadth of their experience in anticipation of moving to a higher level of responsibility. To apply for funding through the President's Summer Leadership Program, please send a formal application letter detailing your interest, administrative background, the program you wish to attend and why, to Stop 8176 or victoriabeard@mail.und.edu by Monday, Oct. 15.

-- Victoria Beard, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, victoriabeard@mail.und.edu, 7-4824

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Faculty invited to submit podcasts for iTunes UND

The University of North Dakota has been named an iTunes University, and faculty are invited to submit podcasts for inclusion on the iTunes U site, which is available at <http://www2.und.edu/our/itunes/index.php>.

Podcasts are online audio and video files that allow users to receive new files automatically, usually at no cost. You don't need an iPod to see them and can use a computer or other MP3 player to view or listen. Apple provides server space on which to host the podcasts, while UND and other universities provide content.

UND already has more than 60 podcasts on the iTunes U site, and plans to add more, especially in the academic area. From health information and aerial acrobatics to statistics and archaeological digs, UND's new iTunes U site offers course materials, lectures, seminars, and general information for students and the public.

Podcasts can be open to the public or password-protected for courses. For more information, contact me at 777-3621 or Kevin Crawford at 777-6298.

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

Join a Faculty Study Seminar

There is still room in one of the Faculty Study Seminars (FSS groups) that is being offered during fall 2007. The FSS program provides a means for faculty with common interests to learn more about a teaching-related topic. Each FSS group meets four times during a single semester, at times mutually agreed to by participants, to read and discuss a teaching-related book (books provided by the Office of Instructional Development). The only obligation of participants is to read and come ready to discuss.

FSS openings available for:

Knowledge Factory: Dismantling the Corporate University and Creating True Higher Learning (2000) by Stanley Aronowitz. Facilitated by Kim Crowley. In this book, Aronowitz, a Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the Graduate Center, City University of New York, argues that what he sees as the corporate view of higher education means that college graduates are not getting a well-rounded education. Aronowitz is writing "not to reform the existing system," but hopes to appeal to "those who would do something different," and offer inspiration to those who seek to innovate.

To participate in this Faculty Study Seminar, contact Kim Crowley (kimberly.crowley@und.edu)

-- Kimberly Crowley, Coordinator, University Writing Program, kimberly.crowley@und.nodak.edu, 777-6381

Studio One features borehole scientist, no bullets

Learn how one scientist is examining the earth's interior to study the effects of global warming on the next edition of Studio One. Most deep holes are used for finding oil or valuable minerals. Will Gosnold, a borehole paleoclimatology expert, examines deep holes to measure greenhouse gas production. Learn how this scientist views changes in the Earth's core temperature.

Also on the show this week, police departments are cutting down on their weapons training due to a lack of ammunition. See how the use of ammunition by the military is increasing the price of bullets and decreasing weaponry supplies nationwide.

Studio One is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program airs live on UND Channel 3 on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Re-broadcasts can be seen at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. daily and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Prairie Public Television airs Studio One on Saturday at 6 a.m. The program can also be seen by viewers in Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot, N.D.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

-- Meghan Flaagan, Director of Marketing, Television Center, meghan.flaagan@und.edu, 777-3818

Aerospace Foundation orders Diamond jet

At AOPA Expo, UND Aerospace and Diamond Aircraft announced the purchase of a D-JET by UND Aerospace Foundation. The D-JET from Diamond Aircraft will be used for air service and flight education to prepare graduates of the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences at the University of North Dakota for careers in the emerging VLJ and personal jet market. -- Aerospace.

Get ready, get set, shoot those pictures

UND's Graphics and Photography Society (GaPS) and Student Health Services are once again sponsoring the popular UND 24/7 photography contest. This year the theme is "A Community of Diverse People." Photographs that reflect this theme must be taken on the University of North Dakota campus anytime during the 2007 year.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: digital, black and white film, and color film, with first, second, and third places plus an overall grand prize. In addition to the winners receiving prizes, their photographs will be displayed on the GaPS web site, in various newsletters, at a Memorial Union exhibit, and then permanently in McCannel Hall at Student Health Services. There is no limit to the number of images you may submit. However, photographs may not have been previously published.

The UND 24/7 contest is open to everyone. Photographs must be submitted as 8x10 inch prints and may not be framed or mounted. Photographs will be judged based on content expression, composition elements, and technical quality.

The UND 24/7 photography contest deadline is Dec. 15, 2007.

Submit images to Dr. Lynda Kenney, advisor to GaPS, in the Department of Technology, 235B Starcher Hall. For a complete set of official rules go to www.business.und.edu/gaps.

