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UND presidential search forums begin

In August, the UND Presidential Search Committee met for the purpose of considering a preliminary draft of a profile for the presidential position. The draft profile is available at the presidential search information web site at <http://www.und.edu/presidentialsearch/>. A final draft of the profile will be submitted to the State Board of Higher Education for approval.

Prior to finalizing the draft, the committee is making every effort to receive input from key constituencies affected by the search, i.e. faculty, staff, students, alumni, and members of the community who care about the University and are committed to its success. Numerous sessions have been scheduled over a two-week period, Sept. 4-14, for each member of the campus community; the complete forum schedule is posted on the Presidential Search Information web site and also is below. The forums are intended to give every individual an opportunity to provide the committee with information and opinions about the critical questions at the heart of the Profile:

- (1) What are the attractions of UND that would appeal to a highly-qualified individual?
- (2) What will be the major opportunities and challenges the next president will face? and
- (3) What characteristics and competencies should the next president possess?

The list of forums below is by date, time, location and constituency group. Please pass this information along to any interested individuals or groups:

WEDNESDAY, 9/5/07

* Noon-1 p.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, students

WEDNESDAY, 9/5/07 [IN FARGO]

* 6:30-7:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave. S., Fargo, N.D., 701-282-2700, general public

THURSDAY, 9/6/07

* 7:15-8:15 a.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, staff

* Noon-1 p.m., Bremer Bank Training Room, second level, Bremer Bank, 3100 South Columbia Rd, alumni

* 2-3 p.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, students

FRIDAY, 9/7/07

* 9-10 a.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, faculty

MONDAY, 9/10/07

* Noon-1 p.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, staff

* 4-5 p.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, faculty

TUESDAY, 9/11/07 [IN MINOT]

* Noon-1 p.m., Holiday Inn, Mediterranean Room, 2200 Burdick Expressway East, Minot, N.D., 701-852-2504, general public

WEDNESDAY, 9/12/07

* 7:30-9 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, Chamber – business and education

* 10-11 a.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, students

* Noon-1 p.m., Alerus Center, 1200 42nd St. S., (701)792-1200, community

* 1:30-2:30 p.m., American Indian Center, large Meeting Room A, 315 Princeton St., 777-4291, American Indian population

FRIDAY, 9/14/07 [IN BISMARCK]

* 3:30–4:30 p.m., Doublewood Inn, 1400 East Interchange, Bismarck, N.D., (701)258-7000, general public

Taking into account the input the committee receives in the open forum sessions, the search committee will meet Monday, Sept. 17, to approve a profile to submit to the State Board of Higher Education for consideration at the Board's meeting Sept. 20. When the Board has approved the profile, the formal acceptance of nominations and applications will begin.

The committee will then proceed to a meeting Oct. 23 to screen applications and identify a pool of 15-20 people for reference checking. With reference checks conducted between Oct. 24 and Nov. 4, the committee will meet Nov. 5 to narrow the candidate pool to 10-12 people for screening interviews, which will be held at a Minneapolis airport hotel on the Tuesday and Wednesday following Thanksgiving.

The screening interviews at the end of November are designed to identify six to eight candidates to invite for campus interviews, which will be held in January. Each campus interview will include many opportunities for interaction with the candidate. The committee will publish the interview schedules as soon as they are determined.

The final meeting of the search committee will be held Jan. 28, when we will select no fewer than three final candidates to recommend to the State Board of Higher Education. Soon thereafter, the Board will conduct its own interviews of the finalists and select the next president, who will assume office July 1.

The search committee is committed to an open process that generates a pool of highly qualified candidates. We encourage your attendance at an open forum session so that you can share with us your thoughts about the key sections of the profile draft.

As the search progresses, we will post additional information on the search web site, so that you will have up-to-date information about the process and about your opportunities to stay involved. The more participation there is in the process, the better the prospects for the search, for the campus, and for the person who is ultimately named our next president.

-- Paul LeBel, dean, School of Law, chair, UND Presidential Search Committee.

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Search begins for new engineering dean

Provost Greg Weisenstein has appointed a 14-member committee to seek a new dean of the School of Engineering and Mines. John Watson, who has held that position since October 2001, is retiring this fall.

"We are very pleased with the composition of the committee to assist the University in selecting a new dean of the School of Engineering and Mines to replace retiring Dean John Watson. I believe the School of Engineering and Mines Dean Search Committee reflects the many strengths of the School and will be able to attract applicants who are able to maintain the trajectory of success that has been achieved during Dean Watson's tenure. Under his leadership, the School has experienced unprecedented success in elevating its national stature and growing enrollments," said Weisenstein.

The search committee will be chaired by Joshua Wynne, executive associate dean for academic affairs and faculty affairs at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Other committee members include:

- * Michael Mann, chair and associate professor of chemical engineering;
- * Steve Burian, a civil engineering alum;
- * Wally Lang, an electrical engineering alum;
- * Cadence Youngberg, administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Engineering and Mines;
- * Joseph Hartman, associate professor of geology and geological engineering;
- * Forrest Ames, associate professor of mechanical engineering;
- * Dorette Kerian, director of Information Technology Systems and Services;
- * Terri Clark, director of fiscal affairs at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences;
- * Martha Potvin, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences;
- * Tom Erickson, associate director at the Energy & Environmental Research Center;
- * Lynette Krenelka, director of the distance degree and program outreach at the Division of Continuing Education;
- * Tom Owens, professor emeritus of chemical engineering;
- * A yet-to-be-named student representative.

The committee is expected to start meeting in early September.

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Washington Monthly names UND one of top 70 public universities

Call it an academic hat trick: The University of North Dakota has been named three times, in as many weeks, to prominent national lists of some of the best universities in the nation.

The newest mention is the Washington Monthly's list of National Universities, which places UND among the country's top 70 public universities (UND is 69, up 31 spots from last year). Throw the private schools, including the big name Ivy League institutions, into the mix and UND ranks 117 -- up 52 places from last year (169). Two weeks ago, UND was again ranked by U.S. News & World Report as among the top 200 national colleges and universities. Last week, The Princeton Review again named UND as one of "The Best 366 Colleges" in the United States.

In the September 2007 issue, the Washington Monthly editors say they have taken a different approach to comparing colleges. Their rankings, they say, are meant to provide a guide for "what colleges are doing for the country. For the third year in a row, we've sifted through reams of publicly available data to come up with what

we think is a fair assessment of which colleges are living up to their public interest mission, and which aren't."

