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TOP STORIES

UND graduate tapped as director of Research Enterprise and Commercialization Park

Kevin Cooper, a native North Dakotan with an extensive background in economic development and a University of North Dakota graduate, has been named the first director of the UND Research Foundation's Research Enterprise and Commercialization Park.

The UND Research Foundation (UNDRF) is an independent organization dedicated to supporting the research mission at the University. It is the developer of the \$12 million, 50,000-square-foot research building which will house the Center for Life Sciences and Advanced Technologies. The building will anchor the UNDRF's 19.5 acre Research Enterprise and Commercialization Park.

"The hiring of a director is a key milestone in the development for the research building and the Research Enterprise and Commercialization Park. And we couldn't be happier than to have Kevin Cooper as our first director," said James Petell, UNDRF executive director. "Kevin comes to us with very strong credentials in economic development and jobs creation. We are looking forward to his leadership in these areas as the UND Research Foundation continues to grow."

"It is truly a privilege to have the chance to be a part of this project, which creates significant opportunities in so many different areas. I hope to be able to use my 15-plus years in economic development to accelerate the process of stimulating new life science and advanced technology business development," said Cooper, who since June 2005 has been executive director of the Anne Carlsen Center for Children Foundation in Jamestown, N.D. There the Portland, N.D.-area native was responsible for development strategy and management, and serving on the senior leadership team.

The funding for the position comes from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, which awarded UNDRF a \$550,000, three-year grant to help put in place the operational infrastructure for the research facility. "We felt really good to be a part of an opportunity to play a role in helping Grand Forks grow," said Anne Corrison, Knight Foundation program director for Grand Forks, Aberdeen, S.D., and Wichita, Kan.

A 1993 UND graduate with a master of business administration and a graduate of Mayville State College with a bachelor of science in business administration, Cooper served five years as chief executive officer of the Jamestown/Stutsman Development Corporation in Jamestown. He developed and implemented strategies leading to growth of primary sector manufacturing, ag-processing, and national service industries. He also initiated a Manufacturers Roundtable, Ag Opportunity Day, and packaged financing for several business expansions and startups, and conducted recruitment activities resulting in location of three ventures. He played a prominent role in a major expansion of the Goodrich Corp.

He spent the another five years as executive director of Hazen Community Development in Hazen, N.D. There he led the start-up of a community economic development program and played a critical role in recruitment of four businesses and the start-up or expansion of 15 businesses. He also organized and promoted passage of a local sales tax to fund economic development, facilitated establishment of a high-value agriculture program, and developed innovative rural housing projects.

Cooper got his start in economic development as a marketing consultant at the UND Center for Innovation, where he spent three years conducting marketing/management audits for clients, preparing business and marketing plans, and coordinating the statewide outreach of the North Dakota SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) program.

In his new role, Cooper will manage the UNDRF's research building and Research Enterprise and Commercialization Park, located on the UND campus at the intersection of 42nd St. N. and DeMers Ave. The research building is designed as a home for UND research ventures partnering with outside companies that want to link their financial muscle with the University's intellectual capital.

The building and the research park are intended to aid the commercialization of the intellectual property (IP) created across all of the colleges and schools of the University. UNDRF will also help engage the community and state to form partnerships and businesses that will lead to economic growth within the community and the state of North Dakota.

Petell also announced that Jim Melland, general manager with Surefoot Corporation, Grand Forks, is the new UNDRF chairman of the board. Melland has an extensive background in economic development. Other board members besides Melland and Petell (a non-voting member) include: David Coleal, president and COO, Cirrus Design of Duluth, Minn., and Grand Forks; Michael Devine, vice president for corporate development and operations manager, Alion Science & Technology, Mt. Arlington, N.J.; Bob Gallagher, vice president for finance and operations (non-voting member); UNDRF secretary-treasurer John Jasper, president and CEO, SEI Information Technology, Oak Brook, Ill.; President Charles Kupchella (non-voting member); and John Langstaff, president & CEO, Cangene Corporation, Winnipeg.

Another announcement was an updated timeline for the research building, the home of the Center of Excellence for Life Sciences and Advanced Technologies. The Center, which received \$3.5 million from Gov. John Hoeven's Centers of Excellence for Economic Development program and \$500,000 from the Grand Forks City Growth Fund, should be ready for occupancy in December 2007, said Petell.

The park is right on the western edge of campus. "Three things about that location make it valuable for our research park," said Petell, UND director of technology transfer and commercialization and a former corporate research leader who has numerous patents to his credit. "First, it's next to the UND central campus; second, it complements the Center for Innovation and Skalicky Tech Incubator on the same site; and third, it shows high tech being developed into a park-like setting complete with the hotel for business partners (with high-tech, multipurpose facilities nearby)."

The research park is an extension of the premise behind the creation of the research foundation.

"We asked ourselves how to take into the marketplace intellectual property developed at the University or in joint research relationships with corporate partners and, most importantly, keep it in North Dakota," Petell said.

"This type of facility would be unique in this area - there isn't one now - and would facilitate the commercialization of IP. Further, by forming companies based in North Dakota, it provides tremendous career opportunities for students to remain in North Dakota in high-paying, high-tech corporate jobs rather than go out of state."

Currently, six companies (Avianax, NovaDigm, Agragen, Prologic and Borders, Alion, Inc., and Ideal Aerosmith) representing four life sciences and advanced technologies clusters are designing research and office space that meet their needs. Most of the companies are coming from out of state to work with UND faculty on research projects or develop relationships for student intern programs. One of the life sciences company, Avianax, was jointly formed with UNDRF in North Dakota last year.

Petell said some of these partnerships would not have been possible without the Red River Research Corridor established by U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan. Petell praised Dorgan for his strong support of UND's research mission.

The research park multiplies opportunities, said Petell: "You get economic development for both Grand Forks and UND, including investment in research and in the new companies and new professional jobs to go with them."

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Atmospheric science faculty candidate to give seminar April 3

Ronald Calhoun, an atmospheric science faculty candidate, will present a seminar, "Combined Sensor and Modeling Approaches for Environmental Flows" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in 134 Ryan Hall.

