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TOP STORIES

Two colleges partner to receive \$1.5 million grant

The College of Arts And Sciences and the College of Education and Human Development have partnered to receive a \$1.5 million, three-year grant from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

The project, "Science, Engineering, and Mathematics for Teachers (ScEnMaT)," offers high-quality professional development opportunities that emphasize content knowledge to selected math and science teachers from "high need" schools as well as others. Teachers selected will earn graduate credits upon successful completion of a workshop or a course. Each workshop/course is designed to enrich participants' subject content knowledge and pedagogy.

The project will improve the math and science literacy of North Dakota middle and high school students through teacher-faculty partnerships. About 80 teachers, mostly from the state's high need school districts, will have the opportunity to improve their basic knowledge of biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, mathematics, and teaching pedagogy by taking courses. Credits earned for both online and summer workshops may be used toward a graduate certificate. There is no cost for teachers selected to participate.

"This is an effort to provide more preparation for science and math teachers in small schools so that they are able to offer a richer and broader curriculum to the students in those schools," said Daniel Rice, dean of the College of Education and Human Development and co-project director.

UND faculty will also visit schools to meet with their teacher partners and help them incorporate content knowledge into the middle school and high school curriculum. Through the cooperation of the North Dakota Educational Standards and Practices Board, this project will increase the disciplines in which teachers may be licensed and meet the highly qualified criteria established by No Child Left Behind legislation.

"Each semester, I find that about a third of the students enrolling in my University physics I class do not have the high school science background expected of them," said Kanishka Marasinghe, associate professor of physics. "Quite a few of these unprepared students get frustrated within the first few weeks of the semester and end up dropping the course, thereby losing money, time, and confidence. Talking to these students, it has become clear to me that there is in our state, especially in rural areas, a significant need for math and science teachers who are rich in content knowledge. Through project ScEnMaT, we can meet that need."

A major goal of this project is to cultivate lasting professional partnerships between participating teachers and a group of highly-qualified UND faculty. These partnerships and professional development opportunities should help improve math and science literacy of our state's youth.

The project directors are Martha Potvin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Rice. Project coordinators are Marasinghe, and Lars Helgeson, associate professor of teaching and learning.

Those interested in this program may visit the project web site at <http://www.scenmat.und.edu> or contact one

of the project coordinators, Lars Helgeson (lars.helgeson@und.nodak.edu) or Kanishka Marasinghe (k.marasinghe@und.edu) for more information.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

ArtSee: See the Art, See the Artists at the North Dakota Museum of Art

The Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals (GGFYP) will host the second annual ArtSee event, Thursday, Feb. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

In partnership with the North Dakota Museum of Art, North Valley Arts Council and New Bohemia, N.D., this event focuses on a personal interaction with many regional artists who will be available and display their work at the event, including Jon Offutt, John Berry, James Wolberg, Adam Kemp, Kim Fink, Mary Jo Titus, and Kim Dohrman.

"The Red River Valley has a great art community and we're excited to make it more accessible to young professionals and residents of Grand Forks. It is a fundamental part of what creates an attractive atmosphere for people to live and work," said GGFYP board member Amanda Hvidsten.

"We are very excited about this event, which is a great example of creative networking and collaboration," said Fargo artist Jon Offutt, "mayor" of New Bohemia, ND, a grassroots co-op of artists and community developers. "Partnerships like these result in communities that are more vital and vibrant."

One of the highlights at this year's event will be the addition of more affordable art pieces available for sale by the presenting artists.

"We want to provide an introduction to art collecting and make it available to all budgets. There will be something for everyone at ArtSee," said Justin Schiele, GGFYP board president.

ArtSee is free and open to the public. It will feature musical entertainment by singer/songwriter Jarrod Schell and offer complimentary appetizers and beverages. The event will also provide an opportunity to preview all items that will be auctioned at the North Dakota Museum of Art's Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction held on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, blofthus@ndmoa.com, 701 777-4195

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SUNRISE sponsors inaugural lecture Feb. 2

The Sustainable Energy Research Initiative (SUNRISE) announces the inaugural SUNRISE lecture Friday, Feb. 2, at noon in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Our guest speaker is William Linak from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Risk Management Research Laboratory's Air Pollution Prevention and Control Division. His topic is "Factors Increasing the Health Effects From Particulate Matter Emitted During the Combustion of Coal, Fuel Oil, and Diesel Fuel."

-- Wayne Seames, Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering, wayneseames@mail.und.edu, 7-2958

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Scientist will discuss Martian meteorites

Hanna Nekvasil from Stony Brook University presents the next LEEPS lecture Friday, Feb. 2. At noon he will present "Martian Magmatism: Towards a New Martian Paradigm," in 100 Leonard Hall; and at 3 p.m. he will

discuss "Late-Stage Volatile Evolution in Martian Magmas: Insights From the Chassigny Meteorite" 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 Dexter Perkins, 777-2991.