"Although as we've said before, rankings of any kind have to be taken with a grain of salt, we are particularly pleased by the ranking of UND by Washington Monthly for several important reasons," said President Charles Kupchella. "First of all, the University moved from a rank of 169 a year ago to a rank of 117 this year. Secondly and most importantly, this magazine makes an attempt to measure the outcomes, results, and impacts that universities have. In particular, the Washington Monthly survey attempts to measure in a quantitative way the impact a university has on enhancing social mobility, on research, and on public service. It measures the number of undergrads who ultimately earn Ph.D.s, external support for 'cutting-edge research,' and the efforts the University makes to introduce students to the ethics of service. The ranking of 117 puts the University very close to our goal of being assessed as in the top 100 national universities by all measures, and actually places the University deep within the top 100 of all public national universities. Obviously, we are pleased."

The editors say they used three criteria that they "believe best measure the impact schools have on the country. The first is social mobility: does the school do a good job recruiting and graduating poorer students? The second is research: is the school supporting the scientific and humanistic study that is key to our national strength, by producing Ph.D.s and winning research grants? And the third is service: how effectively does the school foster an ethic of giving back to the country, either through military or civilian service?"

Washington Monthly measured all three areas — social mobility, research, and service -- and came up with a combined score. UND's overall score of 34 puts it in company with such schools as the University of Connecticut, Tufts University, the University of Southern Mississippi, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

"We are extremely pleased by the dramatic gain in UND's ranking by the Washington Monthly. The gains achieved this year reflect the growing quality of our programs and the success of our students. We are especially pleased with our movement up the rankings since the criteria used by the Washington Monthly are very consistent with our mission within the state of North Dakota.

Clearly, we are doing very well in the areas that are important to North Dakota," said Greg Weisenstein, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "We have often talked about UND emerging as a world-class university. This is further confirmation that we are indeed on a trajectory to achieve this distinction, while at the same time maintaining our focus on service to the state of North Dakota."

Weisenstein said UND has earned other accolades for its focus on service. He noted that last November, UND was accorded a spot on the first-ever U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its consistent excellence in community engagement. A month later, UND was one of only 76 schools nationwide selected by the Carnegie Foundation for inclusion in its new community engagement classification, and one of only nine to make the Outreach and Partnerships category.

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Tom Clifford doing well after small stroke

The wife of former UND President Tom Clifford said he's doing well and is in rehabilitation after suffering "a small stroke" at his Grand Forks home.

"He's OK," said Gayle Clifford. "We just want him to be in everybody's prayers." She said a medical emergency last Monday morning sent her husband to the hospital. She praised first responders and local medical specialists for their speed and professionalism. She said Tom was on his feet later the same day.

"I tell you we have the best medical system here in Grand Forks," Gayle said. "We're so lucky to live in North Dakota, because our medical care is so good here." Much of that medical care is provided by homegrown doctors and specialists who trained at UND's School of Medicine and Health Sciences, an institution that Clifford helped grow and improve during his 21 years as UND president, Gayle said. Doctors say that Clifford may be able to return home in about 10 days.

"A stroke is something that you can recover from, and it's important for others to know that," Gayle said.

UND's eighth president, Clifford is the only school leader to have been born and raised in North Dakota. In November 2002, at 81 years old, Clifford became the 32nd recipient of North Dakota's most prestigious honor of achievement the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award.

Over a span of 50 years, Clifford graduated from UND, served as a school professor, was dean of the business college and vice president of finance. He was named president in 1971. His tenure as leader is tied for the longest with John West.

Clifford also served with distinction in World War II as a tank commander in the South Pacific. He ascended to the rank of captain and led an attack that secured a vital airstrip a launching pad for bombing Tokyo. That feat won him a Silver Star for Bravery.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Theatre Arts announces 2007-2008 season

The Department of Theatre Arts will present four main stage productions for the 2007-2008 season. "Anton in Show Business" by Jane Martin will be the season opener. This comedy takes a look at the backstage antics of show business people from the hardened star to the idealistic ingenue in rehearsal for Anton Chekhov's play "Three Sisters." "Anton in Show Business" opens in the Burtness Lab Theatre, Tuesday, Oct. 2, and runs through Saturday, Oct. 6.

Following will be Bernard Pomerance's, "The Elephant Man." A smash hit on Broadway, this intriguing drama is based on a true story of a man trapped inside a hideously deformed body. The play reveals the social outcast to have a far richer inner spirit than the hypocritical 1890s Victorian middle class that surrounds him. Performances begin Nov. 13-17 in the Burtness Theatre.

The third offering of the season will be a student directed and designed production titled "Swimming in the Shallows" by Adam Bock. This absurd comedy offers a uniquely amusing view of the contemporary life where love between a man and a shark is no less confusing than our emotions in any relationships. "Swimming in the Shallows" will be presented in the Burtness Lab Theatre, Feb. 19-28.

The American classic, "Bus Stop," by William Inge will be the final offering of the season. Presented in the Burtness Theatre, "Bus Stop" captures the emotional landscape of love and lust among a cross section of folks snowbound in a Kansas bus stop diner. Production dates are April 15-19 in the Burtness Theatre.

Also included in the season is Showcase Week, Dec. 3, 4 and 5 in the Burtness Lab Theatre. Showcase Week highlights student work in the form of scenes, one-act plays, and dance. For more information regarding specific times and events of Showcase Week, call 777-3446.

All main stage performances begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information and reservations, please call the Burtness

Theatre box office at 777-2587. All tickets are \$12 or \$6 with a student I.D. Free reserved parking is available on campus. -- Theatre Arts.

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University Senate meets Sept. 6; note agenda

The University Senate will meet Thursday, Sept. 6, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall.

AGENDA

1. Announcements:

a. Presidential Search Committee update. Paul LeBel, chair.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (5/3/07) and business arising from the minutes. These minutes may be viewed at: <http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/registrar/senate/senindex>.

3. Question period.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Annual report of the Senate Continuing Education Committee, Janet Rex, chair.

BUSINESS CALENDAR:

5. Slate of nominees for Senate officers. Michele Iiams, Committee on Committees.

6. Election of a Senate vice chair/chair elect. Michele Iiams, Committee on Committees.

7. Election of a faculty representative to a two-year term on the Senate Executive Committee. Michele Iiams, Committee on Committees.