The trend toward increasing population in urban areas, as seen, for example, in the growth of the number of "mega cities," creates new opportunities for social and commercial interaction, but also new and unique vulnerabilities. The management or solution of some of these challenges, such as those associated with air pollution, depends upon an improved understanding of the mechanisms of exposure and their fluid mechanical underpinnings. Innovations in sensor technology and computational modeling increasingly allow an intermingling of the two approaches. Recent advances in remote sensing of atmospheric flows and corresponding efforts to build optimal interpretations of the data will be explored. Current atmospheric measurement campaigns and applications from catastrophe management, biosolid disposal, and human health will be discussed. Remote sensing technology and computational processing, as well as unique aspects of ASU's coherent Doppler lidar system will be described. A range of numerical algorithms to interpret or assimilate data from modern sensors will be discussed. For example, velocity vectors have been deduced from single and dual scanned planes of lidar data during the Joint Urban Dispersion Experiment (JU2003). Several ongoing collaborations for the assimilation of data using 4DVAR (four-dimensional data assimilation) will be presented. The efficacy of methods to retrieve dissipation of turbulent kinetic energy will be analyzed - with emphasis on appropriate satisfaction of underlying assumptions from classical turbulence theory.

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

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Attend "Understanding White Privilege" tonight

Clifford Staples (professor of sociology) and Steven Verney (assistant professor of psychology at University of New Mexico) will facilitate "Understanding White Privilege" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union.

- Learn about the persistence of white privilege.
- Discuss the need to strive for racial justice.
- Discover and discuss different perspectives on white privilege.

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Global Visions film series continues

The sixth film of this season's Global Visions film series, "Take My Eyes" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. It is free and open to the public.

"Take My Eyes" is the award-winning film by Spanish film director Iciar Bollain, an exceptional, multi-award-winning Spanish drama that tackles a difficult subject — abusive marriage. Granted, some husbands are victims, but marriages like the one between Pilar (Laia Marull) and Antonio (Luis Tosar) are statistically far more common. After nine years of riding a marital roller-coaster of mutual devotion punctuated by manipulative threats and sudden beatings, Pilar escapes into the night with her 7-year-old son, seeking sanctuary in the home of her sister. Within seconds, Antonio is outside, begging forgiveness and promising to change while huffing and puffing like a Big Bad Wolf.

But where "Raging Bull" showed us a primitive brute beating his wife out of Neanderthal impulse, director Iciar Bollain (working from a screenplay she co-wrote with Alicia Luna) takes her extraordinary actors into a more universal realm of marital erosion, almost unfathomable in its emotional complexity. In charting this treacherous territory, Bollain maintains pitch-perfect focus on developments that can't be predicted. Family, friends, work and even physical location (the walled city of Toledo) emphasize a sense of entrapment in a perpetual cycle of abuse and apology.

"Take My Eyes" won the 2004 Goya (Spain's Oscar) for best film, director, actor, actress and screenplay. Tosar and Marull received best actor and first-runner-up best actress at the 2004 Seattle International Film Festival.

The Global Visions Film Series is sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and the Anthropology Club, and is organized by Marcia Mikulak. The series is funded by the Multicultural Awareness Committee.

-- Marcia Mikulak, Assistant Professor, Anthropology, marcia.mikulak@und.nodak.edu, 777-4718

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Mile of Quarters campaign is April 10-12

The University's police department, along with the Criminal Justice Association, seeks supporters for its Mile of Quarters campaign. A booth will be set-up in the Memorial Union April 10–12 for people to purchase a foot of quarters (\$3) or a yard of quarters (\$9). Money raised will be donated through the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) program for Special Olympics North Dakota (SOND). The goal is to raise one mile of quarters which equals 63,360 quarters and to beat NDSU in achieving this goal.

Please inform the students in each of your classes and join them in supporting SOND by stopping by the booth any time from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Every quarter counts! This is the first time this event is being held in North Dakota and the first time with Special Olympics ND LETR. UND Chief Czapiewski says, "Our department is responsible for the safety of the students and staff. This event is a good way to foster a relationship that heightens awareness of the goals of the campus law enforcement and at the same time raise money and awareness to showcase the abilities and talents of children and adults with intellectual disabilities."

For more information, contact UND Chief Czapiewski at 777-3491.

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National Public Health Week is through April 8

"Take the First Step! Preparedness and Public Health Threats: Addressing the Unique Needs of the Nation's Vulnerable Populations" is the theme for this year's National Public Health Week, which runs through April 8.

Despite growing health risks and a host of awareness campaigns, studies show Americans remain largely unprepared for public health emergencies. To meet the health needs of the Greater Grand Forks community, the Department of Family and Community Nursing has planned several projects.

In Grand Forks, community health students, led by instructor Amy Knutson, are working with the Public Health Department to organize outreach events during National Public Health Week. These students focus efforts toward helping the elderly population evaluate their level of preparedness in the event of a disaster. Students will provide education as to how to become better prepared in case of such an event.

The outreach events are scheduled to take place at the local Senior Citizens Center as well as an assisted living facility. In addition to education, attendees will have the opportunity to register for a door prize; students have gathered supplies donated by community businesses to put together a "Disaster Preparedness Kit."

"All nursing students have the opportunity to assess a community, or special population within a community, for their assets and needs related to various health issues" shares Liz Tyree, chair of the Family and Community Nursing department.

Public health efforts also extend to the rural communities. Senior community health students, working with Tyree, have studied the response of the Northwood community in assisting evacuees from Grand Forks during the 1997 flood. In addition, these students have assessed the Northwood community's capacity to handle a similar "surge" of individuals needing assistance during a disaster today.

In the coming weeks these 10 students will drill a bomb threat and a decontamination at the Northwood Deaconess Health Center, a combined hospital and nursing home facility with an adjoining Community Health Center.

In 1995, former President Bill Clinton proclaimed the first full week of April as National Public Health Week. Each year since then, the public health community has focused on issues that are important to improving the public's health. Every year, the American Public Health Association serves as the organizer of this week, and develops a national campaign to educate the public, policy makers and practitioners about issues related to the theme. For additional information, please visit their web site at www.nphw.com

-- *Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Coordinator, College of Nursing, beckycournia@mail.und.edu, 777-4526*

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Physics colloquium is April 4

The Department of Physics will present "Simulations for Multi-Object Spectrograph Planet Surveys" by Stephen Kane (University of Florida) at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, in 211 Witmer Hall. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall. The public is invited.

Of all the methods used for the detection of extra-solar planets, the radial velocity technique is still the dominant source of extra-solar planet discoveries. The development of multi-object spectrographs for use in

radial velocity surveys is expected to further increase the detection rate of extra-solar planets by at least an order of magnitude. The dramatic increase in data acquisition requires that a robust method be developed which is able to adequately screen the data for planet candidates. Kane will present simulations of the expected results from a generic multi-object survey based on calculated noise models and sensitivity for the instrument and the known distribution of exoplanetary system parameters. Code has been developed for automatically sifting and fitting the planet candidates produced by the survey to allow for fast follow-up observations to be conducted. Considering the expected high number of hot Jupiters from the survey, a transit ephemeris is automatically calculated by the radial velocity code for each candidate and updated when new data becomes available. Early photometric follow-up of planet candidates during the predicted transit windows will indicate whether or not the planet's orbit is favorably inclined for a transit signature to be visible. The techniques presented here may be applied to a wide range of radial velocity planet surveys.