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Physics colloquium set for Feb. 2

A physics department colloquium is set for 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in 211 Witmer Hall. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall. The public is invited.

Steve Pierson, head of government relations at the American Physical Society, Washington, D.C., will present "China and India: A New Sputnik? Federal Funding for Physical Sciences Research."

Federal funding for the physical sciences has been stagnant for nearly 30 years, hindering scientific progress in many regards. Meanwhile, in the last decade, countries like China and India have made impressive strides in improving their science and technology infrastructure, to the extent that U.S. leadership in many scientific fields is, or will soon be, challenged. The United States is also losing high-tech market share and jobs. Just as Sputnik jolted the U.S. into action almost 50 years ago, many believe that the current challenges require a Sputnik-like response. Indeed, in January 2006, President Bush proposed to double the funding for physical sciences basic research. A year later, the proposed increases are yet to be enacted. In this talk, Pierson will discuss the Washington environment for basic research funding, challenges to U.S. science leadership, and the APS efforts to increase science research budgets. -- Physics.

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Financial aid information sessions offered Feb. 3

The Student Financial Aid office will hold two one-hour information sessions on the financial aid application process for fall 2007. The sessions will be Saturday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in 210 Clifford Hall. While these sessions are primarily for new students and their families, anyone with questions about the financial aid process is welcome to attend. Student loan lenders will also be available to answer questions.

-- Robin Holden, Director, Student Financial Aid, robinholden@mail.und.edu, 777-3121

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Forum for Contemporary Geographic Issues is Feb. 5

The geography department will present a Forum for Contemporary Geographic Issues at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in 157 O'Kelly-Ireland Hall. Xuwei Chen from Texas State University will present "Intercity Commute Patterns: A Case Study of the Austin-San Antonio Corridor in Texas." Please join us.

-- Enru Wang, Assistant Professor, Geography, erwang@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4590

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Pablo de Leon speaks at space studies colloquium Feb. 5

Pablo de Leon, research associate in space studies, will speak at the Space Studies Colloquium Series, 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in Room 210, Clifford Hall Auditorium. His presentation, "South America Space Programs and Development of Satellite Pehuensat-1" is free and open to the public. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

At the same time that the U.S. and the Soviet Union started their space programs, several countries in South America were also willing to enter the space race to a lesser degree. In the 1960s, Argentina started launching its own sounding rockets. In the 1970s, Brazil did the same. Today, despite the economic setbacks common to the region, several countries in South America have their space projects with advanced high altitude rockets, several satellites in orbit and strong research and development programs. Cooperation between the countries of the region and international partners is also very important and reaffirms the peaceful purposes of the space research in South America.

A sample case of the non-governmental educational satellite Pehuensat-1 will be presented. -- Space Studies.

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Insight meditation for beginners starts Feb. 5

A five-week progressive course in the fundamentals of insight meditation for beginners begins Monday, Feb 5, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Lotus Meditation Center, 2908 University Ave., and continues every Monday through March 5. Classes are taught by Lora Sloan Anderson, director of th center and clinical psychologist, and Patrick Sloan Anderson, a former Buddhist monk in the Thai Theravada Forest Tradition. There is no charge and it is open to everyone. No registration is required. For more information, contact Lora at (701) 787-8839. -- Lotus Meditation Center.

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Judge Rodney S. Webb is first distinguished Jurist-in-Residence

United States District Judge Rodney S. Webb will be the Inaugural Distinguished Jurist-in-Residence at the School of Law Feb. 5 and 6.

Judge Webb's residency will be highlighted by two events. First, a session of the United States District Court will be held Feb. 5 at 10:15 a.m. in the Baker Courtroom, School of Law. He will present a lecture titled, "The U.S. Constitution: Does It Still Provide for the Third Branch of Government?" Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 11:15 a.m. in the Baker Courtroom, School of Law. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Judge Webb graduated from UND with a BSBA degree from the College of Business in 1957, and his J.D. with distinction from the Law School in 1959. The retired JAG Corps Colonel has previously worked as the Walsh County states attorney, president of the N.D. States Attorney's Association, Grafton Municipal Judge, and the Special Assistant Attorney General for N.D. President Ronald Reagan appointed Webb U.S. Attorney for the District of N.D. and six years later appointed him U.S. District Judge for the District of N.D. He became Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota and reached Senior Status as of Jan. 1, 2002. He is a current member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administrative Office.

The Distinguished Jurist-in-Residence program brings outstanding judges to the School of Law and includes visits to classes, informal receptions, and a presentation by the judge. The program provides a unique and varied opportunity to learn about the bench and adds greatly to the law school experience of our students, faculty and staff.

A complete schedule of Judge Webb's appearances follows:

Monday, Feb. 5

- * 10:15 to 11:45 a.m., Session of the United States District Court, Baker Courtroom.
- * 1 to 2:30 p.m., Federal Courts Class, Patti Alleva, Webb Professor of Law, Room 212.
- * 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., Reception, Tisdale Lounge.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

* 8 to 8:55 a.m., Continental breakfast for students, Tisdale Lounge.