8. Election of two Senate faculty members to a two-year term each on the Committee on Committees. Michele Iiams, Committee on Committees.

9. Election of a student representative to the Senate Executive Committee. Michele Iiams, Committee on Committees.

10. Senate orientation. Tom Petros, University Senate chair.

11. Candidates for degrees in August 2007. Suzanne Anderson, University Registrar.

12. Amendment to Senate Bylaws. Tom Petros, chair, Senate Executive Committee.

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

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Barnes & Noble hosts book signing for Flight of the Odegard

Patrick McGuire, author of "Flight of the Odegard," will be available for book signing at the UND Barnes and Noble Bookstore from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, as "Flight of the Odegard" is released.

"Flight of the Odegard" is a rendition of the journey of the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences at the University of North Dakota. From a meager beginning with two donated aircraft and 12 students to the emergence as a worldwide leader in aviation education, the book outlines how one man's passion and dedication helped create the most prestigious flight school in the world. The book highlights John Odegard's commitment as a teacher, visionary, entrepreneur and leader in the field of aerospace and tells the incredible story of how these attributes contributed to the formation of the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences.

More information may be found online at www.flightoftheodegard.com.

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

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Volunteer Recruitment Day is Sept. 6

Volunteer Bridge and the directors of Volunteer Services are sponsoring Volunteer Recruitment Day Thursday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dakota Lounge, Memorial Union. Agencies that utilize volunteers will be on campus recruiting for the coming year. Interested faculty, staff and students are encouraged to stop by their tables and find out how to get involved.

-- Linda Rains, Coordinator of Civic Leadership, Memorial Union, lindarains@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4076

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ND/SD EPSCoR Sixth Biennial Joint Conference is Sept. 7

The ND/SD EPSCoR Sixth Biennial Joint Conference is Friday, Sept. 7, at NDSU. A detailed agenda, including speaker biographies and important logistical information, may be found at www.ndepscor.nodak.edu

An outstanding conference has been arranged, with poster presentations by EPSCoR supported students and speakers of national prominence addressing current research issues. The keynote speaker is David Snyder of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority. As you may know, South Dakota has recently received a National Science Foundation award for DUSEL, the Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory. This significant award has resulted in the reopening of Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, S.D., and promises to bring world-class scientific research to the Northern Black Hills of our neighboring state.

As parking is limited, we have been advised by NDSU that car pooling is suggested. All vehicles, including state vehicles, are asked to park in the Fargo Dome parking lot between West College Street, 17th Avenue N. and University Ave. See map on conference web site. A shuttle service will take conference attendees from the Dome to the Memorial Union (South side) and return. The shuttle will leave the Dome or Memorial Union approximately every 15 minutes. The parking and shuttle will be marked.

Registration for the conference luncheon has closed, but all are welcome to attend the conference presentations and poster sessions.

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

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PPT faculty candidate to present seminar Sept. 7

Kent Lai, assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine, will present a seminar titled "Innovative Therapy and Pathophysiology for Classic Galactosemia" at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in Room 5520, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Dr. Lai is the last of five very strong candidates who we have invited to interview at UND for a faculty position in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics. All are welcome to attend.

-- Deb Kroese, Administrative Officer, Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics, dkroese@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-6221

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Special Denim Day for Northwood

President Kupchella has approved Friday, Sept. 7, as a Special Denim Day for Northwood, N.D. We have all seen the results of the tornado Sunday night, Aug. 26. This will be a chance for the University community to support our neighbors. So, Friday, Sept. 7, wear your button with your denim. If you would like to "kick up" your usual contribution, that would be great.

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

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Anatomists host colleagues from University of Manitoba

Each fall for more than 20 years, anatomists at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg have been getting together to share their scientific research and collegiality, alternately hosting the event.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, they will get together for the 23rd annual Anatomy Interchange, this time in Grand Forks. The Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology will host members of the University of Manitoba's Department of Human Anatomy and Cell Science.

"It is a scientific meeting consisting of talks and poster sessions whereby we exchange our scientific and educational interests and ideas with like-minded folk from Manitoba," said Pat Carr, associate professor of anatomy and cell biology, who is coordinating the event at UND.

"The close proximity of these two major institutions lends itself to interaction and neither group has ever viewed the political border as any sort of impediment to our association."

The event was initiated by Edward Carlson, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology at UND, and Vid Persaud of the University of Manitoba and "the number of participants and posters continues to rise," Carr said. About 45 people are expected to participate in the scientific presentations; when spouses and children join the evening's social activities that number jumps to nearly 100.

Over the years, the event has fostered cross-border scientific collaborations and discussions that lead existing research in new directions, Dr. Carr said. It is also very focused on student involvement and is considered an "excellent and friendly environment where students may present their first poster or give their first scientific talk to an outside, non-UND audience."

"The longevity and continued success of this meeting is due to the foresight of the founders and the strong support that all the faculty, staff and students, from both institutions, put forth in striving to make each event better than the last," he said.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, spohlman@gra.midco.net, 701-777-4305

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Christus Rex book study discusses "Take This Bread"

Join us for a book study at Christus Rex Wednesday noons in September as we discuss "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles. "Mine is a personal story of an unexpected and terribly inconvenient Christian conversion, told by a very unlikely convert," the author says. A journalist and restaurant cook raised with an aversion to organized religion, Sara is transformed by her encounter with a community of faith and responds with challenges and changes of her own. "Take this Bread" offers an astute assessment of the present intertwining of politics and Christianity in American culture, according to Phyllis Tickle, former religion editor for Publishers Weekly. Books are available for a reduced cost of \$15 at the office of Christus Rex. Snacks, coffee and water will be provided. Brown bag lunches are encouraged. -- Christus Rex.

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Fall Study Abroad Fair is Sept. 12

The Fall Study Abroad Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave. Please announce this to your classes and encourage your students to attend.

