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## TOP STORIES

### Glenda Lindseth presents "Food for Thought" in faculty lecture today

Can a balanced diet make you smarter? In the next installment of the Faculty Lecture Series, Glenda Lindseth will reveal how nutrition affects cognitive thought in her lecture: "Food for Thought: Nutrition and Cognition." The lecture will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 4:30 p.m. in the North Dakota Museum of Art. A 4 p.m. reception will precede the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

Lindseth is a professor of nursing practice and role development and associate dean, and director of the College of Nursing Office of Research.

Lindseth and her UND colleagues are currently wrapping up a four-year Department of Defense study involving the effects of diet on cognition and flight performance. "My work essentially involves an examination of the effects of manipulating macronutrients (fat, protein, and carbohydrates) in the diets of healthy young adults and then measuring the effect that it has on cognition scores" said Lindseth. "Results are indicating that flight performance scores for pilots consuming high-fat and carbohydrate diets are significantly better than for pilots who consumed high-protein diets, suggesting that a brief manipulation of diet could significantly impact performance on a test of short-term memory scanning and flight performance."

Lindseth will review the details of the Dietary Effects On Cognition and Flight Performance study as well as her plans to translate the results. "One of my most recent projects is the implementation of a Translational Research Planning Grant that will allow UND to plan and develop a proposal for a UND Center for Translational Research" she said. That center would assist researchers in translating their research so the results will be applicable to the community. Lindseth was also a key player in securing nearly \$4 million in grant funding to build a 30,000-square-foot state-of-the-art Behavioral Research Center. The Center will house multidisciplinary behavioral research for nursing and psychology research teams and provide training for health care staff.

An extensive list of publications, research grants, special lectures, and awards offer a mere glimpse into the effect Lindseth's research has had on the field of nursing and dietetics. Her extensive multidisciplinary research portfolio includes funded studies addressing behaviorally based nutritional interventions, and she is a Fellow of both the American Dietetic Association and the American Academy of Nursing. Awards received include the UND Founders Day Faculty Scholar Award, U.S. Air Force Recognition Award, the American Dietetic Association Service Recognition Award, North Dakota Nurses Association Research Nurse of the Year, and the Sigma Theta Tau Outstanding Researcher Award.

Lindseth received her undergraduate degree at North Dakota State University in Fargo, a Master of Nursing from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and her Ph.D. in nursing curriculum and instruction from Saint Louis University in Missouri. She also completed NIH-sponsored post-doctoral study at Wayne State University in Detroit.

The UND Faculty Lecture Series is planned by Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, who hold the University's highest faculty honor, and is funded by the Office of the President.

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## Farewell reception will honor Peter Alfonso

Members of the campus community and the Greater Grand Forks community are invited to a farewell reception for Peter Alfonso, UND's vice president for research since 2002, on Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

Dr. Alfonso has resigned his position at UND to accept a position at the University of Rhode Island. Please join me in thanking Dr. Alfonso and his wife, Polly, a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, for their service to UND and extending to them a fond farewell. - Charles E. Kupchella, President.

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## EVENTS TO NOTE

### Global Visions film series presents "Junebug" Feb. 13

The Global Visions Film Series brings an exciting array of films to the community of Grand Forks for the fourth consecutive year. All films are free and open to the public and are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union.

"Junebug" (U.S.), will be shown Feb. 13. This film is a movie that understands, profoundly and with love and sadness, the world of small towns; it captures ways of talking and living the director remembers from his childhood, with the complexity and precision of great fiction. It observes small details that are important because they are details. It has sympathy for every character in the story and avoids two temptations: it doesn't portray the small-town characters as provincial hicks, and it doesn't portray the city slickers as shallow materialists. Phil Morrison, who directed this movie, and Angus MacLachlan, who wrote it, understand how people everywhere have good intentions, and how life can assign them roles where they can't realize them.

Other films are:

- \* "Woman Is the Future of Man" (Korea), Feb. 27.
- \* "The Forsaken Land" (Sri-Lanka), March 6.
- \* "The Cuckoo" (Russian), March 20.
- \* "Take My Eyes" (Spain), April 3.
- \* "Broken Wings" (Jewish), April 17.

\* "Me, You, Them" (Brazil), May 1.

Two films are shown per month; they are sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and are funded by the Multicultural Awareness Committee. Global Visions Film Series is currently the only venue in Grand Forks to view independent films from a wide variety of contemporary film makers from around the world. Last Fall, the series presented films from South Africa, Senegal, India, France, Ireland, and Korea; this spring, the series continues with films from a variety of global settings that include the United States, Sri-Lanka, Russia, and Spain.

The goal of the series is to offer the community a place to see international films that address the diversity of creative ideas people have in exploring the human condition. "We really want to give the community and students the opportunity to think and question how people solve real-life events from relationships to war, to hunger, to violence and love," said Dr. Mikulak, director of the series. "These films talk about being human."

Filmgoers are encouraged to come early to ensure a seat. -- Marcia Mikulak, assistant professor of anthropology, 777-4718.

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## Spring Career Fair is Wednesday

The Spring Career Fair is set for Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Gym, Hyslop Sports Center.

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## Annual key inventory meeting is Feb. 14

The campus-wide key meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. The key inventory packets will be ready for pick-up prior to the meeting at 8:30 a.m. All persons responsible for issuing keys should attend. — Larry Zitzow (facilities), chair, key policy administration committee.

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## Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn Feb. 14

"Journey of Motherhood . . . Journey of Daughterhood" is the theme when the Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave.

Jo-Anne and Natasha Yearwood, mother and daughter, will discuss how different stages in each other's lives are mirrored through the years as well as the incredible bond mothers and daughters share.

A free lunch is provided by the Women's Center. Everyone is welcome.

-- *Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center, [undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu](mailto:undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu), 777-4302*

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## Burnt Toast at Wellness Center offers variety of specialty classes

Burnt Toast is offering specialty classes to those interested in learning new recipes and getting hands-on experience.

Thai Kitchen, taught by Lek Seal, is designed to help you prepare authentic Thai meals for your family and friends. You will also learn what to ask for in Thai restaurants, the secrets of Thai cooking, and the philosophy of Thai food. The class is offered March 1, March 21, and April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members per class.

