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TOP STORIES

Summer Session enrollment up over last year

More students than ever are attending Summer Sessions at the University of North Dakota. UND's summer enrollment reached 4,626 students, 161 more than the 2006 Summer Session total of 4,465 (an increase of 3.6 percent), according to Registrar Suzanne Anderson.

This is the largest summer enrollment since UND restructured its summer program in 1994. Last year's summer number was the previous high-water mark. UND's Summer Sessions enrollment has increased steadily from

3,264 in 1994.

Greg Weisenstein, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said UND's final summer numbers showed stability across the board and a nice increase in the undergraduate area. The number of freshmen is up nearly 50 percent, 140 students (445 compared to 305 last year, a 45.9 percent increase). There are 1,513 graduate students, compared to 1,473 last year (an increase of 40 or 2.7 percent).

UND also is seeing good growth in the numbers of students from many of its "target" states, showing increases in the numbers of students from Arizona, California, Minnesota (1,185, an increase of 109 or 10.1 percent), Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Of UND's colleges, the School of Engineering and Mines posted the largest increase: 240 students compared to 185 last year, an increase of 55 or 29.7 percent.

"We have created opportunities for students during the summer that we haven't offered in the past," said Weisenstein. "We want UND and the Grand Cities to be a destination for students and participating professionals from around the country during the summer."

"Summertime is the most spectacular time of the year here and I'm delighted to see we're making better and better use of the campus," said President Charles Kupchella. He said that in addition to traditional summer school, there are more than 160 activities -- such as a wide variety of academic and athletic camps for youth -- at UND this summer. Last summer, more than 6,500 were involved in camps and other non-credit programs. Add that to the 4,465 Summer Sessions students, and UND provided opportunities for nearly 11,000 people between mid-May and mid-August 2006.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Farewell reception for Pat Moe is Wednesday, July 11

You are invited to a farewell reception for Pat Moe, administrative secretary in the Department of Electrical Engineering Wednesday, July 11, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Nyquist Lounge next to the School of Engineering and Mines dean's office, first floor, Upson Hall II.

Pat has served as an administrative secretary in the Department of Electrical Engineering for over 28 years, and she is retiring to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Please join us in thanking Pat for her wonderful service to our students, staff, faculty, and alumni through the years.

-- Richard R. Schultz, Chair, Electrical Engineering, RichardSchultz@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4429

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Doctoral examination set for Maureen MacDonald

The final examination for Maureen MacDonald, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 9:30 a.m. Friday, July 6, in Room 207, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Instructional Quality of Part-time Continuing Education Instructors: Factors That Contribute to Positive Student Evaluation." Jason Lane (Educational Leadership) 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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Retirement reception is July 6 for Mary Butzin

The School of Communication invites you to a retirement reception for Mary Butzin, administrative assistant. Mary has served the University for 30 years and the School of Communication for over 11 years. Please join us

Friday, July 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. in 200 O'Kelly Hall 200 to wish her well.

-- *Shelle Michaels, events, communication, shellemichaels@msn.com, 218-779-7271*

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UND Aerospace offers campers introduction to aviation

The John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences is sponsoring the 24th International Aerospace Camp being held July 8-15. Students from across the United States will visit the Grand Forks' facilities to experience real-life situations in the exciting world of aviation in conjunction with a taste of college.

This unique camp is open to teenagers (ages 16-17) and offers aviation enthusiasts a chance to attend ground school, log flight time, and learn about the various careers within the aviation industry. The amount of actual flight training makes this summer adventure unique-the sky becomes a college classroom where students fly and log time with flight instructors with six different launches-simulator session, Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flight, Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight, cross-country flight, night flight, and an aerobatic flight. They also study flight planning in accordance to a structured college curriculum.

They reside in UND residence halls and eat with current students at Wilkerson Hall. "This gives the students a realistic taste of the aviation industry and a university," said Ken Polovitz, assistant dean at the Odegard School. "While flying and classroom activities will remain the focus of the curriculum, the campers will be able to experience what our aviation students experience on a daily basis. The campers will be getting a true taste of college."

For more information about the Aerospace Camps, contact Ken Polovitz at 777-3561, 800-258-1525, or polovitz@aero.und.edu.

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Doctoral examination set for Pamela Walker

The final examination for Pamela Ann Walker, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 9 a.m. Monday, July 9, in Room 208, Education Building. The dissertation title is "The Perceptions of Proteges Regarding the Impact of the North Dakota Teacher Mentoring Program on K-12 Pedagogy." Larry Klundt (Educational Leadership) 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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Doctoral examination set for Laura Zucca

The final examination for Laura Zucca, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching and Learning, is set for 9 a.m. Monday, July 9, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Ready to Fly: Voices of International Graduate Students at the University of North Dakota." 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*

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Doctoral examination set for Lei Ding

The final examination for Lei Ding, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, is set for 2 p.m. Monday, July 9, in Room 1350, Reed Keller Lecture Hall, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The dissertation title is "Altered Signaling by Fibronectin Fragments Creates a Potent Chondrolytic State." Gene Homandberg (Biochemistry) 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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Free smoking cessation class

It's time to save your life! After your last cigarette...