-- Melinda McCannell-Unger, Education Abroad Advisor, Office of International Programs,

melindamccannellunger@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4756

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Doctoral examination set for Tracy Wright

The final examination for Tracy Wright, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in nursing, is set for noon Sept. 13, in Room 212, College of Nursing. The dissertation title is "Instrument Development and Psychometric Analysis: Nurses' Urinary Incontinence Knowledge, Beliefs, and Practices." Julie Anderson (nursing) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, gailholweger@mail.und.edu, 777-4005

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Pre-school children's music classes begin

The UND Community Music Program is offering Musiktanz classes for children ages 15 months through kindergarten. Musiktanz is a curriculum developed by Lorna Lutz Heyge, an internationally recognized author and early childhood music educator. She is the founder of Kindermusik and author of the early childhood curriculum,

"Cycle of Seasons." In the Musiktanz program the teacher acts as a role model to assist the parents/care givers in working musically with their children. The parents/care givers attend the children's lessons and participate with them in classes which are comprised of a variety of developmentally appropriate musical activities involving singing, moving, playing, creating, and listening. Emphasis in these classes is on having fun while building musical skills and developing a love of music. Moreover, research has shown that participation in such programs may improve skills tied to academic success as well.

Level I (ages 15 months to 3 years) meets at 6 p.m. Mondays.

Level II (ages 3 years to kindergarten) meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays.

Both classes meet for a half hour 10 times during the semester in 258 Hughes Fine Arts Center starting Sept. 17. They are taught by an experienced music teacher. Cost for each level is \$65 per semester.

For more information call 777-2830 and ask for KariJo.

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Box lunch session focuses on "High Tech Teaching for Low Tech Teachers"

The On Teaching Box Lunch discussion series continues Wednesday, Sept. 19, with a session on "High Tech Teaching for Low Tech Teachers" from noon to 1 p.m. in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union. Led by Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies Assistant Director Lori Swinney, the discussion will center on technology available for faculty members to use in their classrooms. For already busy faculty members, sifting through all the available applications to decide which best suits his or her needs can seem like a daunting task. Then there's the issue of learning how to use that technology. Some faculty members feel quite comfortable incorporating technology like Blackboard into their classes, but they may not be aware of other valuable tech tools available through CILT. Other faculty members may be wary of using technology in their classes because of concerns about the learning curve and issues like student use, or misuse, of that technology.

In this session we'll discuss some of the new technology available through CILT, including new features on Blackboard, and offer some tips for implementing technology in your classroom. We'll also see a demonstration from a professor who has put some of this technology to work in his class and hear about how it has worked for him.

Attendees are welcome to bring questions about using technology in their class to discuss with the group. To register and reserve a free box lunch, call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 by noon Monday, Sept. 17.

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.edu, 7-4233

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Retirement reception for Rose Keeley is Sept. 20

The Information Technology Systems and Services staff invites you to a retirement reception honoring Rose Keeley in the Alumni House from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Rose has been a part of the UND family, first as a student, then as faculty and staff for over 20 years. She received her master's degree in computer science and started teaching with that department in 1984. In 1990 she joined ITSS, or the Computer Center as it was known, and has worked both in microcomputer and mainframe support. When asked what her plans are after retirement, Rose sums it up with the following words: "Have motor home will travel." Please join us to wish her well!

-- Craig Cerkowniak, Associate Director, ITSS, craigcerkowniak@mail.und.edu, 701-777-3171

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Event nourishes women's bodies, souls

Area women of all ages will learn about nourishing their bodies and souls during the second North Dakota Women's Health Connection Saturday, Sept. 22, on the UND campus.

The free event will take place from 8 a.m. to noon at the Memorial Union and will feature talks and demonstrations on nutrition, Tai Chi and health and spirituality, as well as door prizes and a healthy breakfast.

The morning will conclude with keynote speaker Donald Hensrud, a Mayo Clinic physician, UND alumnus, and Grand Forks native.

Hensrud is chair of the Division of Preventive, Occupational and Aerospace Medicine and associate professor of preventive medicine and nutrition at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He has served as editor-in-chief for "Mayo Clinic Healthy Weight for Everybody," a comprehensive and sensible approach to healthy eating, "The Mayo Clinic Plan – 10 Essential Steps to a Better Body and Healthier Life," and the award-winning "The New Mayo Clinic Cookbook." He also was instrumental in developing the Mayo Clinic Healthy Weight Food Pyramid.

The first 300 registrants will receive a free gift bag. To pre-register online, visit

<http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/womenshealth/connection2007> or contact Susan Splichal at 777-3274 or ssplichal@medicine.nodak.edu.

The North Dakota Women's Health connection is organized by the North Dakota Women's Health CORE located in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

"The National Center of Excellence in Women's Health project has a focus on outreach and assisting women to become informed consumers and managers of their health and health care," said Elizabeth Burns, director of the program and professor at the UND medical school. "We see this as an opportunity for women of the region to benefit from the program at UND."

North Dakota Women's Health CORE, a National Center of Excellence in Women's Health Region VIII Demonstration project, facilitates North Dakota Women's Health Connection. Financial sponsors include the Region VIII Office on Women's Health, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Altru Health System, and Dakota Medical Foundation.

-- Susan Splichal, coordinator, Womens Health CORE, ssplichal@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-3274

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UND alumni to be honored

The UND Alumni Association will honor three distinguished alumni with its highest honor, the Sioux Award, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Alerus Center Ballroom in Grand Forks. Those accepting the award are:

Tom Hamilton, U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan, and Dale F. Morrison. Three others, Cindy Blikre-Roche, James Mehus, and Carla Christofferson, will receive the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

Sioux Award recipients

Tom Hamilton, '67, '70, HON '93, originally from Greenfield, Ohio, made his career in the oil and gas industry. He began with Exxon after earning an undergraduate degree from Capital University in Ohio, followed by a master's degree and Ph.D. in geology from UND. He later joined Aminoil as executive vice president. In 1985 he was named senior vice president of Standard Oil of Ohio, which was soon bought out by British Petroleum and Tom was moved to London. Within BP, Tom became chief executive of all oil, gas and liquefied natural gas operations outside Europe and North America.

In 1991 Tom was approached by Pennzoil and joined the company's management team as head of their oil and gas company. By 1997, he became chairman and chief executive officer of EEX Corporation. He led the company until December 2002.

Hamilton is an involved volunteer and advocate for work in mental health. He has been a trustee of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County Texas since 2000. He served on the UND Alumni Association and UND Foundation board of directors for a full nine-year stint, leading as president of the Foundation in 2002-03.

He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Houston.

U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan, '65, HON '02, a Regent, N.D. native, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the UND College of Business and Public Administration. He went on to graduate with a master's of business administration from the University of Denver in 1966.

