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## TOP STORIES

### Norway Ambassadors visit campus March 8

U.S. Ambassador to Norway Benson Whitney and Norway's Ambassador to the U.S., Knut Vollebaek, will be on

campus Thursday, March 8, 9 to 11 a.m. to discuss ways to increase the educational exchanges between the United States and Norway. The meeting will be held in the Idea Lab of the Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center.

It is very rare for two prominent ambassadors to visit any campus in the United States at the same time. They are coming to us to seek our opinion and advice on the opportunities to significantly expand educational exchanges with Norway.

UND has many strong connections to Norway. Just three:

- \* UND is the top destination for Norwegian students studying in the United States (more come to UND than to any other institution in the United States);
- \* UND recently trained many of Norway's air traffic controllers;
- \* UND has the second largest collection of Bygdeboker (similar to county centennial books in North Dakota) in the United States.

The visit schedule follows:

U.S./Norway educational exchanges, The Idea Lab, Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Centre.

\* 9 to 9:15 a.m., opening remarks by the Ambassadors Whitney and Vollebaek and Deputy Director General Grethe Sofie Bratlie, Norwegian Ministry of Education.

\* 9:15 to 9:40 a.m., presentations of student exchanges at UND-Norway: lessons learned.

- Bruce Gjovig, chair, Nordic Initiative, welcome
- Charles Kupchella, president of UND, welcome
- Jan Moen, American College of Norway exchange/Peace Studies
- Steve Finney, Norwegian language program
- Brad Myers, law school exchange
- Linda Olson, medical school exchange
- Arnold Johnson/Richard Schultz, engineering exchange
- Steve Rendahl, communications exchange
- Paul Drechsel, Air Traffic Control contract training
- Will Young, Norwegian students at UND, U.S. students to Norway
- Tori Johnson, Sarpborg/Grand Forks Public Schools Initiative

\* 9:40 to 10:15 a.m., discussion with students from Norway and U.S.

-- Jonas Rellsve, ANSA, and other Norwegian students: Christopher England, Nick Swingen, Shane Zahrt, Weilu Su, Rachel Piper, Britney Sudmann, Kara Larson

\* 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., general discussion and wrap-up

\* 10:45 to 11:55 a.m., answer questions from news media

- U.S. Ambassador Benson K. Whitney
- Norway Ambassador Knut Vollebæk
- Norwegian Ministry of Education: Grethe Bratlie, Deputy Director General
- Norwegian-American Foundation: Bill Frame, chair, NAF Education Initiative (former president of Augsburg in Minneapolis)
- Norwegian Embassy: Christian Hansson, public affairs officer
- Center for Innovation.

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## EVENTS TO NOTE

**Philosophy and religion colloquium on Iraq War is**

## March 8

The philosophy and religion department will host a colloquium, "Iraq War Forum: Can Democracy Be Imposed By An External Military Force?" at

4 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. The colloquium is free and open to the public.

Panelists are Michael Beard (English), Paul Sum (political science and public administration), and Jack Weinstein (philosophy and religion). Janet Moen (sociology) will moderate the colloquium.

A complete schedule of the colloquium can be found at:

<http://www.und.edu/dept/philrel/colloquium.htm>. For more information contact Jack Weinstein at [jack.weinstein@und.nodak.edu](mailto:jack.weinstein@und.nodak.edu), or 777-2887. -- Philosophy and Religion.

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## Student chamber ensembles present concert March 8

The student chamber ensembles will perform a free concert Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hughes Fine Arts Josephine Campbell Recital Hall. Participating ensembles include the trumpet ensemble and brass choir, the student brass quintet, a clarinet trio and a saxophone duo, and will feature such chamber works as Richard Rodney Bennett's "Conversations for Saxophone Duo," Franz Krommer's "Variations en Fa sur un Theme de I.J. Pleyel for Clarinet Trio," Pavel Tchesnokoff's "Russian Litany for Brass Choir," Michael Kamien's "Quintet for Brass," and Ronald Lo Presti's "Suite for Trumpet Ensemble." --Music.