Indian Cooking, taught by Kavita Rami will help you learn about spices and herbs used for genuine Indian

dishes. The class will teach you how to make an easy vegetarian meal you are sure to enjoy. It is offered Feb. 21, March 28, and April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a \$12 cost for members and \$15 for non-members per class. Be sure to bring a small container if you would like to take home a sample.

Learn from the president's wife! Adele will give a first-hand look into healthy cooking in the Kupchella kitchen. Come watch as she prepares one of her favorite home cooked recipes. Class will be offered only one time on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Be sure to sign up by noon the day before class to ensure a spot. For more information, visit [www.wellness.und.edu](http://www.wellness.und.edu) or call the number below.

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

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## U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Feb. 15-28. Visit our web site for more.

Data Protection and Privacy: Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to noon

This workshop will introduce secure practices for handling and storing sensitive University and personal data.

Topics will include:

- Practices and configurations for securing your operating system, web browser, email, and other software applications.
- Protecting your personal information online.
- Must have security software for your computer.
- Encrypting sensitive data.

Presenter: Brad Miller, IT security officer.

Diversity Management: Past, Present, and Future: Feb. 15, 2 to 3 p.m., 305 Twamley Hall.

Drawing from his most recent book, "Building on the Promise of Diversity," Dr. Thomas will detail the evolution of diversity in the United States with particular focus on how it has evolved, is evolving, and is likely to evolve in the future. In addition, he will explore the reasons why the evolution has slowed, emphasizing the traditional view that diversity is an extension of the Civil Rights Movement's agenda as a principal reason for the current stagnation. Join us for this stimulating presentation about the challenges and opportunities surrounding the issue of diversity.

Performance Management and Progressive Discipline: Feb. 20, 9 to 11 a.m., 305 Twamley Hall.

Supervisors will learn the fundamentals of conducting honest, fair, and consistent evaluations and receive guidelines for using a progressive discipline system. Presenters: Joy Johnson and Desi Sporbort.

Asset Management and Insurance: Feb. 21, 9 to 10:30 a.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union.

Instructions and discussion on how to perform annual inventories using PeopleSoft. This session will also cover basic information that departments should know about asset management and insurance issues.

Presenters: Corrinne Kjelstrom and Hazel Lehman.

Payment Processing: Feb. 21, 1 to 3 p.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union.

Learn the process for purchase orders, blanket purchase orders and vouchers. Presenter: Allison Peyton.

Facilities Discoverer Reports Training: Feb. 26, 2 to 3 p.m., 361 Upson II.

The billing charges from Facilities will be posted to PeopleSoft in a summarized format. To access the detailed information, each department will need to have access to Discoverer reports and be trained on how to access

the detail and summary information for their departments. These reports will break down the charges by individual work orders and/or projects.

Presenter: Laura Thoreson

Please reserve your seat by registering with U2 by: Phone, 777-2128, E-mail [U2@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:U2@mail.und.nodak.edu), or online [www.conted.und.edu/U2/](http://www.conted.und.edu/U2/). Please Include: (1) Workshop Title/Date, (2) Name, (3) Department, (4) Position, (5) Box Number, (6) Phone Number, (7) E-mail, and (8) How you first learned about this workshop.

Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.

-- Mark Wilkerson, U2 Coordinator, University within the University, [markwilkerson@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:markwilkerson@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-4266

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## Jacqueline Huntoon presents next LEEPS lectures Feb. 16

Jacqueline Huntoon, Michigan Technological University, presents the next LEEPS lectures Friday, Feb. 16. Huntoon will speak at noon Feb. 16, to discuss "Field Training for Teachers in Earth System Science," in 100 Leonard Hall, and at 3 p.m., she will address "The Search for a Source Rock for the Giant Tar Sand Triangle Hydrocarbon Accumulation," in 109 Leonard Hall.

The Department of Geology and Geological Engineering Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science lecture program (LEEPS) brings nationally and internationally known scientists and others to UND to give talks on cutting-edge science and engineering. Lectures cover a wide range of topics, including academic science, applied engineering, and environmental issues of current significance.

For more information, contact Will Gosnold, 777-2631.

-- Connie Larson, Administrative Secretary, Geology & Geological Engineering, [connielarson@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:connielarson@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2248

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## PPT/COBRE seminar is Feb. 16

John Shabb, associate professor of biochemistry, will present a seminar on "Phosphoproteomic Profiling of Novel B-Raf Targets in Melanoma" Friday, Feb. 16, at 4 p.m. in the Clifford Haugen Lecture Hall, Room 1360, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Dr. Shabb 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, [dhalvors@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:dhalvors@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-4293

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## Wellness Center presents educational sessions, preventive screenings

Wellness Center presents educational sessions beginning this week. Second-year medical students will give presentations on the importance of self-exams and facts about cholesterol. The next session will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, in the Clinical Education Center Auditorium, 725 Hamline St., next to Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Please enter the south doors, and parking is available in the Ralph Engelstad Arena parking lot.

Remember, attending one of these sessions will get you five points! There will be three short presentations given, followed by question and answer time at 2 p.m.

Also, preventive screenings start this week and will be offered on Wednesdays throughout the semester and are worth 20 points. These screenings are FREE to all those that have taken the online HRA or \$20 if you haven't taken the HRA or are a non-benefited employee. The schedule is below or can be found under the calendar of events at [www.workwell.und.edu](http://www.workwell.und.edu)

- \* Feb. 14, 7 to 8 a.m., Oak Room, Facilities; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 303 Twamley Hall.
- \* Feb. 21, noon to 4:30 p.m., Room 5006, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- \* March 7, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Prairie Room, Memorial Union.
- \* March 21, 10 a.m. to noon, 303 Twamley Hall; 1 to 4 p.m., Wilkerson Dining.
- \* March 28, 9 a.m. to noon, Prairie Room, Memorial Union; 1 to 4 p.m., Wilkerson Dining.
- \* April 4, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., 251 Odegard Hall.
- \* April 11, 8 to 11 a.m., 251 Odegard Hall; 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., Oak Room, Facilities.
- \* April 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Assessment Room, Wellness Center.
- \* April 25, 7 to 8 a.m., Oak Room, Facilities; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., LaVerendrye Room, EERC.