- * In 20 minutes, your heart rate drops.
- * In 12 hours, carbon monoxide levels return to normal.
- * In 2 to 3 weeks, lung function improves.
- * In 2 weeks to 3 months, heart attack risk drops.
- * In 1 to 9 months, coughing and shortness of breath decrease.
- * In 1 year, heart disease risk is reduced.
- * In 5 years, stroke risk is reduced.
- * In 10 years, cancer risk is reduced.
- * In 15 years, heart disease risk is similar to a nonsmoker's.

Your time to quit is today! To help, the UND Work Well program is offering an eight-week tobacco cessation class, which starts Tuesday, July 9, at 4:45 p.m. in the Wellness Center classroom. This class is free to all and includes a free nicotine replacement.

To attend, please contact Theresa Knox, Grand Forks Public Health, at (701) 787-8170 or tknox@grandforksgov.com

For more information on tobacco cessation, visit UND Student Health Promotions at undstudenthealth.com/tobacco.html or call at 777-2097.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Assistant Director for Work Well, Wellness Center, amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

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Doctoral examination set for Jason Hornbacher

The final examination for Jason Douglas Hornbacher, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 5 p.m. Monday, July 9, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Elementary School Administrator Technology Skills and Their Impact on Teacher Technology Integration Competencies." Larry Klundt (Educational Leadership) 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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Summer Graduation Expo is July 10

The Summer Grad Expo will be held Tuesday, July 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the main floor, Memorial Union. A visit to the Expo will be a one-stop information source for students graduating Aug. 3. The registrar's office will be available with a list of students eligible to graduate and will verify addresses for mailing of diplomas. The UND Bookstore and Herff Jones will have regalia, diploma covers, frames, and class rings for purchase and viewing. Financial aid can answer questions about student loan payments. Career Services will assist with any job search. The Alumni Association will explain services to new graduates. Additional information about UND's graduate school, photographers, and catering will also be available. Faculty are invited to attend and check out custom regalia that can be ordered through the Barnes & Noble UND Bookstore. If you have any questions about the Expo, contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events at 777-6393 or e-mail dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu. For more information about Summer Commencement 2007, visit this web page at <http://commencement.und.edu>.

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

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Doctoral examination set for Christie Rood

The final examination for Christie Lynn Rood, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Risk

and Protective Factors Related to Female/Male Use of Alcohol in Grades 7-12." Donald Lemon (Educational Leadership) 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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Doctoral examination set for Alexander Azenkeng

The final examination for Alexander Azenkeng, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Chemistry, is set for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, in 138 Abbott Hall. The dissertation title is "Theoretical Studies of Low-Lying Electronic States of Lithium, Titanium, and Mercury Compounds." Mark Hoffmann (Chemistry) 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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Doctoral examination set for Michael Gallo

The final examination for Michael Paul Gallo, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching and Learning, is set for 2 p.m. Friday, July 13, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is "College Students Diagnosed with ADHD: Insights Into Their Experiences." Glenn Olsen (Teaching and Learning) 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty sought for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and the Division of Continuing Education are seeking faculty to teach various courses for individuals ages 55 and older. These courses are meant to be fun and informal classes that can be taken on the UND campus or perhaps other venues, depending upon the subject matter. Courses typically last two hours per session and run five to six sessions in length. The fall sessions run from Sept. 17 to Oct. 26.

OLLI is a membership-based community of mature adults who love learning and enjoy spending time with like-minded individuals. There are a variety of courses ranging from arts and humanities, literature, computers, and wellness. OLLI is not about grades, tests or credits. OLLI is about exploring new topics, indulging in and sharing personal interests, and making new friends. The University of North Dakota launched OLLI in North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota to extend lifelong learning opportunities to our mature community members.

OLLI is funded in part by the Bernard Osher Foundation, which was founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a respected community leader in San Francisco. The philanthropic organization improves the quality of life for mature residents through post-secondary student scholarships, as well as art, cultural, and educational grants. At present, the Foundation is supporting 101 Osher Institutes on university and college campuses in 46 states. UND is the only campus in the state of North Dakota awarded an OLLI grant.

If you would like to become involved or are interested in teaching a course, please contact Connie Hodgson at 777-4840 or conniehodgson@mail.und.edu

-- Connie Hodgson, Osher Program Specialist, Division of Continuing Education,
conniehodgson@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4840

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Faculty research seed money committee presents awards

The Faculty Research Seed Money Fund, a grassroots faculty initiative at the University, was established in

fiscal year 1999-2000 to help faculty members gather data to strengthen their research proposals to competitive funding organizations such as the National Science Foundation and others.