* 9:05 to 10 a.m., Trial advocacy class, Professor Katharine Traylor Schaffzin, Baker Courtroom.

* 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Presentation: "The U.S. Constitution: Does It Still Provide For The Third Branch of Government?" Baker Courtroom.

-- Rob Carolin, Director, Alumni and Public Relations, Law School, carolin@law.und.edu, 777-286

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Spring Study Abroad Fair is Feb. 7

The Spring Study Abroad Fair is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave. This event showcases the study abroad programs available for our students, both at UND and through affiliated providers. Students can explore their study abroad options and talk with program representatives, past students, and education abroad staff.

Please encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to explore their options by attending the Study Abroad Fair at the International Centre, across from the Memorial Union. Your support is extremely important.

In addition, any faculty members who are directing programs abroad are encouraged to advertise by reserving a table at the fair. Please RSVP to Neva (nevahendrickson@mail.und.nodak.edu) 777-3301 or Melinda (melindamccannellunger@mail.und.nodak.edu) 777-4756 to reserve a space if you haven't done so already. Experienced student representatives from your program are welcome and tables can be left unattended.

-- Melinda McCannell-Unger, Education Abroad Advisor, Office of International Programs, melindamccannellunger@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4756

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College of Business and Public Administration celebrates women in business

College students at the UND can take part in an exclusive opportunity to hear from female alumni who serve as role models for their career ambition and success. On Thursday, Feb. 8, the College of Business and Public Administration hosts its annual Hultberg Lectureship Series, an event recognizing women in business and their professional savvy in handling work and life.

This year's Hultberg theme is "Hey, I Did It! So Can You!" The panel of four women share their experiences from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Fred Orth Lecture Bowl in the Memorial Union. The Hultberg Lectureship Series celebrates 20 years; this year its featured alumni are: Heather Johnson Kukla ('96), Jackie (Simon) Anderson ('90), Sarah (Stanford) Nielsen ('95), and Stephanie Helgeson ('95).

The College invites all UND students, as well as other members of the University and Grand Forks community, to attend.

The Hultberg panelists represent a variety of career backgrounds ranging from the legal field and accountancy to sales management and athletics. The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. and is moderated by Bob Kerr, general manager of WDAZ-TV.

Panelists include:

* Stephanie Helgeson, who currently serves as the director of athletics at the University of Minnesota – Crookston (UMC). Helgeson has been involved in university athletics since graduating from UND in 1995 with a

degree in business administration. She played an instrumental role in UMC's transition from NAIA to Division II athletics in the NCAA.

* Jackie (Simon) Anderson has an extensive career in the retail food industry, starting at Hormel Foods in Dallas, Texas, and later transitioned to Kraft Foods, where she now serves as a regional sales manager for the world's second-largest food and beverage company. Anderson is a 1990 marketing and management graduate.

* Heather Johnson Kukla is a 1996 accounting graduate and attorney in New York City. Johnson Kukla's career began in Washington, D.C., where she served in a variety of positions in the United States District Courts in the District of Columbia, as well as working for Hogan & Hartsen, LLP. She was the editor of the Georgetown Law Journal, where her research on stem cells was published.

* Sarah (Stanford) Nielsen, is vice president and chief financial officer for Winnebago Industries in Minneapolis. She graduated from UND in 1995 with a degree in accountancy. Before being named CFO at Winnebago Industries, her successful career began in public accounting at Deloitte & Touche, LLC.

The Hultberg Lectureship was established with a gift through the UND Foundation by Clara E. Anderson, a 1928 graduate from Washburn, N.D. Clara named the series in honor of her parents, Hans and Susanna, because of the love and encouragement she received from them and her interest in stimulating both challenges and opportunities for women in business. Each year prominent women alumni from the College of Business and Public Administration and UND bring their leadership and experiences to the University community through this event.

Please make plans to attend the 20th annual Hultberg Lectureship Series. The event is free and open to the public.

-- CK Braun-Schultz, Director of External Relations, College of Business & Public Administration,
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Doug Burgum to speak at Feb. 9 entrepreneur forum

Doug Burgum, senior vice president for Microsoft Business Solutions Group, will be the next speaker at the Entrepreneur Forum Friday, Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m. in Clifford Hall Lecture Bowl 210. The Entrepreneur Forum is a program of the UND Center for Innovation.

The topic will be "Entrepreneur Lessons Learned from Growing Great Plains Software." The event is free and open to the public.

"We are delighted Doug is willing to share his entrepreneur lessons with the UND campus and the region," said Bruce Gjovig, entrepreneur coach and director of the Center for Innovation. "Doug has been keenly interested in our entrepreneur business climate since he returned to North Dakota, and his entrepreneur success is an inspiration." Burgum was the first recipient of the North Dakota Business Innovator of the Year Award in 1989.