-- Connie Cicha, Administrative Secretary, Physics, connie_cicha@und.nodak.edu, 7-2911

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Center for Community Engagement invites campus community to open house

The Center for Community Engagement announces a Spring Open House 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, to welcome the campus community to our new location at 317 Cambridge Street. The Center, launched in September of 2004, relocated between semesters from O'Kelly Hall to the former home of the Native American Center. Its mission is to link campus resources with community needs through experiential and service learning as well as public scholarship. Stop for a cup of coffee or hot cocoa and find out about the resources we have available. Please see our web site for additional information about the Center at

www.communityengagement.und.edu

-- Lana Rakow, Director, Center for Community Engagement, iana.rakow@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-2287

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Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn is April 4

Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn presents "The Yellow Dress," a dramatic one-woman play about dating violence at noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave.

"The Yellow Dress" follows the story of a young woman who warmly tells us of her relationship with her boyfriend. It is a relationship that begins full of passion and promise, but ends in sheer tragedy.

A free lunch is provided. The event is sponsored by the Women's Center.

-- Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center, undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 777-4302

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute open house is April 4

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Division of Continuing Education will offer a free open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, for individuals aged 55 and better who are interested in fun, informal classes that will be offered on the UND campus. The open house will take place at the Skalicky Tech Incubator on the UND campus with a presentation beginning at 5 p.m.

Attendees will learn about new UND courses designed for mature, lifelong learners as well as preview digital photography, wellness, and art courses. Participants will be able to make new friends in a learning community of their peers, receive priority registration for free spring courses, and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

If you or someone you know loves learning, growing, and making new friends; please stop by and visit with us at the open house. Call 777-4269 to RSVP.

-- Jennifer Aamodt, Certificate Program Coordinator, Continuing Education,

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Indian taco, frybread sale April 4

The University's Indian Association is sponsoring an Indian Taco and Frybread Sale from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the American Indian Student Services Center. Money is being raised for the 38th annual Time Out Week celebration and Pow Wow April 16-22. Indian tacos are \$5 and frybread, \$3. Pick-up and delivery orders can be made by calling 777-2321. Please come, enjoy and help support UNDIA.

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Kick Butts Day is April 4

Wednesday, April 4 is Kick Butts Day! Join Student Health Promotion for this annual event of leadership and activism in the fight against tobacco. It is also a day for individual tobacco users to choose to quit using tobacco and for those who choose not to use tobacco to support friends and family members in quitting and kicking butts!

On Tuesday, April 3, in order to help you prepare for Kick Butts Day, Student Health Promotion will have displays and free items, including free Quit Kits, at the Memorial Union from 8 a.m. to noon; at Wilkerson Hall, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the Wellness Center, 4 to 8 p.m. There will also be opportunities to enter a drawing for movie passes and food court gift certificates.

You are also invited to a press conference at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the UND Wellness Center, 801 Princeton St. President Kupchella will make an announcement on the UND tobacco-free campus initiative.

-- Cheryl Stolz, GSA, Student Health Promotion, cheryl.stolz@und.edu, 7-2097

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Doctoral examination set for Linda Davis

The final examination for Linda Davis, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 5, in room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Professional Development and Participation in the Tri-City Middle Level Institute." Angela Koppang (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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Student Employment Appreciation Week is April 8-14

The week of April 8–14 has been designated as Student Employment Week. The observance of this week provides an opportunity for employers, as educators, to recognize the many valuable contributions student employees make to our campus, and to emphasize the benefits of the student employment program to our students. Please say "thank you" to your student employees (a special treat or lunch is nice).

-- Deanna Melby, Administrative Federal Work Study Clerk, Student Financial Aid,

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Grand Forks Public Health holds "Freedom from Smoking" classes

Interested in quitting smoking? Grand Forks Public Health invites you to attend the "Freedom from Smoking" program. Classes will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, on the third floor, Grand Forks County Office building, 151 S. 4th St. These classes are free for all UND employees and students, including up to \$100 in Nicotine Replacement Therapy. For more information or to register for the program, contact Theresa Knox at tknox@grandforksgov.com or 701-787-8140.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Coordinator of Wellness, Wellness Center, amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

CIO candidate will give talk April 10

Lynn Kubeck, a candidate for the position of chief information officer, will visit campus Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11. She will give a public presentation at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, in 305 Twamley Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Kubeck is presently a higher education information technology consultant. From 2001 to 2004, she was a senior IT executive with CampusWorks in Sarasota, Fla.; she served as CIO and associate provost at University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., from 1998 to 2001. Before that, she served as assistant vice president and CIO at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., from 1996 to 1998. She has also served as director of computing and IT services at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, manager of computing and telecommunications services at Purdue University's Calumet Campus in Hammond, Ind., and worked as a consultant in Chicago. She has taught courses in information systems, systems analysis and design, information engineering, and computer science at Purdue University Calumet, Old Dominion, University of the Pacific, and California State University.

She holds an MBA from Krannert School of Management at Purdue University, and a bachelor of science in computer science, also from Purdue.

To view her resume, please visit <http://www.und.edu/ciosearch/> . – Victoria Beard (associate provost), chair, search committee.

Free airplane rides available at EAA's Young Eagles fly-in

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1342 invites the community to participate in the eighth annual Young Eagles Fly-In from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Crookston Municipal Airport, Crookston, Minn. Free airplane rides will be available for children between the ages of 8 and 17. Children must be accompanied by a legal guardian to fly.

The whole family may partake in other activities, including a barbeque with refreshments, display aircraft, PC flight simulator, and a paper glider contest.

For more information, contact Joe Schneider, EAA president, at (218)230-4272. For more information about this event, visit www.eaa.aero.und.edu. For more information on EAA's Young Eagles program, visit www.youngeagles.org.

In case of rain, the fly-in will be held Sunday, April 15.

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

Cartoonist, author presents visual lecture on comics and technology

Scott McCloud, cartoonist and author, will give a visual lecture on comics and technology at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Following the presentation there will be a book signing, sponsored by Barnes & Noble.