Keep encouraging friends and co-workers to get signed up. We're getting closer to 1,00 participants and five bonus points for all of you, but we need to reach that goal by this Friday in order to get the points!! And great job on the stairwell decorations. Stay tuned to the web site for pictures and new updates, including our first annual 24 hour walk-a-thon!

As always, contact me with any questions. -- Amanda Eickhoff,  
coordinator of wellness, Wellness Center.

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## 10th annual Great Backyard Bird Count is Feb. 16-19

The 10th annual Great Backyard Bird Count is Feb. 16-19. Hosted by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, this national event provides an opportunity for everyone to help with a research project. Researchers at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology need your help to determine where birds are living during the winter. Watch for birds in your backyard, then go to the web site [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc) to report the birds that you saw. Come to the Bird Count Kick-off at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210 Seventh Ave. S., where Dave Lambeth will give a bird identification presentation. Encourage your friends and family to participate. Science is for everyone with the Dakota Science Center.

What mid-winter activity is fun, easy, free, and helps bird conservation? What can parents and teachers do with children that connects them to a whole new world of natural wonders? People of all ages, from beginners to experts, are invited to join this event which spans all of the United States and Canada. Participants can take part wherever they are – at home, in schoolyards, at local parks or wildlife refuges. Observers simply count the highest number of each species they see during an outing or a sitting, and enter their tally on the Great Backyard Bird Count web site at [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc).

Visitors to the web site can also compare their sightings with results from other participants, as checklists pour in from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Together, these counts offer a real-time snapshot of the numbers and kinds of birds that people are finding, from boreal chickadees in Alaska to aningas in Florida. Last year, participants submitted more than 60,000 checklists – and reported 7.5 million birds overall and 623 different species. The count helped chronicle the early spring migratory routes of sandhill cranes, documented lingering migrants such as orange-crowned warblers and tree swallows, revealed the ongoing range expansion of

introduced Eurasian collared-doves, and recorded declining numbers of American crows. The Great Backyard Bird Count web site offers identification tips and access to photos, sounds, maps, and natural history information on more than 500 bird species. People can also submit photos to an online gallery showcasing the dazzling array of winter birds found during the GBBC.

For more information, visit [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc). Our national network of community-based nature centers and chapters, scientific and educational programs, and advocacy on behalf of areas sustaining important bird populations, engage millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in conservation. The Mission of the Dakota Science Center is to encourage lifelong curiosity and fascination with science in children, parents, teachers, and the community through discovery, exploration and interaction.

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## UND Winnipeg field trip set

The UND field trip to le Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg is set for Saturday, Feb. 17. For details, visit the web site [www.ifmidwest.org](http://www.ifmidwest.org) and click on "News," or contact me. -- Virgil Benoit, Languages, 777-4659.

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## Post-game party features 32 Below Saturday night in the Betty

Don't miss the post-game party featuring 32 Below at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center following the men's hockey game Saturday night, Feb. 17. Register to win a Rockstar Viva Las Vegas Getaway including airfare and accommodations for two! Tickets are on sale now. For more information log on to [www.theralph.com](http://www.theralph.com).

-- Sommer Lockhart, Marketing Manager, Ralph Engelstad Arena, [sommerl@theralph.com](mailto:sommerl@theralph.com), 70833

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## Moscow String Quartet to perform at Museum of Art

The Moscow String Quartet will perform in the Museum Concert Series at the North Dakota Museum of Art Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. The Museum is located on Centennial Drive on the University campus.

Described by Alfred Schnittke as "an extraordinary ensemble that distinguishes itself with refined musical style, an unusually beautiful sound and palette of colors, and a tremendous artistic temperament," the members of the Moscow String Quartet have earned a place among the most distinguished artists of our times. All graduates of the Moscow Conservatory and Gnessin Musical Institute (Moscow), they were students of eminent professors including Yuri Yankelevich, Genrihk Talalian of the Komitas String Quartet and Valentin Berlinsky of the Borodin Quartet (with whom the quartet continued to study after graduation.)

The Moscow String Quartet gained international acclaim after winning the 1978 Leo Weiner International Quartet Competition in Budapest. The next year, the quartet triumphed at the International Quartet competition in Evian, France.

Since then, the Moscow String Quartet has played to consistent critical acclaim in the major concert halls in Europe, including regular performances at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Salle Gaveau in Paris, Wigmore Hall in London, repeated appearances at the Palais des Beaux Arts in Brussels, the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, and the Academy of Arts in Berlin. In addition, the quartet has appeared in many prestigious festivals, including the Paris and City of London Festivals, Berliner Festwochen, Stratford-upon-Avon and Cheltenham Festivals, Casals Festival in Prades, the Catalonia Festival in Spain, and the Newport Festival. In North America, the Moscow String Quartet has performed in New York City (Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Frick Collection), Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Chicago, Dallas, Salt Lake City, San Diego, Seattle, Vancouver and Montreal. In 1996, the ensemble was invited by Madeleine Albright to perform at a White House Christmas Concert. From 1991-96, the quartet was in residence at the Lamont School of Music in Denver, and since 1997

has been in residence at the University of Colorado in Denver.

Upcoming engagements include performances at the Concertgebouw Amsterdam, the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, the Casal Festival Puerto Rico, the Ottawa and the Arcady Chamber Music Festivals.

The Moscow String Quartet has recorded for MCA, Fine Arts Records, Russian Disk, Channel Classics and Melodiya released eight CDs including works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Schnittke, Mozart, Denisov, Glinka, Shostakovich and Gubaidulina. Upcoming releases will feature works by Haydn, Borodin, Stravinsky, and Tchaikovsky.