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## PPT/COBRE seminar is March 9

Paulo Kofuji, associate professor of neuroscience, University of Minnesota, will present a seminar, "Revising Spatial Potassium Buffering in the Central Nervous System," Friday, March 9, at 4 p.m. in Clifford Haugen Lecture Hall, room 1360, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Dr. Kofuji was invited through the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics.

Any questions regarding this seminar can be addressed to Thad Rosenberger at 777-0591. Everyone is welcome to attend.

-- Dawn Halvorson, Administrative Clerk, Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics,

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## Physics colloquium addresses physics of sound

A physics colloquium is set for 4 p.m. Friday, March 9 in 211 Witmer Hall. Timothy Bigelow, assistant professor of electrical engineering, will address "Applying the Physics of Sound to Revolutionize Medicine." Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall.

The physics of sound has been extensively studied for over a hundred years. One of the most fascinating areas of study has been the cavitation of micron-sized bubbles upon exposure to high-intensity sound fields. For high amplitude sound, the bubbles expand to be many times their original size before violently collapsing. The collapse of the bubble results in transient pressures inside the bubble from 1,000 to 70,000 atm and transient temperatures from 1,000 to 20,000 K. As a result, some have proposed using cavitation to produce nuclear fusion. When the bubble collapses near a boundary, the collapse is asymmetric resulting in the formation of the microjet that impinges on the boundary and has been used to pit and erode metals in industrial applications. In medicine, lower sound amplitudes and higher frequencies are used than are typically found in industrial

applications resulting in less violent bubble collapse. However, the cavitation of microbubbles has been effectively used to produce contrast in ultrasound images allowing for the quantification of blood flow dynamics even for very slow flow such as the perfusion of blood through malignant tumor tissue. In addition to imaging, cavitation of microbubbles has also shown great potential for enhancing drug delivery to cells, performing gene therapy, and "liquefying" tissue killing the cells in the process. Before the full benefit of these technologies can be exploited, the ultrasound exposure parameters used to excite the bubbles needs to be optimized using the physics of the bubble/sound interaction while quantifying the biological impact of the bubble collapse on surrounding tissue.

-- Connie Cicha, Administrative Secretary, Physics, [connie\\_cicha@und.nodak.edu](mailto:connie_cicha@und.nodak.edu), 7-2911

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## "Chicago" to play at Chester Fritz Auditorium

"Chicago the Musical," starring Tom Wopat (Billy Flynn), Michelle DeJean (Roxie Hart), Terra C. MacLeod (Velma Kelly), Carol Woods (Matron Mama Morton), will play at the Chester Fritz Auditorium March 20 and 21. Get your tickets now for the best seats!

The recipient of six Tony Awards, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy and thousands of standing ovations, Chicago is a true sensation. This musical has it all: one show-stopping song after another, a dazzling tale of celebrity and corruption, and the sensational dancing in the style of Bob Fosse.

If you only know Chicago from the Academy Award-winning Best Picture inspired by the show, then this is your perfect opportunity to see it in person. That's because there's nothing like Chicago live, where the mood is electric and the goose bumps are undeniable.

Get your tickets at the CFA Box Office, by phone 772-5151, or online at

[www.ticketmaster.com/venue/49273](http://www.ticketmaster.com/venue/49273)

-- Betty Allan, Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, [bettyallan@mail.und.edu](mailto:bettyallan@mail.und.edu), 7-2170

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## Wellness Center offers post-spring break cooking classes

Get back into the swing after Spring Break! The Burnt Toast demonstration kitchen at the Wellness Center will offer a variety of cooking classes.

"Real Meals with Emilia" is a three-part class offered March 20, March 27, and April 3 at 6 p.m. You will get a hands-on demonstration of real Italian cooking. Each date is reserved for one part of a three-course meal. For an appetizer, learn to make a creamy artichoke soup with pesto bread sticks. Skillet lasagna and mixed greens with balsamic dressing will serve as a delicious entree, and espresso brownies with vanilla ice cream and chocolate and strawberry bruschetta will be the perfect ending to a satisfying, easy meal. Your family and friends will beg for more after you serve them these delicious dishes. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk now to reserve your spot; the three-part class is only \$25.