McCloud, a cartoonist and a leading popular scholar of comics as a distinct literary and artistic medium, was born in Boston, Mass. He created the light-hearted science fiction/superhero comic book series Zot! in 1984. It

became a cult classic. His other print comics include Destroy!!, the graphic novel "The New Adventures of Abraham Lincoln," and 12 issues writing DC Comics' Superman Adventures.

He is best known as a comics theorist, following the publication in 1993 of "Understanding Comics," a wide-ranging exploration of the definition, history, vocabulary, and methods of the medium of comics, itself done in comics form. As the most ambitious book on the subject to date, it sparked considerable discussion among comic creators and readers, and is now widely considered one of the definitive works about the medium of comics. He followed in 2000 with the more controversial "Reinventing Comics" (also in comics form), in which he outlined 12 "revolutions" that he argued would be keys to the growth and success of comics as a popular and creative medium. Finally, in 2006, he released "Making Comics." Following "Making Comics" publication, he went on a tour with his family, which includes all 50 states, and parts of Europe (with a stop in Grand Forks).

He was one of the earliest promoters of web comics as a distinct variety of comics. McCloud has an active online presence with his web site where he publishes many of his ongoing experiments with comics produced specifically for the web. Among the techniques he explores in his online work is the "infinite canvas" permitted by a web browser, allowing panels to be spatially arranged in ways not possible in the finite, two-dimensional, paged format of a physical comic book.

In 1990, McCloud coined the idea of a 24-hour comic, a complete 24-page comic created by a single cartoonist in 24 consecutive hours. It was a mutual challenge with cartoonist Steve Bissette, intended to compel creative output with a minimum of self-restraining contemplation. Thousands of cartoonists have since taken up the challenge.

McCloud will meet informally with students at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 19, in the art department, Hughes Fine Arts Center. All are welcome.

For more information on Scott McCloud, visit his web site at www.scottmccloud.com.

For more information regarding the presentation contact Lucy Ganje, associate professor, art/graphic design, 777-2670 or lucy_ganje@und.nodak.edu.

The presentation is sponsored by the art department, office of instructional development and the Harley Straus Visiting Photographer/Artists Fund.

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Forum brings together American Indian researchers

The fifth annual American Indian Research Forum will take place Thursday, April 19, at the Memorial Union.

Sponsored by the Center for Rural Health, this free event will feature nationally known speakers in the area of American Indian health research, oral and poster presentations featuring American Indian populations by students and researchers, and discussions of new ways to develop American Indian research opportunities.

Keynote speakers for the day-long event include:

* Darryl Tonemah currently works with the National Institutes of Health on diabetes prevention and lifestyle change research among Indian populations, and is the director of Health Promotion Programs at the University of Oklahoma. He also works with Native groups across the United States and Canada promoting health and wellness. He is an enrolled member of the Kiowa, Comanche and Tuscarora Nations.

* Carole Anne Heart is the executive director of the Tribal Chairmen's Health Board where she administers programs to serve the health needs of tribal people residing in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa representing 17 reservations and two urban health clinics, serving approximately, 200,000 Indian people. She is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Sicangu Lakota) /Yankton Sioux (Ihanktowan Dakota) Nations.

For a complete schedule and to register online, visit: <http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/airf/>

"The forum provides a venue to share current research activities concerning health risk and health promotion among Native American communities," said Jacque Gray, assistant professor at the Center for Rural Health, and chair of the planning committee. "This will also give us an excellent opportunity to develop possible research collaborations for future projects."

The American Indian Research Forum is sponsored by the Center for Rural Health at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences in coordination with the UND Indian Association Annual Time-Out Week.

The following UND organizations and departments have provided additional financial contributions: Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), Center for Rural Health, National Resource Center for Native American Aging, Research Development and Compliance, School of Medicine and Health Sciences Research and Program Development, Center of Excellence in Women's Health and School of Medicine and Health Sciences Office of the Dean.

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Dinosaur guru Jack Horner to present two talks

The Department of Geology and Geological Engineering is proud to present dinosaur paleontologist extraordinaire Jack Horner (Museum of the Rockies, Montana State University). Dr. Horner will give two talks on Friday, April 20, one at 3 p.m. in 100 Leonard Hall, and the other in the evening at the EERC. The first talk, "Digging Dinosaurs Around the World," is open seating. The second at the EERC is a geology banquet to which students, faculty, and the public are invited. Tickets cost is \$15. They can be reserved through the GGE office, 101 Leonard Hall, 777-2248, by April 7. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. The evening talk is "Why Dinosaurs Changed Their Stripes: How Skull Shape Changes Dictate Behavior." GGE LEEPS (Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science) lectures are sponsored by GGE alumni and office of the vice president for research for the educational development of our students, faculty, and others wishing to attend. Please visit www.und.nodak.edu/instruct/jhartman/ for GGE seminars presented this year.

-- Joseph Hartman, Associate Professor, Geology and Geological Engineering, joseph_hartman@und.edu, 701-777-5055

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Pediatrics department hosts genetics conference

The Department of Pediatrics School of Medicine and Health Sciences will host a conference on genetic disorders in children April 23-24 at the Fargo Ramada Inn. The conference, "Hearing Hoofbeats and Thinking Zebras: Screening, Testing and Management of Children with Genetic Disorders," will focus on North Dakota's newborn screening program as well as the diagnosis, treatment and management of infants who have been identified as having Smith-Lemli-Opitz Syndrome (SLOS) or other metabolic disorders.

The program is intended for primary health care providers, especially family physicians, pediatricians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, but parents and the general public also are welcome. One of the highlights will be a panel of parents who will describe how they have dealt with the health care system.

Discussions also will focus on legislative impacts and diagnostic approaches.

Invited speakers are Cathy Breedon, clinical nutrition specialist at MeritCare Health System, Fargo; Cheryl Greenberg, head of the department of pediatrics and child health, and a clinical geneticist at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg; Bryan Hall, former chief of genetics and dysmorphology at the University of Kentucky, Lexington; John Martsof, professor of pediatrics and director of the Division of Medical Genetics at the UND medical school; and Susan Sparks, pediatrician and clinical biochemical geneticist at the Children's National Medical Center, Washington, D.C. By law, every infant born in North Dakota is screened for 37 disorders, some of which "are difficult to treat or must be treated quickly" to avoid sickness, death or potentially serious, lifelong consequences, according to Martsof. "It is important that front-line, primary care health providers know what to do if they have a patient who's been detected with a disorder from the newborn screen," he said. "Proper emergency management of children with metabolic disorders is critical."