Re-elected to a third term in the U.S. Senate in November 2004, Sen. Dorgan received nearly 70 percent of the vote after serving two previous terms in the Senate and six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Throughout his career in both the House and Senate, Dorgan has worked to advance the interests of rural America. Sen. Dorgan's public service career began at the age of 26, when he was appointed to the office of State Tax Commissioner in North Dakota. He was the youngest constitutional officer in North Dakota's history.

He and his wife, Kim, are residents of Bismarck. They have four adult children.

Dale F. Morrison, '71, HON '99, originally from Milton, N.D., graduated from the UND College of Business and Public Administration with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In 1999, UND awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Morrison is a veteran of the consumer products industry. He began his career at General Foods where he spent 10 years in sales and marketing positions of increasing responsibility. He then spent 14 years with PepsiCo in general management assignments around the world. In 1995, he joined the Campbell Soup Company as president of the Pepperidge Farm division and shortly thereafter assumed responsibility for Campbell's International business. In 1997, he was promoted to president and chief executive officer, a position he held until 2000. Morrison joined McCain Foods Limited as president and chief executive officer in 2004.

He is a board emeritus member of the UND Alumni Association and UND Foundation. He has returned to campus several times to provide professional coaching to business students. He was also national chair of the Creating Business Leaders Campaign within the UND College of Business and Public Administration, which raised

more than \$20 million to enhance education.

Morrison and his wife, Barbara (Rolland), '70, '71, reside in Princeton, N.J., and are the parents of two grown children, Andrea and Mark.

Young Alumni Achievement Award recipients

Cindy Blikre-Roche, '91, originally from Wahpeton, N.D., graduated summa cum laude from UND with a bachelor's degree in public relations. She continued her education at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where she earned a master's degree in integrated marketing communications.

She began her career at Ameritech's corporate headquarters in Chicago as manager of brand communications. She later joined the J. Walter Thompson and Ammirati Puris Lintas advertising agencies. In 1999 she joined Leo Burnett Chicago. Over the years, she worked on several high profile accounts including: Morgan Stanley, the United States Postal Service and Sara Lee Foods.

Today, Blikre-Roche is a senior vice president and account director at the Chicago office of Leo Burnett Worldwide. She is responsible for running a portion of the agency's North American Procter & Gamble business. Leo Burnett Worldwide is one of the world's largest agency networks.

She and her husband, Richard, live in Wilmette, Ill. They have one daughter.

James Mehus, M.D./Ph.D., '00, a Hatton, N.D., native, graduated first in his class from the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Along with a medical degree, Dr. Mehus also earned a doctoral degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University. He was only the fourth student in the school's history to complete the dual degree program.

While still a medical student, Mehus was on a team of researchers and doctors who discovered four out of the eight known genes from the nm23 gene family. Following graduation, he and his family moved to Wisconsin, where he completed residency training. In 2004, he became board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics.

Following his research accomplishments at UND, Dr. Mehus was sought after by medical facilities throughout the nation. However, his plan to one day return to North Dakota had not changed. He and his family moved back to their home state, and, today, Dr. Mehus is a physician at Meritcare Clinic in Mayville, N.D.

He and his wife, Wendy (Garret), '95, live in Mayville. They have five children.

Carla Christofferson, '89, originally from Tolna, N.D., graduated summa cum laude from UND with a bachelor's degree in public relations and a minor in psychology. In 1989 she was crowned Miss North Dakota. She continued her education at Yale University and graduated with a law degree in 1992.

Christofferson has spent the past 15 years as a litigation attorney with the law firm of O'Melveny & Myer. She is currently a partner in O'Melveny's Los Angeles office and was recognized as a Southern California "Super Lawyer" in 2005 and 2006. In 2001 she served as the firm's first female national hiring partner, and in 2002 she served on the firm's executive committee. From 2004-06, she was the talent development partner for O'Melveny. In that position, she developed and oversaw initiatives designed to better recruit, train, mentor, and evaluate attorneys at the firm.

In 2006, Christofferson and her business partner formed Gemini Basketball, L.L.C., which then purchased the

WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks in December 2006.

She is a member of several non-profit boards of directors, including the Los Angeles Public Library Foundation and the Women's Care Cottage, an organization serving homeless women and children in the Los Angeles area.

The Sioux Award dates back to 1949, when it was known as the Service Award. It is given to UND alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields of endeavor and who are selected by the Citations Committee based on achievement, service and loyalty. -- Alumni Association and Foundation.

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Children's Writers Conference is Oct. 5-6

The 28th annual Writers Conference in Children's Literature will be held Oct. 5-6 at the Memorial Union.

The opening session is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, with Laura Rinne, graphic designer for Lerner Publishing. Rinne will present "Putting it All Together: The Role of the Art Director in Children's Book Publishing." Local authors Randy Mortenson and Janice Tingum will also speak. Mortenson will present "From Pipe Dream to Published Book: How to Fuel the Frenzy." Tingum ends the evening with tips to help writers and illustrators discover the benefits of having their own web presence.

Saturday's session begins at 8 a.m. at the Memorial Union with a continental breakfast, followed by speakers. Katherine Galbraith, author of "Laura Charlotte," an award-winning picture book, will present "Writing your own 'Goodnight Moon,'" and then lead participants in a hands-on workshop to help jump-start their writing. Judy O'Malley, executive editor of trade books for Charlesbridge Publishing, will give a talk on the business of publishing that will help writers match the right manuscript to the right editor at the right publishing company.

The Writers Conference in Children's Literature, held annually at UND, was founded in 1980 by Emily Rhoads Johnson, who brought to North Dakota the gift of a passion for children's literature. Her goal in starting the conference was to encourage aspiring writers to publish excellent, creative stories for children of all ages. Current co-director of UND Children's Literature Conference, Yvette Lapierre, is excited for the 2007 conference saying, the staff is excellent and well-rounded, bringing both the view of the editor as well as the artist.

The conference regularly attracts participants from all over North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, as well as Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, and Manitoba. Throughout the years, distinguished authors, illustrators, educators and agents have visited the UND campus to share their stories, critique manuscripts and share the latest trends and markets in the field of children's literature with area writers. The conference is presented by the UND Department of English and the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI). Local sponsors include UND Barnes & Noble Bookstore, and the UND Alumni Foundation.