This presentation is underwritten by Bremer Bank and is supported by the Performing Arts Fund, a program by Arts Midwest funded by the National Endowment for the Arts with additional contributions from General Mills Foundation, Land O'Lakes Foundation, and the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

Tickets for the Concert Series can be purchased at the door or in advance at the North Dakota Museum of Art. Non-member tickets are \$15 per concert at the door; member tickets are \$13 per concert at the door. Student and Military tickets are \$5 per concert at the door. Free admittance for children, middle school and under. Order your tickets today by calling 777-4195.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, [blofthus@ndmoa.com](mailto:blofthus@ndmoa.com), 701 777-4195

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## Spring semester book study continues Feb. 20

Join us for a conversation about Kurt Vonnegut's latest book, "A Man Without A Country," just out in paperback, at noon Tuesdays, Feb. 20 and 27, at the Christus Rex Lutheran Campus Center.

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## CPR/AED classes offered to UND employees

The Environmental Training Institute has scheduled CPR/AED courses for UND employees Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., and Monday, March 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course instructor will be Amy Thom in cooperation from Altru Health Systems. The classes will be held at the old Engelstad Arena. The fee will be \$20 per person. You can register by going to the ETI web site [www.eti.und.edu](http://www.eti.und.edu) and click on Healthcare. Each class will have a maximum of 16.

-- Linda Rohde, Director, Environmental Training Institute, [linda.rohde@mail.und.edu](mailto:linda.rohde@mail.und.edu), 7-3863

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## Libby Rankin Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Lecture Series continues Feb. 22

This spring the Office of Instructional Development launched the Libby Rankin Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Lecture Series. Libby envisioned this series as a campus-wide conversation on the process of inquiry into better teaching.

For our Feb. 1 kick-off we welcomed nationally known teacher/scholar Craig Nelson to campus. The series continues with a presentation by Dexter Perkins (professor of geology), a UND Bush Teaching Scholar, Thursday, Feb. 22. He will address "Thinking About Teaching and Teaching About Thinking: What Should Our Students be Learning in Our Classrooms and How Will We Know When They Have Learned It?" The reception is from 3:30 to 4 p.m., with the presentation following from 4 to 5:30 in the East Asian Room, Chester Fritz Library.

Rounding out the spring series will be a presentation by Patti Alleva, Rodney and Betty Webb Professor of Law,

another UND Bush Teaching Scholar, Thursday, March 29. She will address "Learning for Life: The Imperative of Self-Awareness in Teaching and Practicing." A reception will be held from 3:30 to 4 p.m., followed by the presentation from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the East Asian Room, Chester Fritz Library.

While other speaker series focus on the results of research or scholarly activity, the SoTL series will also focus on what questions prompt scholars to look into their teaching — and their students' learning — more deeply, what methods of inquiry they used, what they learned from the experience, and how their teaching has changed as a result.

Please mark your calendar and plan on coming for some interesting talk and lively discussion on topics of interest to faculty from all disciplines.

-- Anne Kelsch, Assistant Professor, History, [anne\\_kelsch@und.nodak.edu](mailto:anne_kelsch@und.nodak.edu), 777-6489

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## Feast of Nations tickets on sale at International Centre

The 45th annual Feast of Nations is set for Saturday, Feb. 24. Tickets are on sale now at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave.; prices are \$15 for adults, \$7 for students/children, and \$180 for one table reservation (10 seats). The International Centre is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 10 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 777-4231.

-- Enru Wang, Faculty Advisor, International Organization, [erwang@und.nodak.edu](mailto:erwang@und.nodak.edu), 701-777-4590

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## Atmospheric Sciences to host Career Fair March 1

A Career Fair, hosted by Atmospheric Sciences, will be held Thursday, March 1, 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 Science, at 777-3180 or [poellot@aero.und.edu](mailto:poellot@aero.und.edu).

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## NIH regional seminars planned in program funding and grants administration

The following regional seminars covering topics related to NIH extramural program funding and grants administration have been planned for 2007. The regional seminars provide information about the entire funding process, from opportunity identification and application preparation through post-award administration.

\* March 5-7, Salt Lake City, Utah, hosted by University of Utah.

\* April 24-26, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, co-hosted by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), North Carolina State University (NCSU), North Carolina Central University (NCCU), Duke University Medical Center (DUMC), RTI International (RTI), North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC).

Space for these seminars is limited. Programmatic and logistical information will be posted as it becomes available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm>.

-- Barry Milavetz, Associate Vice President, Research Development and Compliance, [barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu), 701-777-4278

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## UND Indian Association offers Time-Out Week book discussion

The UND Indian Association has been selected by the North Dakota Humanities Council to host a North Dakota Reads book discussion on "The Grass Dancer" by Susan Power at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore Monday, April 16, at 4 p.m. Birgit Hans, professor and chair of Indian Studies, will facilitate the discussion. This session is offered as part of the 38th annual UNDIA Time-Out Week.

The purpose of the North Dakota Humanities Council book discussions is to cultivate public conversation on deeply engaging topics within the humanities, including diversity and tolerance, ethics and integrity, civil liberties and civil rights, globalization, and the role of faith in people's lives. Discussions provide an open, non-threatening forum for talking about issues presented through the medium of literature.

Participation is free and open to the public. Multiple copies of "The Grass Dancer" are available for check out from the Chester Fritz Library at the access services desk and at the Grand Forks Public Library. Books are also being sold at Barnes & Noble.

The program is sponsored by the UND Indian Association and is funded by the North Dakota Humanities Council, a nonprofit, independent state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information about the book discussion, contact Dawn Botsford at 777-6393. For more details about the 38th annual UNDIA Time-Out Week and Wacipi, go to [www.und.edu/org/undia](http://www.und.edu/org/undia).

-- Dawn Botsford, Events Coordinator, Office of Ceremonies and Special Events,  
[dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-6393

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual staff employee performance evaluations due Feb. 28

Annual staff employee performance evaluations are due to be completed for all staff employees by Feb. 28. The performance management plan form is available electronically as either a WordPerfect or Word document. To receive a copy via e-mail, contact us at [human.resources@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:human.resources@mail.und.nodak.edu). The Word document version may also be found on our web page at [www.humanresources.und.edu/Forms/forms.html](http://www.humanresources.und.edu/Forms/forms.html). Please review and discuss the evaluation with the employee and return the signed forms to Human Resources, Stop 8010, no later than Feb. 28. If you have questions, please call us at 777-4361. -- Diane Nelson, director, Office of Human Resources.