Join us in "Thai Kitchen" on March 21 at 6 p.m. for a faculty and staff session teaching how to prepare authentic Thai meals for you and your family and friends. You will learn what to ask for in Thai restaurants, the secrets of Thai cooking, and the philosophy of Thai food. If you can't attend March 21, there is also a class offered on April 4. The cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members.

"Indian Cooking" with Kavita Rami will help you learn about spices and herbs used for genuine Indian dishes. Offered March 28 and April 18 at 6 p.m., sign up early to ensure a spot and be prepared to learn how to make an easy vegetarian meal. This class is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Watch for us on campus March 26-30 for a chance to win coupons for a free class and to learn more about the exciting things Burnt Toast has to offer you!

-- Leah Wagner, Burnt Toast Coordinator, Wellness Center, [leahwagner@mail.und.edu](mailto:leahwagner@mail.und.edu), 777-2719

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## Atmospheric sciences Career Fair rescheduled

A Career Fair hosted by the Department of Atmospheric Sciences, originally scheduled for March 1, has been rescheduled (weather permitting) for Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in 210 Clifford Hall. Guest speakers from the National Weather Service, KVLV television, the North Dakota Atmospheric Resources Board, Meridian Environmental Technologies of Grand Forks, and the Department of Atmospheric Sciences will provide educational sessions.

The Career Fair is free and open to the public. Adequate parking is available immediately adjacent to the building. For further information, please contact Mike Poellot, chair of atmospheric sciences at 777-3180 or [poellot@aero.und.edu](mailto:poellot@aero.und.edu). -- Atmospheric Sciences.

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## Transfer Student Getting Started is March 24

On Saturday, March 24, the Office of Student Academic Services will hold the Transfer Getting Started Program in the Memorial Union. Transfer Getting Started is a program to which new transfer students, admitted for the summer and fall 2007 semesters, are invited to campus for advisement and registration. Program activities include a welcome to the University, presentations from financial aid and dean of students, and advisement and registration. If you have questions or would like additional information, please call Michelle Bowles at 777-2117 or e-mail [michellebowles@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:michellebowles@mail.und.nodak.edu).

-- Michelle Bowles, First Year Student Programs Coordinator, Student Academic Services, [michellebowles@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:michellebowles@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2117

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## HELP to promote diversity: "Understanding White Privilege" and "Breaking Indigenous Stereotypes"

The UND diversity subcommittee and the Higher Education Learning Program (HELP) to promote diversity invite you to attend two discussions of diversity issues between UND and two partner institutions. Both the University of New Mexico (Albuquerque) and Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall) will participate with UND in these discussions, including faculty, staff, and students at each university. Your participation is encouraged and will help to foster a greater understanding of diversity in society.

### Understanding White Privilege

Tuesday, April 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union

Facilitators: Clifford Staples, professor of sociology, UND, and Steven Verney, assistant professor of psychology, UNM

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

### Breaking Indigenous Stereotypes

Thursday, April 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union

Facilitators: Janet Moen, professor of sociology/Peace Studies, UND, and Chris Mato Nunpa, associate professor of American Indian Studies, SMSU

- Discuss causes and effects of native stereotypes

- Learn about issues relating to slavery and genocide

Join us in these discussions, to be conducted through web-conferencing to allow for real-time voice and video interaction, and participate in the question-and-answer sessions following each exchange. For more information, contact Kerry Kerber, Continuing Education, and chair of the Electronic Exchange Committee, at 777-4264 or Donna Grandbois, College of Nursing, and faculty coordinator of the Electronic Exchange Program, at 701-282-4591.

-- Kathy Schill, Marketing Intern, Continuing Education, [kathrynschill@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:kathrynschill@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777.0484

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ND WRRRI announces graduate research fellowship recipients

The North Dakota Water Resources Research Institute announced its graduate research fellowship recipients for the year 2007-08. Fellowships ranging from \$3,000 to \$12,000 were awarded to two graduate students from UND and nine from NDSU conducting research in water resources areas.