Judy O'Malley has been in publishing for more than 30 years as an editor of children's trade books and magazines, professional books and magazines, and educational materials. She is the executive editor of trade books for Charlesbridge Publishing in Watertown, Mass., where she develops and directs a new line of transitional books, including early readers, early chapter books, and middle grade chapter books, bridging from picture books to middle-grade and young adult nonfiction and fiction.

Kathryn O. Galbraith is the author of 12 books for children with four additional books under contract. Her work ranges from novels to short chapter books to picture books. Her picture book, "Laura Charlotte," was awarded a Parents' Choice Award and was selected as one of the best books by School Library Journal.

Laura Otto Rinne has been in the book industry for 15 years and has worked for various nationally-known

independent bookstores including The Red Balloon Bookshop and Hungry Mind in St. Paul, Minn. She currently works for the independent children's book publisher, Lerner Publishing Group, as a graphic designer. Rinne lives in Minneapolis with her husband and cat.

Janice Tingum is the author of "E.B. White: The Elements of a Writer" and a winner of the 2005 Highlights for Children Fiction Contest. Her writing has also appeared in numerous magazines for children and adults, including, HiCall, Bread, Turtle Magazine, One, Today's Christian Woman, The Forensic, and Dreams Alive.

R. K. Mortenson (aka Randy) is the author of the "Landon Snow" books, a series of fantasy/adventures with biblical themes for kids ages 8-12. Mortenson has been writing poems and stories since he was a kid. His first published poem appeared in the Minneapolis Star's weekly "Smile Factory" when he was 11 years old. After serving as a Navy chaplain almost eight years, Randy is now a pastor serving a church in Mayville, N.D., where he lives with his wife, daughter, and two sons.

Those interested in attending can visit www.english.und.edu/childrenslit07.html for more information and a registration form. -- English.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate School offers new Chautauqua Series

The Graduate School is pleased to announce a new series of meetings offering graduate students and faculty opportunities to engage in semi-formal discussions on academically related matters. A core working group of graduate faculty and students has worked to define a series which is hoped to become an important part of UND academic culture.

The series of workshops, "The Graduate School Chautauqua Series," will occur at three-week intervals throughout the fall and spring. The workshops will begin with a light lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by the discussion at noon.

The fall series will focus on instruction. Collectively, we will examine topics of who we are as students and instructors, how we assess learning, and the professional boundaries that sometimes limit our ability to truly function as a community of scholars.

The spring series will examine the academic tradition of dissemination of creative scholarship.

Participation by graduate students and faculty is widely encouraged. We hope to develop the Graduate School Chautauqua Series as a forum that is embraced by the UND community of scholars, as a place where we continue to question and to learn.

For venue and workshop details, please visit our web site at www.graduateschool.und.edu

-- Susan Caraher, Marketing & External Relations, The Graduate School, susancaraher@mail.und.edu, 777-2524

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Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health calls for presentations

Public and rural health professionals are invited to submit abstracts for the 2008 Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health, March 26-28, at the Ramada Plaza Suites and Convention Center in Fargo, N.D.

Presentations should feature innovative community and/or research projects that can be replicated with an

emphasis on educating professionals and developing partnerships. Submissions must be completed no later than Monday, Sept. 17, by 5 p.m. CST.

<http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/dakotaconference/>

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

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NSF publishes new proposal, award guide

The National Science Foundation has published the new NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (NSF 07-140), which contains documents relating to the Foundation's proposal and award process. Part I is comprised of NSF's proposal preparation and submission guidelines, including the NSF Grant Proposal Guide, and Part II is comprised of the documents used to guide, manage, and monitor the award and administration of grants and cooperative agreements, including the new NSF Award and Administration Guide (previously known as the Grant Policy Manual).

The new publication supercedes all prior versions of the NSF Grant Proposal Guide and Grant Policy Manual, and can be accessed at: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07140. The NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide applies to proposals submitted on or after June 1, 2007.

One of the important changes contained in the new guidelines is the use of designated fonts in proposals submitted to NSF. Proposers are reminded that the proposal must be clear, readily legible, and conform to the following requirements:

a. Use of only the approved typefaces identified below, a black font color, and a font size of 10 points or larger must be used:

- For Windows users: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia
- For Macintosh users: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino, or Georgia
- For TeX users: Computer Modern

A symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters; however, the font size requirement still applies;

b. No more than six lines within a vertical space of one inch; and

c. Margins, in all directions, must be at least an inch.

Proposers are cautioned that proposals not in conformance with this guidance may be returned without review.

If you have any questions regarding the new NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide, please contact the policy office at (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to policy@nsf.gov.

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

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Institutional Research briefs now available online

The latest issue of the Institutional Research Office newsletter is available online at

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/datacol/newsletter/Sept2007.pdf>

Highlighted in this issue:

- * The results from the 2006 employee survey (Campus Quality Survey)
- * Information about departmental annual reports
- * Some projects currently under way
- * Requesting information from our office

-- Carmen Williams, Director, Institutional Research, carmenwilliams@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4358

SSAC announces application deadline dates

Monday, Sept. 17, is the first deadline for submission of applications to the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee (SSAC). The committee will consider requests from faculty members to support travel associated with the presentation of scholarly papers. Travel requests will be considered only for travel to be completed between Sept. 18, 2007, and Jan. 15, 2008. The committee will not provide funds for travel already completed. However, awards can be made contingent on receipt of a letter of acceptance from the meeting at which a paper is to be presented or a program listing the applicant among the presenters. Therefore, if you will be traveling during the specified dates, but do not yet have a letter of acceptance, please do submit your application at this time. If an award is made, it will be set up for you after you submit proper evidence of acceptance for presentation. No other applications will be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to limited funding available for Senate Scholarly Activities Committee awards at this time, the committee may make awards based on the following criteria: official notice of presentation, number of SSAC awards previously received by the applicant, and years at UND (new faculty and first-time applicants are given priority).

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2008, is the final deadline for submission of travel grant applications. This deadline is for travel occurring between May 2 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.

-- *B. P. Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee,*
bishubandyo@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701/777-3844

IBC lists policy for biohazardous materials

The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) requires that any research, teaching, or other activities which utilize DNA, recombinant DNA or involve the use of biohazardous research material be subject to a University review process, and that these activities must be approved by the IBC prior to their initiation. The IBC is the only authorized University committee which can give approval to projects and activities involving DNA, recombinant DNA and biohazardous research material. The IBC will follow the NIH guidelines for DNA, recombinant DNA and biohazardous material research in determining the suitability of projects and activities and will provide an explanation of any decision not to approve a project or activity. Any project or activity not approved can be revised and resubmitted to the IBC for consideration.