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### Students responsible for absence notification

Students are responsible for contacting each of their faculty members regarding their absence from class. Therefore, do not require students to notify the Dean of Students office. Lines of communication between student and faculty are enhanced with contact between the parties involved. If a faculty member requires justification, it is their prerogative to request that from the student. In an emergency situation where the student is incapacitated, the Dean of Students office will provide assistance. Thanks for your help in this matter. -- Cara Goodin, associate dean of student life and director of judicial affairs and crisis programs.

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### Educational Leadership doctoral program begins new cycle in May

The doctoral program in Educational Leadership (EDL) will begin a new cycle this May in Fargo. The program is

offered by the Department of Educational Leadership, College of Education and Human Development, in cooperation with the Division of Continuing Education, Distance Degree Programs and Fargo Outreach.

The program prepares faculty and staff for upper-level administrative or scholarly positions in P-12 schools, higher education, or other non-profit educational settings. It is designed for working professionals who want to pursue doctoral study.

The EDL Program provides:

- an opportunity for self-reflection and career renewal,
- added credentials and increased opportunities for professional advancement,
- new knowledge and skill sets, including research and assessment skills, needed to be successful as an educational leader, and
- a network of other professionals important to career success.

Graduates will be able to:

- fulfill the demand for educational administrators who possess the knowledge, vision, and integrity needed to lead successfully
- develop strategic plans for organizations that create real value for students, faculty, and partners
- explore new strategies for responding to change and delivering value in educational services

The EDL Program is offered face-to-face in Fargo every four years. The next cycle of the EDL Program is scheduled to begin May 2007 in Fargo. Review of applications submitted to the UND Graduate School will begin March 1. Another cycle is planned to begin in Grand Forks in May 2009 and Fargo in May 2011. Space is limited, so get started today to ensure placement in the EDL Program. Please share this information with any faculty and staff who would benefit from completing doctoral study in educational leadership.

To get started contact:

UND Distance Degree Programs, Division of Continuing Education

Web: [www.conted.und.edu/ddp/doc\\_edl](http://www.conted.und.edu/ddp/doc_edl)

Phone: 1.877.450.1842 (toll free) or 701.777.4884

E-mail: [distancedegreeprograms@mail.und.edu](mailto:distancedegreeprograms@mail.und.edu)

For curriculum questions contact:

P-12 School Focus: Dr. Gary Schnellert - [gary.schnellert@und.nodak.edu](mailto:gary.schnellert@und.nodak.edu)

Higher Education Focus: Dr. Margaret A. Healy - [margaret.healy@und.nodak.edu](mailto:margaret.healy@und.nodak.edu)

-- Jennifer Swangler, Marketing Coordinator, Division of Continuing Education,  
[jenniferswangler@mail.und.edu](mailto:jenniferswangler@mail.und.edu), 701.777.6374

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## **BBI International partners with EERC as signature sponsor for biomass workshop**

The Energy & Environmental Research Center has announced that BBI International, a leader in the biofuels industry with offices in Salida, Colo., and Grand Forks, has become the Signature Sponsor of the upcoming Biomass '07: Power, Fuels, and Chemicals Workshop, May 15–16, at the Alerus Center.

"This is a significant expansion of a strategic partnership between the EERC and BBI International," said EERC Director Gerald Groenewold. "The combined talent, expertise, and reputation provide a marvelous opportunity to enhance the use of biofuels on a global scale. We are looking forward to the continued growth this partnership will bring."

"This is a pivotal time in our industry," said Mike Bryan, CEO of BBI International. "Through technology, biomass could replace nearly every product made from fossil fuels," he said.

The Biomass '07 Workshop will explore opportunities for economic production of power, transportation fuels, and chemical feedstocks from biomass. Workshop coordinators have assembled key presenters from around the nation who will bring updated information on breakthrough technologies regarding growing energy crops, converting biomass to ethanol and biodiesel, producing green chemicals, and generating electricity.

Kevin Kephart, vice president for research at South Dakota State University, will be featured during the workshop. SDSU has been working for many years in energy crops, harvest management, fertilizer needs, and disease control. "This subject matter is front and center throughout the country, and we need to be ready," Kephart said.

"SDSU is the regional lead for biomass production," Groenewold said. "Their work in this area complements the EERC's expertise in biomass utilization, creating the lead partnership for biomass production and utilization in the northern Great Plains," he said.

Other presenters include Maurice Hladick of Iogen Energy Corporation, the only company with a near-commercial cellulosic ethanol operation; Luca Zullo from Cargill; Andrew Hebard from Technology Crops International (TCI), a leader in new oil crops; and Leo Manzer, formerly of DuPont and an expert in the area of fine chemical production from biomass. Still others will discuss the business side of making biomass projects profitable, including Jonathan Norling of Lane Powell, Inc.

"The EERC's Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization is having a banner year, especially in the area of technologies that advance the production of fuels from biomass," said Chris Zygarlicke, EERC deputy associate director for research. "An event like Biomass '07 is critical for networking with other researchers and industrial partners to make these new innovations a reality."

Other sponsors of the workshop include the U.S. Department of Energy, the North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Community Services, Xcel Energy, MDU Resources Group, Great River Energy, and Otter Tail Power Company.

Exhibit space is still available for the Biomass '07 Workshop. Booth space is limited and will fill up quickly. To reserve a prime location, organizations should register now by visiting [www.undeerc.org/biomass07](http://www.undeerc.org/biomass07).--END-- For more information contact Derek Walters, EERC communications manager, at 777-5113 or [dwalters@undeerc.org](mailto:dwalters@undeerc.org).

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## Researcher studies effectiveness of distance therapy

The Neuropsychiatric Research Institute (NRI) in Fargo has received a major grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to continue a project aimed at helping patients in rural areas who suffer from eating disorders. James Mitchell, Fargo, will lead the study. He is president of NRI and chair and professor of clinical neuroscience at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The project, using telemedicine, allows patients to receive psychotherapy treatment that is not available in their home communities, Mitchell said.

He and his colleagues recently completed a study that shows this type of distance technology, "televised cognitive behavior therapy (CBT)," is as effective as therapy provided in person.