Burgum literally "bet the family farm" when he joined a startup called Great Plains Software in Fargo in 1983. Under his leadership Great Plains grew from a mid-market accounting software firm with fewer than 50 employees into a publicly traded international corporation with 2,000 employees. In 2001 Great Plains was acquired by Microsoft Corporation and Burgum became senior vice president of Microsoft Business Solutions (MBS). In July 2002, Burgum led Microsoft's acquisition of Navision a/s, a Denmark-based midmarket software company. The two companies combined to create Microsoft Business Solutions.

Gjovig said, "Doug's visionary leadership focuses on innovative products, teamwork, quality, and exceptional service. He is known for his inspirational keynote addresses for partner conferences and community events.

An Arthur, N.D., native, Burgum earned his undergraduate degree from NDSU in 1978 and his MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business in 1980. Before joining the then startup company Great Plains in 1983, Burgum was a consultant at McKinsey & Co. in Chicago. He received honorary doctorate degrees from NDSU and the University of Mary in 2000 and 2006 respectively.

He currently serves on the advisory council for the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Burgum has established the Doug Burgum Family Fund, which focuses its charitable giving on youth and education. He lives near Fargo with his three children.

For more information, please contact Bruce Gjovig at the Center for Innovation, 777-3132, or Bruce@innovators.net www.innovators.net

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Enjoy bluegrass festival at Empire Feb. 10

The Prairiegrass Bluegrass Festival will be held at the Empire Arts Center Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m.

Prairiegrass, a group of Red River Valley musicians, is hosting the festival which features Prairiegrass, Prairie Rose, and the Polk County String Band. An excellent mix of contemporary, traditional, and gospel bluegrass music can be expected for all ages.

Prairiegrass members are from Grand Forks, Newfolds, Minn., and Thief River Falls, Minn. They have performed at the Empire, First Night Grand Forks, and Grand Forks Art Fest. Prairiegrass will entertain the audience with accomplished fiddle music, driving bluegrass banjo, and inspiring harmony.

Prairie Rose is a contemporary bluegrass group from Grand Forks demonstrating top quality vocal talent from two sisters backed up on guitar by their father. The talented daughters are outstanding and sure to inspire the audience.

Polk County String Band is from Crookston, Minn., and presents a new approach to bluegrass music. Young and energetic, Polk County already has a following from Crookston and is sure to provide excitement for the crowd. The band features mandolin, guitar, and banjo for contemporary bluegrass arrangements.

Tickets are available at Empire Arts Center at the door before the show for \$10.

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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. Ticket sales begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 1, 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, 701-777-4590*

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Graduate School Scholarly Forum calls for abstracts

The Graduate School is sponsoring the campus-wide Scholarly Forum Feb. 27 – March 1, to allow the University to highlight our scholarly activities and to provide a venue to share our research with our students and colleagues.

Faculty and students are invited to participate in the forum with presentations, exhibits, posters or performances. The forum also provides an opportunity for recruiting new students into our graduate programs.

This year's guest speaker is Don McCabe of Rutgers University, whose research centers on matters of academic integrity. He worked with the UND Task Force on Academic Integrity to conduct the recent online survey.

Theater Arts' production of Sam Shepard's "True West" will be performed during the Scholarly Forum with several presentations being planned in conjunction with this event.

The Graduate School is calling for abstracts for presentations and expressions of interest for exhibit space. The deadline is Monday, Feb. 5.

For submission forms and guidelines, go to www.graduateschool.und.edu and look under "Graduate School News." For further information, please contact Kristin Pavlish at the Graduate School at 777-2786.

-- Susan Caraher, Marketing & External Relations Specialist, Graduate School,

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Scholarly Forum speaker to discuss academic integrity

The Graduate School is very pleased to announce that this year's keynote speaker for the Scholarly Forum will be Donald L. McCabe, professor of management and global business in the Rutgers University Business School. His lecture, "Promoting Academic Integrity – What the Research Suggests" is at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m.

Dr. McCabe, who has a background in corporate marketing, received his doctorate in management from NYU and has worked in the academic arena for the past 20 years. He has more than 50 publications in education, sociology and ethics journals, and is in high demand as an invited presenter at national and international universities. His areas of expertise include ethical decision making with an emphasis on the relationship between college education and ethical development, and student cheating in college.

Joseph Benoit, dean of the graduate school, said, "We are very fortunate to have Dr. McCabe on campus presenting to our faculty and students. The issue of academic integrity is central to our business as a University, and Dr. McCabe has worked closely with us throughout the recent campus-wide online survey on academic integrity. I encourage our academic community, students, faculty and staff, to attend this presentation."