Forty-seven research seed money proposals were received in March 2007. The proposals were initially reviewed by eight disciplinary area subcommittees. The subcommittees ranked the proposals based on academic strength and the likelihood that information gathered through the projects would make the researchers more competitive in the national funding arena. Attracting more national funding to the University and increasing the level of faculty research at UND are overarching goals of the seed money program. The subcommittees submitted recommendations to the Faculty Research Seed Money Committee which made awards in the amount of \$335,580 at its meeting April 26 as follows:

Basic Medical Sciences

- * James Foster (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), "Palmitoylation, Trafficking and Regulation of the Dopamine Transporter," \$10,570;
- * Hongwei Gao (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology), "Defining the Role of STAT3 Transcription Factor in IgG Immune Complex-Induced Lung Injury," \$40,000;
- * Mikhail Golovki (Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics), "A-Synuclein Effect on Astrocyte Cholesterol Efflux," \$7,870;

Behavioral Sciences

- * Dmitri Poltavski (Center for Health Promotion), "Self-Report and Psychophysiological Gender Differences in Smokers Treated with Three Doses of Transdermal Nicotine in Response to Stress and Smoking Cues," \$18,030;
- * Richard Van Eck and Frank Bowman (Teaching and Learning; Chemical Engineering), "Promoting STEM Inquiry and Problem-Based Learning in Middle and High School Students: Design, Development and Evaluation of a Standards-Based Air Pollution Science Instructional Simulation Game Prototype," \$40,000;

Engineering and Technology

- * Timothy Bigelow (Electrical Engineering), "Pressure Threshold for Vascular Damage from Contrast Agent Excitation in the Developing Fetus," \$28,440;
- * Matthew Cavalli (Mechanical Engineering), "Experimental Data to Support Diffusion Modeling of High-Temperature Alloys," \$20,000;
- * Brian Tande (Chemical Engineering), "Polymer Electrolyte Membranes from Highly Branched Polymers," \$10,000;

Health Sciences

- * Mary Amundson (Center for Rural Health), "Non-Physician Clinician Workforce Study," \$30,000;

Humanities and Fine Arts

- * Gaye Burgess (Theatre Arts), "2008 New York Showcase," \$16,000;
- * William Caraher (History), "Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project," \$8,000;
- * Kimberly Porter (History), "An Oral History Program at UND: A Validity Study," \$2,000;

Mathematics and Natural Sciences

- * Frank Cuozzo (Anthropology), "Using Primate Dental Ecology to Test the Evolutionary Disequilibrium Hypothesis in Madagascar," \$24,180;
- * G. Kanishka Marasinghe (Physics), "Synthesis and Characterization of Novel High-Temperature Superconductors Using High Pressure/High Temperature Techniques," \$26,000;
- * VasyI Tkach (Biology), "Molecular Phylogeny and Evolution of Life Cycles in the Cestode Order Cyclophyllidea,"

\$22,500;

Professional Disciplines

* Yanjun Zuo (Information Systems and Business Education), "Survivability Strategies and Techniques for Mission Critical Information Systems," \$8,500;

Social Sciences

* Abdallah Badahdah (Sociology), "Accessing HIV Care and Adherence to HIV Medication Among Women with AIDS in Jordan," \$23,490.

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

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Sidewalk closes

Due to the close proximity of the parking ramp and the pedestrian sidewalk along University Ave., the UND construction safety officer has requested barricades be placed to close the sidewalk until the work is completed.

-- Craig Swenson, capitol project coordinator, facilities.

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ITSS lists holiday hours

Information Technology Systems and Services closed for the Independence Day holiday, and will reopen at 5 a.m. Thursday, July 5. - ITSS.

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Women's Center closed this week

The Women's Center will be closed through July 6. -- Kay Mendick, Director.

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Results analyzed on health system performance

Following up on last year's national scorecard on the U.S. health system performance, The Commonwealth Fund has developed a state scorecard to assess state variations in key areas of access, quality, hospital use and cost, equity and health outcomes. Results of the state-level comparisons were reviewed and analyzed at a luncheon briefing sponsored by the Fund and the Alliance for Health Reform on June 15. An expert panel addressed these and related questions: Peter Budetti, University of Oklahoma; Christopher Koller, Rhode Island Health Insurance Commissioner; Cathy Schoen, The Commonwealth Fund; and Center for Rural Health Director Mary Wakefield. Presentation materials, including a podcast, are available.

http://allhealth.org/briefing_detail.asp?bi=108

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

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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, HECN, #07-365

DEADLINE: (I) 7/10/2007

SALARY: \$45,000-\$48,000

POSITION: Research Engineer, Energy and Environmental Research Center, #07-360

DEADLINE: (I) 7/06/2007

SALARY: \$45,000-\$55,000

POSITION: Manager, UND Parking Services, #07-361

DEADLINE: (I) 7/06/2007

SALARY: Commensurate with Experience

POSITION: Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Course Manager, Aerospace Sciences #07-358

DEADLINE: (I) 7/06/2007

SALARY: \$50,000-\$70,000

POSITION: Director, Grand Forks Area Teacher Center, 20 hours a week, Education & Human Development, #07-355

DEADLINE: (I) 7/06/2007

SALARY: \$8.65-\$9.62

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

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL: No current vacancies.

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current vacancies.

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE: No current vacancies.

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM POSITION OPENINGS:

Junior Applications Analyst

Office Accountant

Junior Programmer

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