The researchers compared CBT delivered via telemedicine and CBT delivered in person, involving patients in rural and smaller urban areas in North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota, Mitchell said. The two methods "were equally effective and acceptable to patients, with good maintenance of treatment effects at one-year follow-up."

The new five-year grant, totaling \$2.5 million from NIH's National Institute of Mental Health, funds an effort to deliver CBT to patients with bulimia nervosa in rural settings via telemedicine. It supports researchers' efforts to compare variations in telemedicine-delivered CBT to unsupervised self-help.

"This additional study allows us to pursue our goal of developing delivery systems for effective and cost-effective intervention for patients in rural areas, where specialized treatments are usually not available," Mitchell said.

Bulimia nervosa (BN) is a prevalent form of eating disorder among late adolescent and young adult women, he said. Most practicing psychotherapists who treat patients with BN have not been adequately trained to deliver the care that has emerged as a recommended standard.

"Therefore, there appears to be a growing discrepancy between what is being used experimentally in academic centers and recommended by researchers in the field, and what is available in the community," he said.

Internationally recognized for his work in eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and obesity, Mitchell is the author of numerous books in his field of study and has written extensively for publication in scientific journals.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Mitchell was named in 2003 as a McCann Scholar, a prestigious honor given to a select few outstanding mentors in medicine in the United States. At UND, he holds the Lee Christoferson, M.D./Neuropsychiatric Research Institute (NRI) Chair in Neuroscience and the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorship. The latter is the highest faculty honor bestowed by UND.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, [spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-4305

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## West end of Gustafson parking lot closes

Work will resume on the Spiritual Center this week. Some staging area is needed to offload trucks and some short-term storage, before it can go across the bridge to the site. We will close the west end of the Gustafson parking lot for approximately two weeks to accommodate this. The driving lane will remain open and barricades will be placed to identify the area.

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## Second Avenue will close between Hyslop, new parking structure

The portion of Second Avenue between the Hyslop Sports Center and the parking ramp will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, through midsummer to allow the contractors more room for construction. Foot traffic should be uninterrupted. Traffic will be permitted to go north on Cornell Street between Swanson Hall and the ramp, but since trucks will continue exiting this direction as well, it could get busy. -- Facilities.

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## Note Columbia Road construction

Columbia Road will be reduced to two lanes of traffic during the first two weeks of June 2007. If you are having a major event that this would affect, please call Paul Clark, associate director of facilities,

paulclark@mail.und.edu or 777-3005. Thank you. -- Facilities.

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## Chester Fritz Library lists Presidents Day weekend hours

The Chester Fritz Library will observe the following hours of operation for Presidents Day weekend: Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 18, closed; Monday, Feb. 19 (Presidents Day), 1 p.m. to midnight.

-- Karen Cloud, Administrative Assistant, Chester Fritz Library, [karencloud@mail.und.edu](mailto:karencloud@mail.und.edu), 7-2618

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## Law Library posts Presidents Day hours

Presidents Day weekend hours for the law library follow: Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 19, 8 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 holiday hours

The Library of the Health Sciences holiday hours for Presidents Day weekend follows: Friday, Feb. 16, regular hours (7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.); Saturday, Feb. 17, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 18, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 19, 1 p.m. to midnight. Regular hours resume Tuesday, Feb. 20.

-- April Byars, Administrative Assistant, Library of the Health Sciences, [abyars@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:abyars@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-3893

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## ITSS lists holiday hours

Information Technology Systems and Services will close for the Presidents Day holiday at midnight Sunday, Feb. 18, and will reopen at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20. -- Craig Cerkowniak, associate director, ITSS.

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## Note purchasing changes from Sam's Club

Departments may now utilize their University Purchasing Card at Sam's Club. Sam's Club will require that you show your Purchasing Card when entering the store. Purchase orders and vouchers will no longer be accepted by Sam's Club.

-- Scott Schreiner, Purchasing Director, Purchasing, [scottschreiner@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:scottschreiner@mail.und.nodak.edu), 701-777-2126

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## Reduce the price of textbooks today

Barnes & Noble at UND, your campus bookstore, reminds faculty that fall textbook requests are due Feb. 14. Submit your adoptions online at [www.und.bkstore.com](http://www.und.bkstore.com)

We would like to thank you in advance for turning in textbook requests as early as possible. Because of your concern and support, we are winning the battle of maintaining and reducing the cost of textbooks. Our used textbook inventory for this past semester was once again over a million dollars. The savings to UND students based on this inventory was over \$345,000.

\* Having your course and book information allows us to pay students who choose to sell their books up to 50 percent of the book price at buyback.

\* Recycle and reuse -- the more books we buy at the end of this spring term, the more students save next term. Used books are 25 percent off the new book price.

\* With early information, we can notify you of publisher stock situations, edition changes, and out-of-print titles.

Thank you for your continued support.

-- Michelle Abernathy, 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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## American Indian Research forum calls for posters

Researchers, practitioners, and students are invited to submit poster abstracts for the fifth annual American Indian Research Forum to be held Thursday, April 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Memorial Union.

Posters should feature current research activities concerning health risk and health promotion among Native American communities.

Abstract topic examples include, but are not limited to: aging, AIDS, alcohol and substance abuse, alternative healing practices, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, environmental health, epidemiology, health promotion and disease prevention, health services research, injury prevention, maternal and children health, mental health, nutrition, oral health, women's health and traditional medicine.

Deadline: must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 1. For detailed instructions on preparing and submitting abstracts, visit: <http://medicine.nodak.edu/crh/airf/>

-- Amanda Scurry, public information specialist, UND SMHS Center for Rural Health,

[ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-0871

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## Studio One resumes regular telecast schedule

Studio One will resume its regular telecast schedule Thursday, Feb. 15. The program airs live every Thursday at 5 p.m. on Grand Forks Cable Channel 3. 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.

Studio One is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program, which debuted in the spring of 1987, is a one-hour telecast similar to NBC's Today or ABC's Good Morning America. Students produce news, weather, sports, and entertainment segments and interview guests ranging from local people to national and international celebrities. The show airs before a live studio audience during the fall and spring semesters. To reserve tickets or for more information, call 777-4346 or visit [www.studio1.und.edu](http://www.studio1.und.edu).