Martsof, North Dakota's only clinical geneticist, says conference participants will also explore how the state's newborn screening program and methods of follow-up are working. The event also will provide a forum for discussing the resources available in North Dakota for these children.

The title of the conference, "Hearing Hoofbeats and Thinking Zebras," refers to the need for health care providers, when presented with common signs and symptoms, to think of the unusual or uncommon possibilities in forming a diagnosis, Martsof said.

The event is supported by significant grants from the Dakota Medical Foundation of Fargo and the Cullen Children's Foundation of West Fargo.

Physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and social workers may earn continuing education credits.

For more information or to register, contact Jayne Brown in the Department of Pediatrics at 777-4276 or jbrown@medicine.nodak.edu or visit: www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/peds/genetics/ and click on the zebra in the lower left corner.

The Dakota Medical Foundation, based in Fargo, focuses its efforts on improving access to medical and dental care. Since its inception in 1995, the Foundation has invested over \$26.5 million in more than 270 non-profit organizations to help them measurably improve health and access to health care. For more information, see www.dakmed.org.

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

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NSF CAREER proposal and grant seminar is April 27

ND EPSCoR will sponsor an NSF CAREER Proposal and Grant Seminar Friday, April 27, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 10/12, Swanson Hall.

The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards for outstanding junior faculty early in their independent professional careers. For this reason, NSF EPSCoR makes the CAREER Program its top priority for co-funding. With NSF CAREER proposals due in July, now is the time for junior faculty to begin strategizing and crafting their proposal outlines.

A panel of CAREER award winners at UND since 2001 will discuss their experiences with writing NSF grant proposals, managing their laboratories, and participating in the NSF proposal review process. Awardees from

Biology, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Physics, and Space Studies will serve on the panel. Ample time will be provided to answer questions from the audience, and the panelists will be available for one-on-one meetings with the attendees during the last hour of the seminar. Although this session is open to all, recently hired faculty and their department chairs are especially encouraged to attend.

More specific NSF CAREER program information may be found at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5262

Questions or suggestions for the seminar may be forwarded to Richard Schultz at 777-4429 or RichardSchultz@mail.und.nodak.edu.

To assure your place in the seminar and to aid ND EPSCoR in planning for the event, please RSVP to ND EPSCoR at 777-2492 or Carla_kellner@und.nodak.edu

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

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Nominate students for Memorial Union Leadership Awards

Nominations for the Memorial Union Outstanding Student Leader Award, Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award, and Outstanding Student Organization Award are now available online at www.union.und.edu. You are strongly encouraged to nominate student leaders, organization advisors, or student organizations who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service.

The Outstanding Student Leader Award recognizes students who have exhibited exemplary leadership skills through their campus involvement, volunteer efforts, on-campus employment, or other life experiences. These nominees do not need to hold an elected office in a student organization.

The Outstanding Student Advisor Award recognizes student organization advisors for their commitment and dedication to students and their campus involvement.

The Outstanding Student Organization Awards recognize student organizations that have contributed in a significant way to the University and Grand Forks community over the past year. Nominations for this award should come from members of the organization.

Recipients will be honored at the Memorial Union Leadership Awards reception Friday, April 27.

Nominations need to be submitted online at www.union.und.edu and are due Wednesday, April 4, by 4:30 p.m. Leadership award policies are available on the Memorial Union web site at www.union.und.edu.

For more information, contact me.

-- Cassie Gerhardt, Coordinator of Greek Life, Memorial Union, cassiegerhardt@mail.und.edu, 777-3667

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An "Evening with Children's Art" fundraiser is April 28

The University Children's Center will host the first annual "Evening with Children's Art" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Skalicky Tech Center. The event showcases young children's art, as well as donated pieces from local artists that will be sold through silent auction. The public is invited and all proceeds will benefit programs at the Children's Center.

Children ages 2-5 attending UCC have been working on art pieces with Grand Forks artist, Kim Dohrman. The children in each group learned about different artists and artistic techniques and then tried out techniques for themselves. Examples of the techniques used include collage, scissor cutting and pointillism. Each child's art piece will be professionally framed and displayed for families and the community to view.

Co-chairs for the event are former UCC director Mae Marie Blackmore and UCC parent Marci Glessner.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the University Children's Center at 525 Stanford Road; call -777-3947 for more information. The event is open to the public and is sponsored by the Office of Work Force Development, Residence Services, College of Education and Human Development, College of Nursing, College of Arts and Sciences, Second Street Puppets, Art & Learn, and Michael's Crafts.

-- Jo-Anne Yearwood, Director, University Childrens Center, joanneyearwood@mail.und.edu, 777-3947

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please return policies memorandum by April 4

The annual policies notification information recently mailed to all employees was sent to comply with requirements by North Dakota Risk Management and the State Board of Higher Education. It is important that you read these policies and acknowledge that you understand them by returning the UND memorandum with your signature. You are asked to keep the policies notification information flyer. The memorandum is due back to the Office of Human Resources or to your department HR manager April 4. If you have not returned your signed statement, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your copy, one can be accessed at www.humanresources.und.edu under policies or forms or by contacting human resources at 777-4361. - Diane Nelson, director, human resources.

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Nominations sought for Governors Award for Excellence in Public Service

The COSE web site is set up to receive nominations for the Governors Award for Excellence. Last year UND had one nomination; we need more from UND. The nominations can be sent via fax on a Acrobat fill-able form on the COSE web site or submitted electronically. Special Note: If when filling out the electronic form you accidentally hit enter or submit the form, just select and click on the back button on your web browser; it will back you up to finish your entry for re-submitting your form.

The site is: <http://www.nd.gov/cose/gaward.htm>

This format must be followed for the nomination to be accepted. No multi-party nominations will be accepted.