In addition to Dr. McCabe's presentation, the Scholarly Forum will highlight other faculty and student activities throughout the three days of events. It is not too late to get involved. The deadline for submissions of presentations and exhibits is Monday, Feb. 5. Submission forms and guidelines can be found online on the Scholarly Forum page at www.graduateschool.und.edu. For further information contact Kris Pavlish at 777-2786.

-- Susan Caraher, Marketing & External Relations Specialist, Graduate School,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UND will compete for \$30 million research program;
your assistance requested**

A research infrastructure planning opportunity may be of interest to you. The University competed and was selected to plan a NIH funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) grant application. If funded, the CTSA will provide up to \$30 million over five years toward an academic home at UND for a multi-disciplinary, fully integrated program of clinical and translational health research and research training. Our proposal was approved and funded by the NIH to plan for a Northern Plains Center for Research Translation (NPCRT). This center will create an infrastructure to support a multidisciplinary program of clinical and translational research that serves at-risk rural populations across the region, for example American Indian, migrant workers, and rural white elderly populations. NPCRT will enable researchers from all interested departments at UND to build research teams, comprised of different levels of investigators that will move UND's research from the basic science realm into focused clinical and translational venues. Collaboration with a wide base of stakeholders including communities, families, education, practice, industry, and government will be a core focus of this center.

All members of the UND faculty can play a key role in the CTSA endeavor. We value your current contributions to research science, education, and practice. The CTSA provides investigators the opportunity to highlight and expand current work. You each possess critical elements that can contribute to the structural core around which UND can construct a successful CTSA.

We challenge and invite you to consider how your research does or could fit into the CTSA vision. A survey has been developed to (a) gather information, (b) assess interest, (c) inventory researchers' current engagement in clinical or translational research, (d) define investigators' individual needs for infrastructure support and (e) assist in setting core research goals for the CTSA full proposal. Further information about the CTSA project follows. Please click on the following link to access the survey. You will be asked to provide a 200-300 word abstract regarding your current/potential research area(s). (You may want to prepare the narrative prior to entering the survey and then cut/paste).

Survey link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=582823224233>

Survey available: Jan. 30 to Feb. 14, 2007

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and Glenda Lindseth, professor of nursing, glendalindseth@mail.und.edu

General CTSA information

What is CTSA and translational research all about? Translational research has been defined and envisioned in many ways. Below is a sampling of perspectives.

NIH Director, Elias Zerhouni, M.D.

"The CTSA's will advance the assembly of institutional academic 'homes' that can provide integrated intellectual and physical resources for the conduct of original clinical and translation science. We anticipate that the creative installation and development of these environments will, over time, enhance the theoretical underpinnings of the discipline, provide much-needed educational programs, contribute to the growth of well-structured and well-recognized career pathways, and provide a research environment that is more nimble, conducive to, and responsive to the demands of modern translational and clinical research" (Zerhouni, E., 2005, Translational and Clinical Science--Time for a New Vision. The New England Journal of Medicine, 353, 1621-1623. Retrieved January 18, 2007 from <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/353/15/1621>).

Afaf Meleis, University of Pennsylvania

"From bench to bedside, from Petri dish to people, from animal to human. This is what has been typically meant

by translational research. Scientists work at the molecular, then cellular level to test 'basic research,' then proceed to applications for animals, and onto humans. The work is translated into practice in order to improve human health as its lasting legacy" (p. 8). [Afaf Meleis, University of Pennsylvania: Penn Nursing. (September, 2006) Upfront: A Publication of Penn Nursing--Where Science Leads].

How would the CSTA fit with the UND Mission?

The UND's mission is to "serve the state, the country, and the world community through teaching research, creative activities, clinical practice and service; and to share a distinctive responsibility for the discovery, development, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge." Clinical and translational research will be a key component in fulfilling this mission.

What can the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) provide?

A funded CTSA will support laboratory, clinical, animal, behavioral, educational, and community researchers as well as practitioners and community leaders. Our vision of the proposed CTSA will provide resources to create:

- * The development of translational and clinical science as an independent discipline at UND.
- * A research education center featuring a graduate degree program in translational and clinical science.
- * A program of clinical and translational research that will develop and disseminate interventions and best practices to prevent or reduce the impact of diseases of interest.
- * A dedicated clinical and translational research quadrant that will not only house investigators, laboratories and clinics, but also the administrative, governance, regulatory, and evaluation cores of the CTSA.
- * A seed grant program to promote multidisciplinary clinical and translational research.
- * A data sharing and resource center to develop intra-institutional and national collaboration, sharing, and dissemination of interventions and best practices resulting from CTSA sponsored research and research methodologies.
- * Additional research-intensive faculty lines and seed grant funding that relates to the UND CTSA research priorities.

What kinds of research will the CTSA facilitate?

The overarching goal of the national CTSA program is to bring about significant reductions in the morbidity and mortality of the major diseases by doing a better job of bringing discoveries in the laboratory to benefit patients "at the bedside." The UND CTSA program is designed to do this by developing clinical and translational science as an independent discipline (to accelerate discovery) and by supporting a wide range of behavioral research related to three disease clusters: 1) mental disorders such as depression and suicide; 2) metabolic disorders such as diabetes and obesity, and 3) neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

What are some examples of currently funded CTSA research?