-- Meghan Flaagan, Director of Marketing, Television Center, [meghan.flaagan@und.edu](mailto:meghan.flaagan@und.edu), 701-777-3818

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## Benefited employees: new updates on the Wellness Game of Life

You can now get points for working out at home. We want to encourage everyone to live a healthy lifestyle, whether you have a membership at a gym or not. That is why we are now offering 10 points per month if you workout 10 times. Just keep track of your workouts and send them to me either at Box 8365 or via e-mail.

Also, a few things to remember about the weekly preventive screenings that will be starting next Wednesday, Feb. 14, and offered at a variety of times and locations. (Full schedule is listed on the web site, [www.workwell.und.edu](http://www.workwell.und.edu) under the Calendar of Events)

- Screenings are offered on a drop-in basis.

- When you attend, make sure you bring both your UND ID card and your insurance ID card.
- We will test your total cholesterol, blood pressure, height, and weight.
- Plan for about 15 minutes total, but it could take longer if more people are waiting.

Remember, the screenings are free if you have taken the HRA and you can earn 20 points. If you know of any non-benefited employees who wish to get a screening, they can also attend, but there will be a \$20 charge for them.

Continue checking the web site for new additions, changes to the schedule, or announcements.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Coordinator of Wellness, Wellness Center, [amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu](mailto:amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu), 777-0210

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## Free soup with sandwich purchase at The Well juice bar

Have you tried "The Well" Juice and Snack Bar at the UND Wellness Center? Now is your chance to get a great lunch at a great price. Print off a coupon for free soup with the purchase of a sandwich on our web site at [www.dining.und.edu](http://www.dining.und.edu). The coupon is valid Feb. 12-16 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This special is only available at The Well.

The Well is located in the atrium of the Wellness Center and serves specialties including fresh fruit smoothies, soup, sandwiches, wraps and low-fat brownies. You don't have to be a member of the Wellness Center to stop by for lunch.

-- Jeff St. Michel, Assistant Director, Dining Services, [jeffreystmichel@mail.und.edu](mailto:jeffreystmichel@mail.und.edu), 701-777-3823

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## Thai Week at the North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe

It is Thai week at the North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe. The menu follows.

- \* Feb. 13, Entrée: Chicken Satay; Soup: Piquant Prawn Soup.
- \* Feb. 14, Entrée: Stir Fry Tofu an Veggies; Soup: Piquant Prawn Soup.
- \* Feb. 15, Entrée: Gai Pad Khing; Soup: Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken.
- \* Feb. 16, Entrée: Thai Beef Flambe; Soup: Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken.

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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## Ray Richards golf course 2007 season passes now available

The 2007 golf season passes for faculty and staff are now available for \$220. With your purchase, you will receive a free season pass for the driving range (\$140 value). UND faculty and staff family season passes are \$500; they are not eligible for the free driving range pass. Stop at the Chester Fritz box office or call 777-4094. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Remember that passes may be paid through payroll deduction over six pay periods.

-- Tom Swangler, Assistant Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, [tomswangler@mail.und.edu](mailto:tomswangler@mail.und.edu), 7-4094

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## Fighting Sioux Custom Chopper giveaway is Feb. 17

The Fighting Sioux Custom Chopper will be given away at the UND men's hockey game on Saturday, Feb. 17. Time is running out. Get your raffle tickets today at the Ralph Engelstad Arena Sioux Shop or during the Fighting Sioux men's hockey games. For more info go to [www.theralph.com](http://www.theralph.com).

-- Sommer Lockhart, Marketing Manager, Ralph Engelstad Arena, [sommerl@theralph.com](mailto:sommerl@theralph.com), 70833

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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: 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: Computer Equipment Operator, ITSS, #07-217

DEADLINE: (I) 2/16/2007

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

POSITION: Records Associate, Office of the Registrar, #07-213

DEADLINE: (I) 2/13/2007

SALARY: \$25,000 - \$28,000

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current openings.

### CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, Re-advertised, Sun-Fri, 11 p.m.- 7 a.m.), Facilities, #07-194

DEADLINE: (I) 2/14/2007

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

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## IN THE NEWS

### David Heckmann awarded \$125,000 Department of Defense subcontract

David Heckmann, assistant professor of electrical engineering, has been awarded a \$125,000 Department of Defense flow-through subcontract from Packet Digital LLC, in Fargo, N.D., to investigate advanced power management techniques used in battery-powered devices.

Packet Digital is investigating potential methods of optimizing battery power usage in military devices for the Defense Microelectronics Activity (DMEA). As part of this large-scale project, UND electrical engineering graduate and undergraduate students will identify the myriad ways mobile military equipment such as handheld GPS receivers and radio communication devices can be configured to extend the life of their batteries and other potential power sources. The students are also studying commercial battery-operated products such as notebook computers, cellular telephones, and digital music players to gain additional insight into electronic power management strategies. The vast amount of information, gathered through patent and literature searches, will then be analyzed to converge on an optimal power management scheme that can be used in any wireless device.

Heckmann joined the faculty in 2000 after receiving his doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Arizona in 1998 and spending two years at IBM Corporation in Rochester, Minn., working on high-frequency signal integrity issues related to printed circuit boards and digital interconnects.

Packet Digital LLC is an innovator in the design, development, and marketing of advanced power management, smart radio frequency identification (RFID), and wireless solutions. The company is focused on creating products with high intellectual property content that match specific customer needs. Joel Jorgenson, president and CEO, serves as the principal investigator on the DoD contract titled "Advanced Power Management for Wireless Systems" from the Defense Microelectronics Activity (DMEA) located in McClellan Park near Sacramento, Calif. The DMEA is tasked with solving the problem of microelectronics replacement and upgrades in fielded systems for the Department of Defense.

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## **Social Work department receives reaccreditation**

The Department of Social Work has been reaccredited by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation. The Bachelor of Science in Social Work and Master of Social Work programs were reaccredited for eight years at the January meeting of the Commission on Accreditation.