2007 Governors Award for Excellence in Public Service Instructions

State employees may be nominated for the Governors Awards for Excellence in Public Service by fellow employees, supervisors, or other interested individuals for their accomplishments and contributions in the past year only, not over several years. The nominations received will be judged on specific examples of the suggested information for each of the items listed below which are weighed equally by the judges on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high) for Sections A1 through A4 and on a scale of 1 to 5 for Section B:

A. Contributions made in the workplace:

1. Nominee's job performance throughout the year

- * Consistently produces high-quality work under all circumstances
- * Gives extra effort to complete a job or to share a heavy workload
- * Serves on committees and contributes to their success
- * Volunteers to work on special projects

2. Valuable contributions or services provided by the nominee to their department over and above their core job requirements:

- * Integrates information or equipment for greater efficiency or use
- * Works to eliminate unnecessary actions or steps for delivering services
- * Develops procedures minimizing customer time and resource usage
- * Develops new work strategies to reduce waste and save time and money

3. Nominee's working relationships with the public and with other departments:

- * Helps others beyond general job requirements
- * Receives unsolicited thank you or appreciation letters for work done
- * Is exceptionally courteous, even tempered, and cooperative

4. Nominee's working relationship with fellow workers:

- * Helps others beyond requirements of job
- * Contributes to a team-oriented, supportive working environment
- * Is always friendly, courteous, and cooperative

Subtotal Points (40 possible)

B. Contributions made to the whole community:

- * Service to professional organizations
- * Volunteer work
- * Service to civic, religious, school, veteran, or other groups

Subtotal Points (5 possible)

Total Points (45 maximum)

Category:

Executive/Administration/

Professional

Technical/Paraprofessional

Office Support

Trades/Craft

Services

Nomination deadline: Friday, Aug. 10, 2007. Thank you. -- Douglas Osowski, information technology support specialist II, facilities, dougosowski@mail.und.nodak.edu; phone, 777-6809; fax, 777-3071.

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UND Senate seeks five faculty/staff members for "Dead Week" committee

I have been asked as chair of the UND Senate to announce that a student-originated committee associated with UND Student Government is seeking up to five faculty/staff members from the UND Senate to participate on a

committee in 2007-08 to examine the pros/cons of UND having a "Dead Week." This would be a week immediately prior to the start of the final exam period in which only limited assignments would be done and due. A number of institutions of higher education have time periods similar to "Dead Week," including NDSU. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Valerie Johnson at Valerie.Johnson@und.edu. Thanks for your help! -- Douglas Munski, chair, UND Senate.

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Beyond Boundaries Conference seeks proposals

The University of North Dakota and the Conference Planning Committee invite you to present at the sixth annual Beyond Boundaries: Integrating Technology into Teaching and Learning Conference Oct. 4 and 5, at the Memorial Union.

The Conference Planning Committee is currently accepting proposals for:

- * 60-minute concurrent sessions, as well as
 - * technology tidbits, seven-minute oral poster session featuring the latest technology being used in classrooms.
- We encourage you to share your knowledge, research and experience with other faculty, administrators and students in the region by submitting a proposal.

We are introducing a new format for proposals. "Birds of a Feather" discussions will take place during lunch, and this will be your opportunity to visit with a small group of people about your ideas.

The Beyond Boundaries Conference seeks to:

- * promote and encourage discussion about innovative practices using technology in teaching and learning
- * offer networking opportunities for higher education professionals in the region
- * discuss current successes and challenges involved in integrating technology for effective teaching and learning in higher education
- * Share current research and gain skills that are helpful in integrating technology in teaching and learning

Participants may be:

- * Higher education faculty from all disciplines
- * Higher education administrators
- * Curriculum designers and online course developers
- * Distance education professionals
- * Instructional and information technology support specialists
- * Student service representatives
- * Librarians
- * Undergraduate and graduate level students
- * Individuals interested in integrating technology into teaching and learning

For more information on how to submit a proposal, please visit www.beyondboundaries.info.

You may also contact the Office of Conference Services at 777-2663 or toll free at 866-579-2663, or e-mail conferences@mail.und.nodak.edu [subject: Beyond Boundaries].

All proposals must be submitted online and are due Monday, April 9. We look forward to reviewing your proposals. The event is planned and sponsored by the University of North Dakota.

-- Robyn von Ruden, Conference Coordinator, Division of Continuing Education,
robynvonruden@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4274

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Library of the Health Sciences lists Easter break hours

The Library of Health Sciences hours for the Easter break follow: Thursday, April 5, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, April 6, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 7, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, April 8, closed; Monday, April 9, 8 a.m. to midnight.

-- April Byars, Administrative Assistant, Library of the Health Sciences, abyars@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-3893

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Easter weekend hours listed for Law Library

Easter weekend hours for the Law Library follow: Friday, April 6, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, April 8, closed; Monday, April 9, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

-- Jane Oakland, Circulation Manager, Law Library, oakland@law.und.edu, 7-3482

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ITSS lists holiday hours

Information Technology Systems and Services will close for the Good Friday holiday at midnight Thursday, April 5, and will reopen at 5 a.m. Saturday, April 7.

ITSS will close for the Easter Sunday holiday at midnight Saturday, April 7, and will reopen at 5 a.m. Monday, April 9. -- Craig Cerkowniak, associate director, ITSS.

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Employees may enroll in courses at low cost

For just \$10.95 per credit hour, benefited employees may enroll in University classes. You may take up to three academic courses each calendar year, and may be granted work-release time for one academic class per school session after receiving approval from your supervisor for release time during working hours. You can continue your education, earn a degree, or improve your skills. Staff members may work toward a degree; faculty may take courses for credit. Both faculty and staff members may audit courses. New employees may also take a course while on probation.

You can choose from hundreds of courses, ranging from management and sciences to languages and music, from exercise and ceramics to first aid and financial management. Here's how to enroll:

1. Pick up admissions materials, registration materials and a tuition waiver form at the Office of Admissions, 205 Twamley Hall (phone 777-3821) or at the Graduate School, 414 Twamley Hall (777-2784).
2. Choose the course you'd like to take. Prerequisites or other factors may affect registration.
3. Fill out the forms and have your supervisor/dean sign the tuition waiver forms. Return them to Admissions (undergraduates) or the Graduate School. Return the completed waiver forms to Admissions. The deadline for filing the waiver is Friday, May 11, for summer semester, and Friday, Aug. 17, for fall.
4. Register according to instructions in the Time Schedule of Classes. Please be aware that, in addition to completing the tuition waiver form, you must log on to Campus Connection and register for the course.

If you are enrolling for the first time, you need to complete and return an Application for Admission form, available from the Admissions Office or Graduate School. There is a \$35 matriculation fee for an employee who has not previously enrolled. You may need to file transcripts from schools that you previously attended. Please note that some courses have additional fees that cannot be waived.

Take advantage of your \$1,000 benefit! -- Heidi Kippenhan, director of Admissions, and Diane Nelson, director of Personnel.

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Studio One features school censorship, physical therapy

Learn how a U.S. Supreme Court ruling may affect school policy on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. Five years ago a high school student from Alaska was suspended for using the phrase "bong hits 4 Jesus." However, the student says the suspension infringed on his right to freedom of speech. Now the case has reached the Supreme Court. Hear from a high school principal on this issue.

Also on the show this week, sore muscles and back pain can hinder your lifestyle. Physical Therapist Tiffany Sutton helps individuals recover from injuries and everyday aches and pains. Watch as Sutton explains a day in the life of a physical therapist on Studio One.