Fellows and their advisers include:

- Yuhui Jin, UND chemistry; Julia Zhao
- Ryan Klapperich, UND geological engineering; Scott Korom
- Breanna Paradeis, NDSU animal and range science; Donald Kirby
- Damion Knudsen, NDSU geosciences; Bernhardt Saini-Eidukat
- Dan McEwen, NDSU biological sciences; Malcolm Butler
- Jay Thompson, NDSU civil engineering; Achintya Bezbaruah
- Mary Schuh, NDSU soil science; Francis Casey
- Sita Krajangpan, NDSU civil engineering; Bezbaruah
- Thunyalux Ratpukdi, NDSU civil engineering; Eakalak Khan
- Wei Zheng, NDSU biological sciences; Butler
- William Clark, NDSU zoology; Mark Clark

Selection of fellows and fellowship amounts are based on competitive proposals received from the students and their advisers. Projects proposed for fellowship support should relate to water resources research issues in the state or region. Regional, state, or local collaboration or co-funding is encouraged. Fellowships have a matching requirement of two non-federal dollars to one federal dollar. A panel of state water resource professionals reviews the proposals.

Funding for the fellowship program comes primarily from the annual base grant provided to the WRRRI by the U.S. Geological Survey and an additional support from North Dakota State Water Commission. The ND WRRRI is one of 54 institutes located in a land-grant institution in each state and territory under the umbrella of National Institutes for Water Resources.

For further information, contact G. Padmanabhan, ND WRRRI director and professor in civil engineering, at (701) 231-7043 or [g.padmanabhan@ndsu.edu](mailto:g.padmanabhan@ndsu.edu), or visit [www.ndsu.edu/wrri](http://www.ndsu.edu/wrri).

-- Steve Bergeson, Senior Writer, NDSU University Relations, [steven.bergeson@ndsu.edu](mailto:steven.bergeson@ndsu.edu), 701 231-6101

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### Law library lists spring break hours

Spring break hours for the law library follow: Saturday, March 10, and Sunday, March 11, closed; Monday, March 12, through Friday, March 16, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, March

18, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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

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## Library of the Health Sciences lists extended, spring break hours

The Library of the Health Sciences lists extended hours for Thursday, March 8, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday, March 9, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Spring break hours are Saturday, March 10, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, March 11, closed; Monday, March 12, to Friday, March 16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, March 17, 1 to 5 p.m. Regular hours resume March 18.

-- April Byars, Administrative Assistant, Library of the Health Sciences, [abyars@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:abyars@medicine.nodak.edu), 7-3893

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## International Centre lists spring break hours

Spring break hours for the International Centre follow: Through Friday, March 16, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regular hours will resume Saturday, March 17.

-- Ray Lagasse, OIP Director, Office of International Programs, [raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu](mailto:raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu), 777-4231

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## ITSS implements new spam solution

Due to the ever-increasing volume of spam e-mail and resource demands and diminishing effectiveness of our prior solution, Information Technology Systems and Services has purchased a commercial anti-spam solution from Proofpoint. ITSS conducted extensive testing in December 2006 and found Proofpoint to be much better at reducing spam than our existing tools and it generated no false positives (legitimate messages that are mis-identified as spam). Based on this successful evaluation, Proofpoint protection will continue to be used for all U-Mail ([und.nodak.edu](mailto:und.nodak.edu)) and GroupWise ([mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:mail.und.nodak.edu)) e-mail accounts.

Like the prior spam solution used by ITSS, Proofpoint works by "spam scoring" and then filtering messages according to how they have been scored. Any filters or rules that you have created to manage SPAM in your e-mail account should continue to work without changes. You can find out more about how spam scoring and filtering works at [www.und.edu/dept/itss/faq/umailantivirus.html](http://www.und.edu/dept/itss/faq/umailantivirus.html)

If you have questions or concerns about Proofpoint, please contact the ITSS Help Desk at 777-2222 or e-mail [itsshelp@mail.und.edu](mailto:itsshelp@mail.und.edu).