As of Oct. 1, 2006, there are currently 12 funded CTSA academic centers in the country. A link describing these centers follows.

http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/ncrrprog/roadmap/CTSA_9-2006.asp

How could my research fit into the CTSA vision?

The following statements may help stimulate your imagination of innovative research!

- * How could you create and maintain an innovative and integrated program that could contribute to the development of a Clinical and Translational Research Center or other entity that fosters an environment in which basic, clinical, and translational research and researchers flourish?
- * Does your work support the development of novel clinical and translational methodologies?
- * How could biomedical informatics standards be developed and used to maximize interoperability between

internal systems and systems in outside organizations?

* How could your research involve the community in setting research priorities that directly affect patients, innovative ways to engage community members in mentoring processes, partnerships in clinical and translation research, and collaboration to enhance research perspectives (e.g., health disparity research), public trust, and recruitment for clinical and translational research?

* How could your research include outreach plans for community practitioners including means of engagement, possible incentives, application of research results (dissemination) and plans for training CTSA researchers, trainees and scholars in community outreach, cultural sensitivity, and population and community-based research methods?

* How could your research contribute to changing needs of clinical and translational research communities?

* How could your research or expertise contribute to the development of new educational programs in clinical and translational science or develop novel concepts, methodologies, and approaches that integrate the education, training, and career development environments?

-- Nursing and Psychology.

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International Programs newsletter available online

The latest issue of the International Programs newsletter, "Building Bridges" is available online at

<http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/documents/2-1-07.pdf>

Featured this month:

- * Feast of Nations
- * Spring Study Abroad Fair
- * UND faculty-directed and summer programs
- * Passport requirement for Canada and Mexico
- * International student advising notes
- * International student employment

-- Ray Lagasse, Director, International Programs, International Programs, raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu, 777-2938

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Please note special IRS instructions for claiming tuition deductions

Note the special IRS instructions for taxpayers who want to claim the above-the-line tuition deduction.

Congress belatedly reinstated the tuition and fees tax deduction in December retroactively (it had expired Jan. 1, 2006). The IRS had already sent its paper forms to the printer before Congress acted, so there is no place on the form 1040 for the deduction. Further, IRS needs to reprogram its software (and so will the online and software providers) to allow for the deduction, so the key piece of advice is that no returns claiming the tuition and fee deduction should be filed until early February. More information including instructions on how to fill out paper forms, is available at: www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=165640,00.html . - Payroll.

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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.edu. The Word document version may also be found on our web page at www.humanresources.und.edu/Forms/forms.html. Please review and discuss the evaluation with the employee and return the signed forms to Human Resources, Box 8010, no later than Feb.

28. If you have questions, please call us at 777-4361.

-- Diane Nelson, Director, Human Resources, dianenelson@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4361

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Use caution at campus and DOT fueling sites

It has been brought to our attention by the director of state fleet in Bismarck that vehicles refueling at University and DOT sites need to take greater care to slow down when entering these areas. UND is especially vulnerable due to snow equipment and buses that are continually in the area. Due to the location, there are a lot of blind spots at UND. Please pass the word and help avoid unwanted accidents.

-- Mary Metcalf, Manager, Transportation, marymetcalf@mail.und.edu, 777-4123

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Report icy conditions to facilities

The weather has caused icy conditions on our parking lots, roads, and sidewalks. We will continue to salt and sand to reduce the slipperiness as much as possible. Please report any hazardous conditions to Facilities, 777-2591. There are some things that you can do to help reduce the risk of falling on ice. Here are some helpful hints.

1. Wear boots or overshoes with grip soles. Slick leather or rubber soles on dress shoes are unsafe on ice.
2. Don't walk with your hands in your pockets. This reduces your balance if you slip on the ice.
3. Take short to medium steps, or shuffle your feet in very icy areas.
4. Don't carry or swing heavy loads, such as large boxes or cases, which could cause you to lose your balance when walking.
5. When walking, curl your toes under and walk as flat-footed as possible.
6. Don't step on uneven surfaces. Step well over or avoid curbs with ice on them.
7. Place your full attention on walking. Don't allow your attention to be divided by getting your keys out of your pocket, digging in your pocketbook for items, etc., while walking on ice.

-- Paul Clark, associate director of facilities.

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Purchasing is negotiating with Sam's Club

The current approved method of purchasing from Sam's Club is to use a purchase order or voucher. We are aware Sam's Club started accepting MasterCard this past November; however, Sam's Club has not agreed to the implementation of the University purchasing card. The purchasing department is negotiating with Sam's Club to approve the use of our Purchasing Card. We will notify departments when our purchasing card will be accepted by Sam's Club. Until then, continue to use a purchase order or voucher.