-- Lynda Kenney, Assistant Professor, Technology, lynda.kenney@und.edu, 777-2197

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Vari named interim director of Continuing Medical Education

Richard Vari has been named interim director of the Office of Continuing Medical Education and Outreach at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, effective Monday, Oct. 1. He continues in his current position, associate dean for medical education at the school.

Vari replaces Wayne Bruce who recently resigned. Bruce served the UND medical school since 1975 when he was appointed director of the clinical laboratory science program.

Vari joined the UND medical school in 1993 as a member of the physiology faculty. He has been instrumental in designing and implementing the patient-centered learning curriculum at the school.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-4305

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Kathy Williams named new U2 coordinator

Kathy Williams has assumed the role of coordinator for the University within the University (U2) program at the Division of Continuing Education. She has worked for UND the past 20 years and has over 12 years of direct experience coordinating various aspects of continuing education programming at UND. Her past experience includes education coordinator for the UND Laboratory Education for North Dakota (LEND) program, a continuing education program for laboratory professionals; state coordinator for an HIV/AIDS education program for healthcare professionals; coordinator for the UND Continuing Medical Education office; and continuing education coordinator for the UND BORDERS Alert and Ready Program, a program providing disaster preparedness education and training for healthcare professionals. Through her work with BORDERS, Kathy was a member of the instructional design team and was involved in the development and implementation of online and onsite education and training programs. Williams is currently working on her master's degree in instructional design and technology. She looks forward to her new position as U2 coordinator and welcomes your ideas and suggestions for new U2 course offerings. Contact Kathy at 777-4266 or e-mail kathrynwilliams@mail.und.edu.

-- Kathy Williams, U2 Coordinator, Division of Continuing Education University within the University (U2) Program, kathrynwilliams@mail.und.edu, 777.4266

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Purchasing office offers OfficeMax Solutions

The Purchasing Office is pleased to offer for your use OfficeMax Solutions, a secure web site for ordering office supplies and equipment online using your UND Purchasing Card.

Most prices are contract prices made available to you by the association UND Purchasing has with a national educational purchasing cooperative.

A test group of users has been using OfficeMax Solutions for office supply purchases since December and we are now rolling the program out campus wide. You may be able to find lower prices on some items, but overall the test group has noticed savings in both time and money.

Some of the benefits are:

- * online ordering without leaving your desk.
- * next day delivery. If necessary, an account card is available at the Grand Forks OfficeMax store that will access contract pricing at time of check out when using your UND Purchasing card.
- * Product mix includes average of 47 percent discount from list prices.
- * Immediate access to live online assistance for customer service issues including product inquiries, returns, etc.

Below are comments regarding OfficeMax Solutions:

- * "This has been a time saver and a great service in general. We place a order and the next thing you know we have it delivered. What a great process."
- * "I like the online assistance, they call you back in less than a minute and you can talk to a live person."

You must be a UND Purchasing card holder to receive access to OfficeMax Solutions.

Please send the following information to the Purchasing Office if you want to be set up with an account:

- * Name (as it appears on purchasing card)
- * Department name
- * Complete campus delivery address
- * E-mail address
- * Phone number
- * Fax number

-- JoAnn Albrecht, Buyer, Purchasing, JoAnnAlbrecht@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-2971

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Note Work Well updates, coming events

Following are Work Well updates and coming events.

- Oct. 19: The physical therapy students will be at the Wellness Center to share useful information on cardiovascular workouts and how you can benefit from regular physical activity. Presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Door prizes will be given away.
- Free cholesterol screenings will be offered starting Wednesday, Oct. 17. Times will be 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. at each location. You do not need to set up a time in advance. Plan for about 15-20 minutes.
 - * Oct. 17, Memorial Union Prairie Room
 - * Oct. 24, School of Medicine, Room 1917
 - * Oct. 31, 303 Twamley Hall
- Stay tuned for the new Work Well program to launch early November. Research continues to support the need for workplace wellness, which is why Work Well cares so much about providing fun incentives and programming

to help UND employees continue on the road to wellness.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Assistant Director for Work Well, Wellness Center, amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu,
701.777.0210

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Are you interested in being part of a Weight Watchers At Work group?

Are you interested in being part of a Weight Watchers At Work group? A minimum number of 15 to 20 people are needed to offer this convenient meeting. Members must be willing to do a prepayment commitment for a 12-week session. The cost for the session is \$144 per person. Weight Watchers is offering a 17-week series for \$176, with a minimum of 20 members required. And, for the first time ever, with a 17-week series, free eTools will be available! No registration fee is charged and a three-part payment is offered. An informational meeting will be scheduled when sufficient responses are received. For more information call or e-mail me.