-- Craig Cerkowniak, Associate Director, ITSS, [craigcerkowniak@mail.und.edu](mailto:craigcerkowniak@mail.und.edu), 777-2385

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## Studio One features school day changes, interacting cultures

Find out why some lawmakers are proposing a plan that would keep children at school longer on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. According to the Education Sector, a Washington-based think tank, U.S. students attend school fewer days than many other countries. Lawmakers around the country are considering proposals to lengthen the school day, as well as the school year. Hear parent, educator, and student reactions to this issue.

Also on the show this week, learn how some people are bringing cultures together. Emma Hustad helps coordinate the annual Feast of Nations, an event that showcases different cultures. Hear how more than 800 people celebrate 45 years of cultural diversity with a night of dining, performances, and sharing traditions.

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](mailto:meghan.flaagan@und.edu), 777-3818

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## Benchmark using Barnes & Noble's Faculty Center Network

- \* See what texts other faculty in colleges and universities around the country are using to teach a similar curriculum.
- \* Find out which books are the most popular choices and what your colleagues have to say about them.
- \* Get more information to help you choose the best text for you and your students.

Go to [www.mycollege.com](http://www.mycollege.com) and click on faculty services, where you'll see a link for Faculty Center Network.

Fall textbook requests were due Feb. 14. You can submit your adoptions online at [www.und.bkstore.com](http://www.und.bkstore.com) - click on the Faculty Services Tab.

-- Michelle Abernathey, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND,  
[michelle\\_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:michelle_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2103

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## Do you need texts to be held in stock?

In preparation for next term, Barnes & Noble at UND will begin returning unsold textbooks. We know there may be titles assigned later in the term and we'd like to make sure we still have them in stock and available for students to buy.

Please let us know this week if you have any title(s) you would like to have held. Contact Tina Monette at 777-2106.

-- Michelle Abernathey, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND,  
[michelle\\_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:michelle_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2103

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## ELS Language Centers seeks part-time registrar

ELS Language Centers, an intensive English Language program housed on UND campus, is seeking a part-time registrar. The position is a 20-hour/week benefited position.

Requirements:

- \* associate degree or equivalent coursework in accounting/bookkeeping
- \* PC computer proficiency
- \* Good organizational and people skills
- \* Cross-cultural experience or interest

Please fax resume to: [jshafer@els.edu](mailto:jshafer@els.edu) or inquire at 777-6755.

-- Jill Shafer, Center Director, ELS Language Centers Grand Forks, [jill.shafer@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:jill.shafer@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-6755

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## North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists specials

The North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists their specials:

- \* March 8 - Entrée: Arroz Con Pollo; Soup: Bouillabaisse
- \* March 9 - Entrée: Walleye Sandwich; Soup: Bouillabaisse
- \* March 12 – Entrée: Leg of Lamb Sandwich; Soup: Pasta Fagioli
- \* March 13 – Entrée: Lamb Chops Sicilian; Soup: Pasta Fagioli

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](mailto:chulst@ndmoa.com), 777-4195*

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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: Reference Librarian/Bibliographer, Chester Fritz Library, #07-230

DEADLINE: (I) 3/09/2007

SALARY: \$37,000

POSITION: Reference Librarian/Bibliographer, Chester Fritz Library, #07-229

DEADLINE: (I) 3/9/2007

SALARY: \$37,000

POSITION: Associate Vice President for Outreach Services & Dean of Outreach Programs, #07-091

DEADLINE: Internal applicants will be considered with the external. Open Until Filled (Review of applications will begin November 15, 2006.)