All faculty or staff who plan on using recombinant DNA, biohazardous materials or conducting activities that involve the handling of biological materials in a research setting (live or dead animals, plant or animal pathogens, tissue, blood, bodily secretions, nucleic acids, toxins, etc.), teaching, or other activities must submit a completed, signed application form to the IBC Office, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall Room 106, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 7134, Grand Forks, ND 58202-7134. The IBC will then consider the application at its earliest convenience.

One copy of all funded grant applications utilizing recombinant DNA or biohazardous materials must be submitted to the IBC. The PI will not be able to access grant funds or begin the project until the IBC has reviewed and approved the project. Any changes to an approved project must receive IBC approval prior to their implementation.

Anyone considering the use of DNA, recombinant DNA, or biohazardous materials should contact the Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) office at the address listed above or call the IBC administrative secretary at 777-4279 for a copy of the NIH guidelines, the IBC application form and other pertinent information. Forms and information are also available on the IBC web site at

<http://www.und.edu/dept/rdc/regucomm/ibc/ibc.htm>.

-- Thomas Hill, Ph.D., Chair, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Microbiology and Immunology,

tomhill@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-6412

Note regulated waste policy

In order to ensure that "regulated waste" is disposed of properly, the Institutional Biosafety Committee requires that all members of the University community who generate "regulated waste" have in place a disposal plan which is in conformity with federal regulations. Regulated waste as defined by the federal government includes, but is not limited to, human body fluids and tissues, and items contaminated with human body fluids or tissues such as needles, syringes, and scalpels, whether generated during medical procedures, research or teaching. Anyone who is generating "regulated waste" within the University and does not have a disposal plan in place or is unsure of whether "regulated waste" is being generated by their activities or is being disposed of properly must contact the Safety Office.

-- Thomas Hill, Ph.D., Chair, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Microbiology and Immunology,

tomhill@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-6412

TeraGrid conducts education survey

The TeraGrid organization is conducting a survey on high performance computing needs within the university system. Those researchers interested in participating can find a link to the survey on the UND Computational Research Center web site:

<http://www.crc.und.edu>

-- Aaron Bergstrom, High Performance Computing Specialist, ITSS, aaron.bergstrom@und.edu, 7-2075

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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/8-30-07.pdf>

Featured this month:

- * OIP staff changes
- * International student advising notes
- * USCIS increases fees
- * Study Abroad Fair, application dates and deadlines
- * Thursday Night Cultural Series info and contacts

-- Ray Lagasse, Director, International Programs, raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu, 701.777.2938

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Sign & Design Studio vs. Union Services

Now that classes are in full swing, Union Services and the Sign & Design Studio would like to provide a little "refresher" on the services they each offer.

UNION SERVICES:

Union Services is a full-service copy center providing duplicating, laminating, binding, and facsimile services, as well as check cashing, discount movie tickets, button making, postage stamp sales, Jefferson Bus Line tickets, and newspaper sales to the students, faculty, staff, and guests of the University. Located on the main level of the Memorial Union. Phone, 777-3643; fax, 777-2415 www.union.und.edu/services/unionServices.cfm

SIGN & DESIGN STUDIO:

The Sign & Design Studio is UND's one-stop-shop for designing and printing banners, posters, canvas, large-format digital prints, and much more. We also do large-format laminating and mounting, and have poster display cases for rental. Our staff of graphic designers are trained to assist you with your designing and printing needs. Located on the Main Level of the Memorial Union. Phone, 777-3810; e-mail, signanddesign@und.edu
~ www.union.und.edu/services/signdesign.cfm

We hope this helps clear up some confusion between the two service areas and what they have to offer. Have a great year!

-- Rebecca Slade, Marketing Coordinator, Memorial Union, rebecca.slade@und.edu, 777-3938

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Nominations sought for student Who's Who

The University is seeking student nominations for the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" program, which honors outstanding students on campuses all across the country.

The selection committee, composed of UND faculty, staff, and students, evaluates each applicant on scholarship ability, participation, leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship, service to UND and potential for future achievements.

Each applicant must be currently enrolled at UND and must have a minimum of 60 credits as of the completion of the 2007 summer term. Both graduate and undergraduate students are eligible for the yearly award and past recipients may reapply.

To nominate students, please submit the names and local addresses to Linda Rains, Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, Memorial Union, Stop 8385. All nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. For further information about the nomination or application process, contact Linda Rains by phone at 777-4076 or email at lindarains@mail.und.edu.

-- Linda Rains, Coordinator of Civic Leadership, Memorial Union, lindarains@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4076

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Koberinski named UNDAF student services manager

The UND Aerospace Foundation has named Debbie Koberinski as the student services manager. In her position, Koberinski will manage the international contracts and students associated with UNDAF programs, including travel documentation, university enrollment and resident placement.

Koberinski, a native of Moorhead, Minn., brings an extensive background in customer service and project management to UNDAF. Previously she was the general manager of the Hilton Garden Inn in Grand Forks where she was responsible for the management and day-to-day operations of the full-service hotel. Koberinski and her husband Scott reside in East Grand Forks with their two daughters. -- Aerospace Foundation.

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UND bus to Northwood postponed until city asks for help

The City of Northwood is asking the University to hold off on busing staff, faculty and students to that tornado-ravaged city. Northwood officials say they have had a wealth of help and that at this time they don't need any more until insurance adjusters have had time to assess the damage. Northwood officials say they have greatly appreciated the help of UND's athletic teams and the many other volunteers who have lent a hand over the past eight days. UND officials are in contact with the Northwood mayor's office. When Northwood again seeks help, UND will make buses available and will spread the word to interested faculty, staff and students.

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Volunteers sought for radon study

A new study will look at and compare the amount of radon exposure in people with multiple sclerosis and those without the disease. This project is headed up by Glenn Lykken (physics) in conjunction with the USDA-ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center.

Fifteen people with multiple sclerosis are needed for this study. Another 15 people who do not have multiple sclerosis are needed to be controls for this study, and they will be matched according to age/gender/body composition.

Participants must be 18 or older. Everyone in the study must be able to change clothes, stand alone, walk a short distance into a room, and lie on a bed without help. As part of the study, participants will bring home a canister to measure radon in their homes for 48 hours, answer questionnaires, have blood drawn, and be measured for radioisotopes in a machine called the Whole Body Scintillation Counter.