This document will be downloadable until 10/24/2007, 12:20:34 p.m. Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Assistant Director for Work Well, Wellness Center, amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu,
701.777.0210

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Medical students seeks patient volunteers

The Office of Medical Education is seeking people willing to be patients for our medical students. You would be helping the students as they learn to take a patient's medical history and practice their physical exam skills. You would be paid \$10 an hour for your participation.

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 health problems/medications

We would need you only for one of the following Tuesday afternoons from 12:45 until 5:30 p.m. Sorry, you can't come more than once. The afternoons are Oct. 23 and 30 and Nov. 6 and 13. During this time, you will 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,
777-4028

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Research participants sought

We are currently seeking children ages 3 to 7 to participate in a child interviewing study. Children will attend a story time and be interviewed about it twice: one week after the story time and two to three weeks following the first interview. If interested please contact April Bradley or Kristin Lowell at 777-3790.

-- Kristin Lowell, Graduate Student, Psychology, kristin.lowell@und.edu, 777-3241

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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: Programmer/Analyst, Energy and Environmental Research Center, #08-110

DEADLINE: (I) 10/16/2007

SALARY: \$35,000+/year

POSITION: Web & Database Specialist, Center for Rural Health, #08-108

DEADLINE: (I) 10/11/2007

SALARY: \$31,000+/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

POSITION: Director of Athletic Academic Services, Athletics, #08-102

DEADLINE: (I) 10/11/2007

SALARY: \$35,000+/year

POSITION: Reference Librarian/Bibliographer, Chester Fritz Library, #08-016

DEADLINE: Sept. 1, 2007 or until filled. (Applications received by Sept. 1 will receive first consideration)

SALARY: \$37,000+/year

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Police Supervisor (Alternating days off, 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.), UND Police, #08-107

DEADLINE: (I) 10/12/2007

SALARY: \$44,500+/year

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Research Office Secretary (20 hrs/week, benefitted), College of Nursing #08-106

DEADLINE: (I) 10/10/2007

SALARY: \$10.96+/hour

POSITION: Program Secretary (Re-advertised) Nursing, #08-071

DEADLINE: (I) 10/12/2007

SALARY: \$24,000+/year

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Heat Plant Shift Supervisor (Shift Work), Facilities, 08-111

DEADLINE: (I) 10/16/2007

SALARY: \$36,500+/year

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

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IN THE NEWS

Sandra Short authors book on self-efficacy in sport

Sandra Short knows a thing or two about self-efficacy: what it is and what it takes to have it. Short, a professor in the Department of Physical Education, Exercise Science and Wellness, has co-authored a new book, "Self-Efficacy in Sport – Research and strategies for Working with Athletes, Teams, and Coaches."

According to the publisher, Human Kinetics, "Self-Efficacy in Sport" is packed with theory-based and research-tested guidelines and recommendations for designing interventions to build, maintain, and regain confidence in sport.

A key feature of the book is its annotated bibliography section that contains summaries of over 200 research studies that have been completed on self-confidence in sport over the past 30 years. This section allows readers to quickly and critically evaluate all of the research cited in the book and prevents the book from becoming simply a long literature review.

Each chapter in the book is written in a stand-alone format, which makes it an easy read for those people looking to find research and intervention techniques to fit their specific needs.

Practitioners can use the book to identify specific psychological strategies that can be used to build, maintain, and regain self-confidence for athletes, teams, and coaches.

Students and researchers can use the book to launch their own research programs.

Dr. Albert Bandura, considered to be one of the most eminent psychologists of our time, wrote the following words of praise:

"Firmly grounded in theory, this book provides a stellar analysis of the influential role of perceived self-efficacy in athletic development and functioning. It is uniquely broad in scope, offering a masterful overview of the foundation, research, and application of self-efficacy theory in the field of athletics. Because of the scope and depth of coverage, this book is an invaluable resource for theorists and practitioners alike seeking an understanding of how beliefs of personal and collective efficacy contribute to the quality of athletic life. But it is about more than sports. The insights it provides can also serve one well in other life pursuits. This is a truly outstanding book that has the makings of a classic in the field of athletics."

Short also holds an adjunct appointment in the psychology department. She is the recipient of several scholarships and awards, including the Franklin Henry Young Scientist Award and a New Faculty Scholar Award. Short is an associate editor for *The Sport Psychologist*, the founding co-editor for the *Journal of Imagery Research in Sport and Physical Activity*, and a guest reviewer for 15 other journals. She has co-authored more

than 25 peer-reviewed articles, mostly focused on efficacy beliefs and imagery. She has been the advisor to more than 25 master's degree students. She earned her Ph.D. in the psychosocial aspects of sport and physical activity from Michigan State University.