"This is the most positive outcome we could have received, a result of countless hours of hard work on the part of faculty in preparing a self study document for their review. This speaks also to the efforts of the department's staff, field instructors, students and advisory committee in their contribution to the self study process that resulted in the maximum number of years for our reaccreditation," said Thomasine Heitkamp, chair of Social Work.

"I am very proud of our Social Work department," said Daniel Rice, dean of the UND College of Education and Human Development. "It is highly unusual for a program to receive such a positive review, given the high standards of the accrediting body. It is further evidence that ours is a very strong program that attracts the best students, has an excellent faculty, and prepares students exceptionally well for the profession. We couldn't be more pleased!"

"This is great news. I congratulate Thomasine Heitkamp and the rest of the Department of Social Work on an excellent evaluation. It is always great to have external validation of the excellence of our programs, and it is clear from response of the Commission of Accreditation that our Social Work department does a first-class job and has outstanding programs and faculty in place," said President Charles Kupchella.

Four on-site team members representing the Commission on Accreditation visited UND in October and noted several areas of strength. They included the presence of a strong practice faculty with many years of experience, including the chair who the commission said provides strong leadership to the department. The Field Education Program was noted as a clear strength as well as the department's work to provide a learning context in which respect for all persons and understanding of diversity is practiced. Another strength noted was the program's access to assistive technology and providing the graduate program at a distance through use of the Internet. The department also hosts two service units, Children and Family Services Training Center and the Guardian ad Litem Project, which were also noted as a strength by the on-site team.

The mission of the Department of Social Work, within the College of Education and Human Development, is to provide education, prepare professional service providers, and to develop knowledge through research while actively embracing human and cultural diversity. The department provides service, technical assistance and advocacy which will serve the region by addressing significant human needs and injustices.

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## SUNRISE announces DOE EPSCoR seed grant awards

The Sustainable Energy Research Initiative (SUNRISE), in coordination with the North Dakota EPSCoR program, recently awarded four seed grants to faculty researchers at North Dakota's two research Universities. An element of the mission of SUNRISE's three-year DOE EPSCoR infrastructure improvement program is to assist in developing UND/NDSU research capability related to sustainable energy. Proposals received for this competitive seed grant program were reviewed by a panel of external and internal experts in sustainable energy.

SUNRISE is pleased to award seed grants for the following projects:

- \* Soizik Laguette, assistant professor, Earth System Science and Policy, "Spectral Characterization of Switchgrass for Biomass Energy and Biofuel Quality", \$32,295.
  - \* Hossein Salehfar, professor, Electrical Engineering, "Modeling of Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell and Electrolyzer Using Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy Technique", \$18,000.
  - \* Julia Zhao, assistant professor, Chemistry, "Development of TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanocatalysts for Sustainable Energy", \$50,000.
  - \* W.H. Katie Zhong, associate professor, NDSU Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, "Ultra-lightweight Polymer Composites for Wind Energy System – Turbine Blade Structures", \$49,770.
- Wayne Seames, Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering, [wayneseames@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:wayneseames@mail.und.nodak.edu), 7-2958

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Remembering Stanley Ahler

Stanley Albert Ahler, research archaeologist at UND from 1975 to 1990, died Feb. 3, in Flagstaff, Ariz., after a long illness. He was 63.

Ahler was born Sept. 10, 1943, in Florence, Ala., to Ernest and Ruth Ahler. He grew up in the Powell, Tenn., area and graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1967 in anthropology. He earned a doctorate in anthropology from the University of Missouri-Columbia where he developed a life-long interest in Northern Plains archaeology. After 1990, he co-founded the PaleoCultural Research Group, a not-for-profit research and educational organization in Flagstaff that conducts archaeological projects. He continued his dedication to North Dakota archaeology with numerous projects, some of which are ongoing.

He was recently honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Plains Anthropological Society.

Ahler and Dennis Toom of South Dakota edited "Native American and Northern Plains Historical Guide." He undertook much research on the Arikara Indians. He was also prominent in findings at the Arzberger site, Hughes County, South Dakota.

"People of the Willows: The Prehistory and Early History of the Hadatsa Indians" was written by Ahler, along with Thomas D. Thiessen and Michael K. Trimble, in a project undertaken for the Center for Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

In February 2005, Dr. Ahler was key in the Garrison Dam/Lake Sakakawea Project, North Dakota, through the Cultural Preservation office. He was also a member of the Society for American Archaeology National Historic Landmark Committee.

Ahler is survived by a son, Scott Ahler; a granddaughter, Aliyah Ahler; former spouse Janet Goldenstein Ahler, all of Grand Forks; and three brothers, Henry of Petersburg, Tenn.; Bruce of Viburnum, Mo., and Steve of Lexington, Ky.

A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship Hall, 510 Leroux St., in Flagstaff on Feb. 25, at 2:30 p.m.

In place of flowers, please make a memorial donation to either the Prostrate Cancer Research Institute, [www.prostate-cancer.org](http://www.prostate-cancer.org), or PaleoCultural Research Group, PCRG, attention: Delia, P.O. Box EE, Flagstaff AZ 86002.

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## Remembering Vernon Lilleberg

Vernon James Lilleberg, retired carpenter and cabinet maker, died Feb. 7 in Altru Hospital. He was 89.

Lilleberg was born Sept. 26, 1917, to Marcus and Inga (Hegg) Lilleberg at Cummings, N.D. He attended Ervin Township elementary and Buxton High School. He was confirmed at Highland Lutheran Church, rural Cummings, N.D. Lilleberg married Edith Johnson Nov. 9, 1939, and they were married more than 67 years.

He worked for Farmers Union Oil Company of Buxton for several years. He also managed the Farmers Union Lumber Yard. Vernon and Edith operated a cafe in Buxton for a few years, and in 1955 he and Edith moved to Grand Forks, where he worked as a carpenter and cabinet maker at UND until retiring in 1986.

Lilleberg was a member of the Valley Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus for over 30 years. He received the Barbershopper of the Year award in 1989. He loved music and his greatest enjoyment was singing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Helen and Mildred (Mrs. Hjalmer Braaten), and brothers Harvey, Irvin and Kenneth. His brother Kenneth passed away one day before Vernon.

He is survived by his wife, Edith, eight nephews and nieces, and many friends and neighbors.

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