-- Scott Schreiner, Director of Purchasing, Purchasing, Scott.Schreiner@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2682

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Squires Dining Center renovation begins March 5

Construction on the \$2.2 million dining center transformation begins March 5. Plans call for Squires Dining Center, originally built in 1963, to close for the semester on March 2 after the dinner meal. Renovations will result in a completely renewed dining environment with market-style dining, restaurant seating, contemporary decor and display cooking. Students will have the option to choose ingredients and watch their meal being

prepared in front of them. The renovated dining center features stations including: Home Cooking, Pizza & Pasta, Salad Bar, Specialty Bar, Deli and Grab n' Go.

Beginning March 5, students will have the option to use a temporary dining facility in the Smith Hall basement, where breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served, Monday – Friday. A “To-Go” breakfast will also be available for students to pick up at the Walsh Hall convenience store. To accommodate busy schedules, Wilkerson Dining Center lunch hours will be extended until 4 p.m. The open dining policy allows students to eat at any dining center, so Terrace and Wilkerson Dining Centers can easily accommodate extra student traffic.

Construction will continue through the summer with a grand re-opening planned for mid-October. -- Dining Services.

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Benefited employees are reminded to sign up for Wellness Game of Life

Why is everybody talking about getting points for healthy behavior? What's the deal with turning in the points for prizes? Benefited employees -- make sure to register at <http://www.workwell.und.edu> for the Wellness Game of Life. Need more information? Contact Amanda at 777-0210.

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

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Is it too late to quit smoking?

No! You're just in time! Freedom from Smoking classes will be offered free of charge to all staff, faculty, and students. Sign up today or get more information by contacting Theresa Knox at 701-787-8140 or tknox@grandforksgov.com. For more information on the smoking cessation benefits offered by NDPERS, visit <http://www.bcbsnd.com/ehealth/ndpersquit>.

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

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Psychology seeking individuals currently taking antidepressants

A study in the psychology department is seeking individuals currently taking an antidepressant for a dissertation study. The study pays \$10 per hour; and takes 1.5 hours. All participants complete three questionnaires, a driving simulator, and a tracking task. Participation is confidential. Please e-mail Holly or leave a message at the number listed; your call will be returned as soon as possible.

-- Holly Dannewitz, Graduate Student, Psychology, holly_dannewitz@und.nodak.edu, 777-4775

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Students sought for assistance at water conference

The International Water Institute requests the services of about six graduate or advanced undergraduate students willing to do conference room technical support during the third Red River Water Conference at the Alerus Center March 13-15. In return for managing conference room audio-visual equipment, the institute will pay for the assistants' registration fee and meals during the conference.

Information on the conference program can be found at:

<http://www.internationalwaterinstitute.org/2007IWIconference.htm>

Assistants need not attend every day, but would be responsible for helping during two sessions. If interested, please send your name and contact information to Phil Gerla: (philgerla@mail.und.nodak.edu).

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Women Studies seeking entries for essay contest

The UND Women Studies Program sponsors a contest for the best essays that wholly or in significant part address issues of particular concern to women. Three prizes may be awarded, one for undergraduate research paper, one for creative project, and one for graduate research paper; each prize is \$100. Essays and projects may be of any length and may come from any discipline. They may be submitted by faculty or directly by the student. Essays or projects should have been created in 2006 (spring, summer, or fall semesters).

Mark entries with class title and instructor and include the author's phone number and address. Please send essays by Feb. 15 to Wendelin Hume, Women Studies, intracampus Stop 7113. Winners will be announced during spring semester 2007. If you have any questions please call Wendy at 777-4115.

-- Wendelin Hume, Director, Women Studies, wendelin.hume@und.edu, 701-777-4115

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Participants sought for possible staff/faculty golf league

If anyone is interested in a staff/faculty golf league, please contact Dustin at 777-3500 or dustinhetletved@mail.und.nodak.edu. Please include what night would be best.

-- Dustin Hetletved, Ray Richards golf course manager, Golf Course, dustinhetletved@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3500

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Tomorrow is special Denim Day

This Friday, Feb. 2, is national Wear Red Day, which has been declared a Special Denim Day by President Kupchella. Help raise awareness of heart disease and stroke, the No. 1 killer of women, by wearing red with your informal duds. A suggested donation of \$5 will go to the American Heart Association, supporting ongoing research and education about women and heart disease. Give your donations to your regular Denim Day coordinator.

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

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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: Programmer Analyst, NDUS Connect ND, #07-209

DEADLINE: (I) 2/07/2007

SALARY: \$40,000 - \$47,000

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: No current openings.