Most recently, Short was honored with the inaugural award for Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship by an Individual Faculty Member from the College of Education and Human Development in April. She has worked at the College since 1999.

To order the book, contact a local book store or visit www.humankinetics.com.

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Burns appointed to second term on accreditation commission

Elizabeth Burns, professor of family and community medicine at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, has been appointed to a second term on the national commission which accredits physician assistant programs throughout the United States.

In January, she begins a three-year term on the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA), and has been elected secretary for the ARC-PA, a position on the executive committee. She was nominated by the American Medical Association to serve on the ARC-PA.

Burns is medical director of UND's physician assistant program through which students earn the Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree. The program, directed by Mary Ann Laxen, is offered through the medical school's Department of Family and Community Medicine.

The 17 members of the ARC-PA represent various medical and health care professional organizations. Their role is to support and advance physician assistant education by active participation in the work of the ARC-PA, including serving on committees and program site visit teams.

Burns also recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Marygrove College in Detroit, Mich. The award recognizes graduates' outstanding contributions in professional, educational or artistic endeavors; community service; political action, social justice or volunteer activities, or to Marygrove College. Burns graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Marygrove in 1972.

Burns, who joined the UND medical school in 2002, is director of the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health Region VIII Demonstration Project.

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UND receives CEO Cancer Gold Standard accreditation

The CEO Roundtable on Cancer has awarded the CEO Cancer Gold Standard to the University of North Dakota in recognition of UND's effort to improve the health of employees and reduce their risks of cancer. The CEO Cancer Gold Standard is awarded only after a company meets or exceeds the rigorous requirements set out by the CEO Roundtable on Cancer. Also receiving the CEO Cancer Gold Standard is Duke Medicine, affiliated with Duke University, and Valeant Pharmaceuticals.

The announcement came on the same day that UND implemented a tobacco-free campus policy and just days after UND received two awards from the American Heart Association for promoting wellness on campus: a platinum level Fit-Friendly Company Award and a Workplace Fitness Innovation Award.

"Wellness and healthful living have - particularly with the construction of the Student Wellness Center - become

a theme at the University of North Dakota," said President Charles Kupchella. "Our wellness programs are now widely recognized both on campus and off. We want the University to serve as a support system for those wishing to live healthful lives and to model healthful living as an organization. We want a campus climate supportive of healthy choices. We see the implementation of a tobacco-free policy, for example, as part of our general charge to prepare our graduates for full, productive lives as professionals and as civic leaders."

To earn a Gold Standard accreditation, a company or organization must establish programs to 1) reduce cancer risk through discouraging tobacco use, encouraging physical activity, and teaching diet and nutrition; 2) detect cancer at its earliest stages; and 3) provide access to quality care and clinical trials.

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NASA features UND-led student rocket launch

Earlier this week, North Dakota's second educational rocket lifted off at a site near Harwood, N.D. Flying off in a brisk south breeze, the student-engineered and built rocket delivered a picture-perfect flight and landed with no problems after both its drogue and main parachutes opened.

The 12-foot rocket and its portable launch pad were designed, built, and controlled in the field by a team of students, faculty, and volunteers led by UND astrophysicist Tim Young under a project funded, in part, by the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium. The rocket made its inaugural flight last fall.

"This was great, everything worked perfectly," exclaimed Young, who actually called the countdown and delivered the wireless signal that ignited the rocket's solid fuel motor (a miniature version of the system used to loft the Space Shuttle into space). The rocket project, which includes students and volunteer faculty from UND and North Dakota State University, is featured this week on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's web site (see http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/postsecondary/features/F_First_Time_for_Everything.html).

The educational rocket project is part of the NASA-sponsored consortium's multi-institution collaborative. It will allow students at several North Dakota colleges and universities to design and build science projects that could be loaded aboard the fully recoverable rocket for onboard tests, notes Pablo de Leon, a rocket team mentor and a UND aerospace engineer who is known nationally and globally for leading the consortium's Mars planetary exploration suit project. The consortium rocket team -- including members from across the state -- now will proceed to build a much bigger rocket to be launched next year, Young said.

Students are needed to form teams and guided by a mentor, faculty or specialist, to write a proposal for a scientific payload. The eight winning teams across the state and western Minnesota will receive funds to build a proof-of-concept payload. The team will fly the payload in a rocket built by the team. Along with the rocket, winning teams will get about \$500 to build the payload, an altimeter, motors, payload bay, and use of facilities to launch the rocket. Please join in the experience and enter your team! We are planning a launch on Oct 20 for the public at a site to be announced, Young says.

For more information contact Tim Young, associate professor, physics, 777-2911 or 777-4709, tim_young@und.edu.

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