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Flight Line Manager (variable schedule), Aerospace Sciences, #07-232

DEADLINE: (I) 3/9/2007

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

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Program Assistant, Distance Engineering Degree Program, Continuing Education, #07-238

DEADLINE: (I) 3/13/2007

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$20,000

POSITION: Administrative Clerk, EERC, #07-231

DEADLINE: (I) 3/9/07

SALARY: \$15.00 - \$20.00

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, Sunday - Thursday, 4 a.m. to noon), Facilities/Wellness Center, #07-237

DEADLINE: (I) 3/13/2007

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

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, Sunday - Friday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities, #07-228

DEADLINE: (I) 3/9/07

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

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, [janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-3621

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## IN THE NEWS

### Loretta Heuer accepted for international mentoring opportunity

Loretta Heuer, professor at the College of Nursing, has been accepted into the Omada Board Leadership program sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing.

The focus of the program is on increasing knowledge and skills in the areas of core aspects of trusteeship: the organization's vision, mission and strategic goals; fiduciary responsibilities of the board; board and staff partnerships; strategic thinking and strategic planning; and generative governance.

"This is both an honor and a fantastic opportunity for Dr. Heuer, which will in turn assist the College of Nursing in our strategic plan" states Chandice Covington, dean of nursing. "We commend her for being selected for this mentoring opportunity."

As one of seven individuals selected for this mentoring opportunity, Dr. Heuer's two-year participation begins in March 2007 and concludes in February 2009. Activities include attending the Omada Institute, held at Sigma Theta Tau International headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., to take place in June 2007.

Dr. Heuer is a professor and chair of the Practice and Role Development Department within the College of Nursing. She was awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellowship in 2002, was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2005, and was selected for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Leadership for Academic Nursing Program in 2006.

Omada Board Leadership applicants are active Sigma Theta Tau International members who are currently serving on a chapter, local, state, and/or regional organization's board of directors and who have an interest in governance.

-- Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Coordinator, College of Nursing, [beckycournia@mail.und.edu](mailto:beckycournia@mail.und.edu), 701-

777-4526

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## Grager contributes to American Journal of Nursing's book of the year

Marcia Grager, associate professor of nursing in the College of Nursing, is a contributing writer for "Vulnerable Older Adults," the American Journal of Nursing's book of the year for 2006.

Dr. Grager co-authored part II of the book, "Aging Prisoners," chapters three and four.

"We offer Dr. Grager hearty congratulations" said Loretta Heuer, Grager's department chair at the College of Nursing. "We thank her for sharing this knowledge with others, and for all of her contributions to our department and the College."

"It is indeed a great honor to contribute to a book selected as the American Journal of Nursing's book of the year" said Chandice Covington, dean of nursing. "Needs of the aging population clearly drive the need for knowledge generated from the writings of our nurse scholars. We commend Dr. Grager for achieving this high honor for our College and our profession."

Dr. Grager is an associate professor at the College of Nursing. Her research interests include adult health, chronic illness, correctional nursing, gerontology, environmental factors affecting sleep (noise), and sleep disturbances.

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## Pelham named Ambassador of the Year by Bismarck-Mandan Chamber

Brandi Pelham, coordinator of the UND Bismarck Center, was named the 2006 Ambassador of the Year by the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce for the second year in a row. She was honored with this award at the Chamber's annual meeting Feb. 22 in Bismarck.

The ambassador committee is a group of more than 50 volunteers who serve as the public relations arm of the Chamber. They welcome new businesses to the community with a ribbon cutting ceremony and congratulate new business owners and those business people who have gone through a renovation or expansion. Each quarter an outstanding ambassador is recognized for their involvement with the committee, and at the end of the year, the committee members vote on the Ambassador of the Year.

"We are extremely proud of her. To be recognized by the Bismarck business community is such an honor for Brandi and UND," said Kerry Kerber, associate dean of outreach programs. "The fact that she received this award for the second year in a row demonstrates how well she is representing UND in the Bismarck area."

Pelham, a native of Bismarck, has served as the coordinator of the UND Bismarck Center through the Division of Continuing Education for the past three years. She received her bachelor's degree from Taylor University, Upland, Ind. In 2004, she earned her master's of public administration degree from the University of North Dakota and is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in educational leadership from a distance. Prior to her position in Bismarck, she worked for UND Enrollment Services for two years.

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