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

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

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Celebrate diversity every day

Every day is Celebrate Diversity Day! And you can show your support for diversity by uploading one or more unique diversity posters to your web site, free.

"I am pleased to announce the availability of digital posters designed by the Department of Technology graphics students and faculty to increase cultural awareness and diversity on our campus," said President Kupchella. "By uploading any of the posters to your web site, you support our common goal to celebrate differences in a positive and refreshing way."

The digital diversity posters were designed specifically for placement on the web. They fit nicely into UND's web templates in either the large or small columns. To view a large poster that has been placed on a departmental web site, go to the Department of Technology's web site at www.business.und.edu/technology. To view a small poster that has been placed, go to the Graphics and Photography Society's web site at www.business.und.edu/gaps.

To view all of the diversity posters available for your use on the web, go to the Graphics and Photography Society's web site at www.business.und.edu/gaps/diversity.html and click on the image links. Once you decide which size poster(s) will best fit your web site, follow the instructions to save the image(s).

President Kupchella, the Cultural Awareness Committee, the Department of Technology, and the Graphics and Photography Society, a student organization founded in 2003, support the digital diversity poster project.

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Old Main Marketplace announces lunch giveaway winner

This week's winner in the Old Main Marketplace Food Court lunch giveaway is Jeremy Baker. Congratulations, Jeremy! If you are interested in a chance at free lunch, stop by the food court and drop your business card at

the cashier. Drawings take place weekly.

-- Larry Cronin, General Manager, Old Main Marketplace, larrycronin@mail.und.edu, 777-0438

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More recipes needed for UND's 125th anniversary cookbook

The UND Staff Senate Fundraising and Scholarship Subcommittee continues to prepare UND's 125th anniversary edition cookbook featuring recipes from UND staff, faculty and alumni. Proceeds from the cookbook sales will be used to fund scholarships and future projects of Staff Senate. Please be a part of creating this cookbook by submitting your favorite recipes to Joneen Iverson, Stop 7189, or e-mail them to her at joneeniverson@mail.und.edu by May 1. -- Staff Senate.

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North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists specials

- * April 4 – Entrée: Lamb Roast; Soup: Roasted Pepper
- * April 5 – Entrée: Lamb Stir Fry; Soup: Corn and Potato Chowder
- * April 6 – Closed

The Museum Café and Coffee Shop, located in the lower level of the Museum, serves a full luncheon menu from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Take-out is available, UND billing is accepted, and the conference room is available for luncheons. We also cater weekend and evening events, 777-4195. Visit the Museum Cafe online at

<http://www.ndmoa.com/cafe.html>

-- Connie Hulst, Office Manager, North Dakota Museum of Art, chulst@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Students can earn credit while becoming health advocates

Please help spread the word to students about Health Advocacy I, which will be offered in the fall of 2007. Any student with a personal or professional interest in health issues is encouraged to register. The class is offered at a sophomore level; exceptions will be made for freshman students with advisor approval. Health Advocacy I is a two-credit class providing educational training in communication and listening skills, healthy lifestyle choices, current science-based health information, prevention strategies and peer mentoring. The class is unique in that it promotes peer advocacy for students within the university setting. The class is listed as Nursing 400 Special Topics, Call #7449. It will be held Wednesday from 3 to 4:50 p.m. Health Advocacy I was developed through a partnership between the College of Nursing and Student Health Services. Students need not be nursing or health science majors. Health Advocacy II will be offered in the spring of 2008. For more information, please contact Mary Adkins at the College of Nursing, 772-9970 or 779-5501 or via e-mail

maryadkins@mail.und.edu .

-- Amy Knutson, Health Promotion GSA, Student Health Services, amy_knutson@und.edu, 777-2097

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Student Health Advisory Committee seeks student members

UND faculty and staff members are invited to nominate students for the 2007-2008 Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). Interested students may also apply directly. SHAC promotes communication between students and Student Health Services. Becoming a member of SHAC will provide students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, gain valuable experience through interaction with the Student Health Services staff,

and be involved with implementing change within our University. The group allows UND students to effectively communicate with the administrators, medical providers, and staff of Student Health Services. Members of SHAC play a vital role in the future of Student Health by providing student feedback obtained through SHAC activities, promotions, and events. The members of SHAC also communicate observations and suggestions of Student Health Services back to the campus population in order to provide open lines of communication. Stop by the Student Health Promotion Office in the Memorial Union, e-mail

studenthealthpromotion@mail.und.edu, or call 777-2097 for information or to request nomination and/or application forms. Completed applications must be returned to the Student Health Promotion Office by Thursday, April 19.

-- Carrie Giebel, Student Health Promotion GSA, Student Health Services, carrie.giebel@und.edu, 777-2097

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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 Cardform. 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/COACHES:

POSITION: Lead Instructor/Flight Manager, Aerospace, #07-263

DEADLINE: (I) 4/9/2007

SALARY: \$24,000 - \$30,000

POSITION: Assistant to the Executive Associate Dean, Academic Affairs/Medical School, #07-260

DEADLINE: (I) 4/5/2007

SALARY: \$42,000-\$47,000

POSITION: Research Manager, Energy and Environmental Research Center, #07-259

DEADLINE: (I) 4/04/2007

SALARY: \$50,000 - \$100,000

POSITION: Financial Aid Advisor, Student Financial Aid, #07-256

DEADLINE: (I) 4/03/2007

SALARY: \$28,500 - \$30,000

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Flight Line Manager (variable schedule), Aviation, #07-262

DEADLINE: (I) 4/09/2007

SALARY: \$32,000 - \$34,500

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Administrative Secretary (benefitted, 20hrs/week, M-F), International Programs, #07-264

DEADLINE: (I) 4/9/2007

SALARY: \$10.58 - \$11.54

POSITION: Verification Clerk, Student Financial Aid, #07-257

DEADLINE: (I) 4/03/2007

SALARY: \$22,500 - \$24,000

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, Sun-Fri, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities, #07-255

DEADLINE: (I) 4/3/2007

SALARY: \$16,640 - \$20,000

POSITION: Building Services Technician - Rover (Custodial, Sun-Fri, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities, #07-254

DEADLINE: (I) 4/3/2007

SALARY: \$16,640 - \$20,000

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

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IN THE NEWS

College of Business and Public Administration appoints new MBA director

The College of Business and Public Administration is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Timothy O'Keefe as the new director for the master of business administration program. Dr. O'Keefe will oversee the administration and curriculum of the MBA program, which enrolls an average of 120 students each year and is also offered to students in Bismarck and Dickinson via the interactive video network.