Participants can earn up to \$50. If you are interested in being part of this study, please call Dorothy Olson, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, at (701) 795-8396.

-- Brenda Ling, Information Officer, USDA-ARS Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, brenda.ling@ars.usda.gov, 795-8300

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Note healthy cooking classes

Check out the Wellness Center's Burnt Toast classes for a new spin on healthy cooking. A variety of classes are offered every week. All classes are offered in the evening with a minimum or no fee!

Sit back and enjoy watching how to cook some of your favorite meals in a healthy way, as well as learning nutritional information about the food you eat and get a sample of the dishes. With classes such as Heart Healthy Cooking and Healthy Cooking with Adele, everyone can find something to tickle their taste buds!

Check out the Wellness Center web site for a complete list of class dates and times.

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

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How do you live? What you wear makes a difference!

Stop in and see our new clothing line at Barnes & Noble at UND that promotes sustainable development in Africa. EDUN is a socially-conscious clothing company launched in spring 2005 by Ali Hewson and Bono with New York clothing designer Rogan Gregory.

EDUN's primary goals are to create beautiful clothes using ethical conditions and to help create long-term sustainable employment in the developing world, particularly sub-Saharan Africa. Stop at Barnes & Noble at UND and ask a bookseller to show you our new line.

-- Michelle Abernathy, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND,
michelle_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2103

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Ray Richards Golf Course lists fall specials

The Ray Richards Golf Course lists faculty, staff and students fall golf specials until the close of the course.

- * Membership pass - unlimited play, \$110
- * Membership pass and cart rental - unlimited play, \$220
- * Membership pass, cart rental and driving range - unlimited play, \$250
- * Regular green fees, \$10 for nine holes, \$20 for 18 holes
- * Cart rental for one seat, \$7 for nine holes, \$12 for 18 holes.

-- Dustin Hetletved, Manager, Ray Richards Golf Course, dustin.hetletved@mail.und.edu, 777-4340

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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: Server Administrator. ITSS, #08-074

DEADLINE: (I) 9/10/2007

SALARY: \$35,000+/year

POSITION: Clinical Research Associate (50% position), Center for Health Promotions, #08-073

DEADLINE: (I) 9/10/2007

SALARY: \$30.00+ /hour

POSITION: Enrollment Services Representative, Enrollment Services #08-072

DEADLINE: (I) 9/10/2007

SALARY: \$30,000+ /year

POSITION: Research Engineer, (50 percent position) Energy & Environmental Research Center, #08-069

DEADLINE: (I) 9/5/2007

SALARY: \$21.36+ /hour

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

POSITION: Head, Special Collections, #07-326

DEADLINE: 7/16/2007 or until filled. (Applications received by July 16 will be given first consideration.)

SALARY: \$58,000 - \$60,000

TETCHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL: No current vacancies.

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Program Secretary, Nursing, #08-071

DEADLINE: (I) 9/06/2007

SALARY: \$22,000+ /year

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, Tuesday through Saturday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.),

Facilities/Wellness Center, #08-070

DEADLINE: (I) 9/06/2007

SALARY: \$17,680+ /year

POSITION: Catering Supervisor (variable schedule), Dining Services, 08-068

DEADLINE: (I) 9/5/2007

SALARY: \$9.00+ /hour

POSITION: Utility Person (variable schedule), Dining Services, #08-067

DEADLINE: (I) 9/5/2007

SALARY: \$8.50+ /hour

POSITION: Cook (Variable hours, flexible weekends), Dining Services, #08-066

DEADLINE: (I) 9/05/2007

SALARY: \$9.50+ /hour

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

Junior Programmer Analyst

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

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IN THE NEWS

Medical School neuroscientist receives grant

A neuroscientist at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences has received a grant totaling nearly \$700,000 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study Alzheimer's disease.

Colin Combs, associate professor of pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics, received an RO1 award from the National Institute on Aging, a division of NIH, to study a particular mechanism in the brain which could play a role in the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

The four-year grant allows Combs to continue research aimed at identifying a target for a specific mechanism he's developed that shows potential to stop or slow the inflammatory changes in the brain which are believed to be involved in Alzheimer's disease.

Combs, who joined the UND medical school in 2000, has been studying the underlying causes of Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases for 18 years. He is a member of an initial group of researchers in the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE), funded through a five-year, \$10.3 million grant from the NIH beginning in 2002. The five-year renewal of the COBRE grant, funded with \$10.1 million from NIH, was announced by the UND medical school earlier this month.

The goal of the COBRE is to build research infrastructure and support young researchers whose work holds great promise in addressing the causes of neurodegenerative diseases, said Jonathan Geiger, COBRE principal investigator and chair and professor of pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics at the medical school. As the quality of their research begins to attract independent external funding, these researchers move off of COBRE and other young researchers receive COBRE support.

Combs is the first COBRE investigator to secure an RO1 grant, a type of grant through which NIH funds the most competitive research laboratories in the country, Geiger said. He represents how the COBRE program, created by NIH to funnel funding to schools that historically have not received substantial federal support for scientific research, is intended to work.

Combs' work is also supported by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

It is estimated that Alzheimer's disease affects more than five million Americans. About 411,000 new cases are diagnosed annually in the United States. -- School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Don Smith

It is with regret that the University reports that Don Smith, former associate dean of the School of Aerospace Sciences, died Sept. 1 in Bemidji, Minn. More information will be included in next week's University Letter.

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Remembering Madeline Vold

Madeline Vold, retired custodian, died Aug. 30 at Valley Eldercare Center, Grand Forks. She was 83.

Vold, the daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Danielson) Avron, was born Dec. 6, 1923 in Harvey, N.D. She grew

up and attended school in Manvel, N.D. She married Oliver Vold Sept. 26, 1940. They lived in East Grand Forks and she worked for UND as a custodian in Plant Services until she retired in 1985.

Vold is survived by her sons: Marty (Phyllis) Vold, Grand Forks, Duane (Dianne) Vold, East Grand Forks, Henry (Helen) Vold, Hibbing, Minn.; sisters: Evelyn (Dick) Schroeder, Grand Forks; , Hazel Klein, Grand Forks, Helen (Armond) Wilkens, Calif.; eight granddaughters, 13 great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver, parents, three brothers, and five sisters.

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