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Administrative Assistant, Continuing Medical Education, #07-208

DEADLINE: (I) 2/02/2007

SALARY: \$22,000 - \$30,000

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Snack Bar Supervisor (variable schedule), Dining Services, #07-210

DEADLINE: (I) 2/07/2007

SALARY: \$8.31 - \$9.75

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

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IN THE NEWS

Carlson named Kaess Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology

Edward Carlson, chair and Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, has been named as the first Dr. Karl and Carolyn Kaess Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

The professorship was created with a significant gift from Carolyn Kaess of San Diego and her husband, the late Dr. Karl Kaess, a 1938 graduate of the UND medical school. It is the second professorship established with a major endowment to support the school.

In 1986, the couple also established a scholarship endowment to support medical students at UND through the UND Foundation.

"We are deeply grateful to Dr. Karl and Carolyn Kaess for their continuing commitment to the excellence of the medical education program at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences," said H. David Wilson, dean of the school. "Their extraordinarily generous gifts have been important to advancing our mission and enhancing the outstanding reputation of this medical school.

"Their contribution which created the Dr. Karl and Carolyn Kaess Professorship in Anatomy and Cell Biology is most critical to strengthening an already excellent academic department."

Dr. and Mrs. Kaess chose to endow the professorship in anatomy because of their esteem for Harley French, an exceptionally gifted professor who served as anatomy department chair as well as dean of the medical school for 37 years, ending in 1948.

"We are sincerely grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Karl Kaess for their remarkable generosity," said Carlson. "Their gift will directly impact my teaching and research career and benefit our department for years to come."

A native of Fargo, Dr. Kaess graduated from the UND medical school and went on to earn the Doctor of

Medicine degree from Rush Medical School in Chicago in 1940. He received specialized training in dermatology at Northwestern University in Chicago and completed residency training at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and the University of Pennsylvania. He was board-certified in dermatology.

In the Navy Medical Corps, he served as commanding medical officer on the battleship USS Missouri and other naval hospitals in New Hampshire and the Philippines. He retired from the military as a captain in 1973 and passed away in 2003.

Carlson, who has served as chair of the anatomy and cell biology department since 1981, is highly respected as an award-winning educator, a highly effective administrator and a creative investigator. His work has centered on the morphometric analysis of cellular and extracellular ultra-structure, especially as applied to models of diabetic retinal and kidney ailments. Results of his research, represented by more than 180 papers and abstracts, has been widely published.

In May 2006, he received the highest faculty honor bestowed by UND, the title Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor. -- School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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UND takes gold, silver, bronze awards in CASE competition

UND walked away with seven awards -- three gold, two silver and two bronze, in categories such as excellence in fundraising materials writing, excellence in news release writing, graphic design, publications, and solving internal communications challenges -- from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) during the CASE District VI conference held Jan. 21-23 in Kansas City, Mo.

CASE is the international organization for educational advancement. Its membership is comprised of college, university and independent school staff members in the areas of alumni relations, communications and marketing, and philanthropy.

"This is a great recognition for the University of North Dakota. This was a real team effort, among the staff of the Office of University Relations and the staffs of the UND Alumni Association and UND Foundation and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences," said Don Kojich, executive associate vice president for university relations.

More than 1,000 entries were received for the CASE District VI awards from 70 colleges, universities and independent schools in Missouri, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

UND's awards included:

* A Gold Award for Excellence in Communications -- Periodicals, External Audience Tabloid/Newsletter, for Beyond Horizon's, a four-times a year six-page publication that is a new approach to President Charles Kupchella's President's Report. The award went to the UND Office of University Relations, Don Kojich, executive associate vice president for university relations, Peter Johnson, associate director, Juan Pedraza, writer, Richard Larson, designer, and Chuck Kimmerle, photographer.

* A Gold Award for Excellence in Graphic Design – Series or Multiple-Piece Project -- Four or More Colors,

Single-Page Format, for "More than Beads and Feathers," a project to highlight high-achieving graduates from the University of North Dakota with American Indian heritage. The award went to the UND Office of University Relations, Chuck Kimmerle, designer and photographer.

* A Gold Award for Excellence in Graphic Design – Cover, Four or More Colors, for the cover the Alumni Review. The award went to the UND Alumni Association, Amanda Hvidsten, editor, and the UND Office of University Relations, Chuck Kimmerle, photographer.

* A Silver Award for Excellence in Writing -- Press Release, for "Mike Gaffey Awards and Gala," written by Juan Miguel Pedraza, writer with the Office of University Relations, and David Bullock, graduate student writer with the Office of University Relations.

* Silver Award for Excellence in Communications -- Overall Publications, Publication Program Improvement, North Dakota Medicine, Pamela Knudson, Amanda Scurry, Victoria Swift, and John Lee.

* Bronze Award for Excellence in Institutional Relations, Best Solution to an Institutional Communications Challenge, University Letter Online, Office of University Relations. Jan Orvik is UND's Internal Communications Coordinator.

* Bronze Award for Excellence in Fundraising Materials, Development Writing, Promo Kit, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Blanche Abdallah, Chuck Kimmerle, John Lee, Wendy Opsahl, Victoria Swift.

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

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