In addition to his MBA program director responsibilities, Dr. O'Keefe serves as chair and associate professor for the Department of Information Systems within the College of Business and Public Administration. He has served as a faculty member in the department since August 1999. O'Keefe recently returned from Shanghai, China, where he was a visiting professor at the University of Shanghai Science and Technology teaching database design and management information systems. Prior to joining UND, O'Keefe taught for 15 years at Mayville State University. He has also worked as a consultant in the IT industry and as an entrepreneur, creating a successful Internet services company. His previous leadership and experience in business and industry will play a vital role in the growth and advancement of the MBA program at UND.

The MBA degree program offered by the College of Business and Public Administration emphasizes the development of mid-to upper-level managers, for organizations of all sizes and types. The program seeks to develop knowledge of advanced business functions, decision-making skills and understanding of internal and external factors affecting management of organizations. The College of Business and Public Administration is one of a select group of schools in the United States and Canada who's MBA Program and undergraduate business programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

-- CK Braun-Schultz, Director of External Relations, College of Business & Public Administration, ck.schultz@mail.business.und.edu, 701-777-6937

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SUNRISE researchers receive FAA grant

PI Wayne Seames and co-PI Darrin Muggli of chemical engineering will lead a team of researchers from the Sustainable Energy Research and Supporting Education (SUNRISE) initiative in studying the feasibility of producing organic liquids that can serve as octane enhancers for low lead high octane aviation gasoline. Graduate students in the chemical engineering and chemistry departments will evaluate the technical feasibility of producing these new products from soybean and canola oil. This 18-month, \$380,952 grant was awarded through the Center for General Aviation Research. Other SUNRISE faculty participants include Alena Kubatova and Evgenii Kozliak of chemistry, plus Michael Mann and Mo Sadrameli of chemical engineering.

-- Wayne Seames, Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering, wayneseames@mail.und.edu, 701-777-2958

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BPA announces new graduate advisor, accreditation coordinator

The College of Business and Public Administration announces the appointment of Michelle Garske as graduate advisor and accreditation coordinator. Garske's responsibilities include oversight of student advisement and promotion of four graduate programs offered by the College of Business and Public Administration, as well as the coordination and analysis of assessment activities for student learning. The college currently offers master degree programs in business administration, public administration, applied economics, and industrial technology; and, has a combined enrollment of 200 graduate students.

Garske will also be responsible for activity related to accreditation of the College of Business and Public Administration's academic programs and establishing job placement opportunities for its undergraduate and graduate students. Garske has been a member of the College of Business and Public Administration administrative team since January 2006, when she was hired as an accreditation specialist to assist the college in preparation of a peer review by the accreditation body for business schools, AACSB International. In the short amount of time since joining the college, Garske has played an instrumental role in preparing accreditation reports, implementing software to assist in tracking of academic productivity, and coordinating student internships. A native of Devils Lake, N.D., Garske holds both a bachelor and master's degree in business administration from UND.

The College of Business and Public Administration offers 15 undergraduate and 4 graduate degree granting programs from eight academic departments and is also host to two outreach divisions, the Center for Innovation and the Small Business Development Center. The college enrolls an average of 1,900 undergraduate and 200 graduate students per year. The College of Business and Public Administration holds endorsements from four different accreditation bodies (AACSB International, NASPAA, NAIT, and the ASBDC) and is led by Dean Dennis Elbert.

-- CK Braun-Schultz, Director of External Relations, College of Business & Public Administration, ck.schultz@mail.business.und.edu, 777-6937

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Studio One interns receive awards at Midwest journalism conference

Studio One, the live television show produced by students at the University of North Dakota Television Center, recently received 15 awards at the Midwest Journalism Conference in Bloomington, Minn. The awards were presented by the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) and the Northwest Broadcast News Association (NBNA).

Studio One was awarded second place in the category of television newscast by the SPJ and received an Award of Merit from the NBNA. The Studio One Weathercast also received an Award of Merit from the NBNA. In

addition, several individual interns were honored by the SPJ and the NBNA for their contributions to the show.

Studio One News Director Aaron Quanbeck says it's rewarding to see students recognized for their hard work.

"We are competing with many strong broadcast journalism programs from around the region, so the fact that they are able to win awards in these competitions says a lot about the effort they put into their stories each week."

Studio One has won more than 450 awards since it began in 1987. The following is a complete list of the individual awards given to Studio One interns at the 2007 Midwest Journalism Conference:

NORTH DAKOTA

- * Grand Forks - Anne Deplazes (second place, TV feature, SPJ)
- * Northwood - Amanda Nelson (Award of Merit, broadcast writing, NBNA)
- * Penn - Danielle Webster (second Place, TV in-depth reporting, SPJ; second place, TV general news reporting, SPJ; third place, TV feature, SPJ; first place, soft feature, NBNA; first place, series, NBNA; first place, broadcast writing, NBNA)

MINNESOTA

- * East Grand Forks - Erik Fleischhacker (second place, TV sports photography, SPJ)
- * Golden Valley - Shawn Engel (second place, TV feature photography, SPJ)
- * Lakeland - Maria Torning (second place, TV in-depth reporting, SPJ)
- * Roseau - Patrick Wynne (Award of Merit, photojournalism, NBNA)
- * Windom - Nicholas Johnson (first place, TV sports reporting, SPJ)

Studio One is a live one-hour news and information program produced by students at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program can be seen by more than 2.5 million viewers in Grand Forks, Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot, N.D.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Ivan Dahl

Ivan J.K. Dahl, professor emeritus, educational foundations and research, died unexpectedly March 23 at his home in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

Dahl, the son of Ivan and Mae Dahl, was born Aug. 25, 1930 in Milton, N.D. He earned his undergraduate degree in education at Mayville State College, his master's degree at Indiana University, and his doctoral degree at the University of North Dakota. He taught in the education department until his retirement from UND in 1997.

Dahl was very proud of his family. He loved to golf, was an avid reader, and enjoyed politics, but most of all he cherished the time he was able to spend with his loved ones.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Mary; their two daughters Elizabeth (Jim) Dunlevy, and Katie (Denton) Mack; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Fountain Hills, Ariz. A memorial service and burial will be held in June in Grand

Forks. Memorials may be directed to the Habitat for Humanity International, 121 Habitat Street, Americus, GA 31709, Attn: Gifts from the Heart. Please attach a note that states the donation is in memory of Ivan Dahl and include his address.

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