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Medical school named Center of Excellence for drug abuse education

The University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences has been named a Center of Excellence for Drug Abuse Education by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

UND is one of the first four such centers established by NIDA to serve as national models to support the advancement of addiction awareness, prevention and treatment in primary care practices targeting medical students and resident physicians in primary care specialties such as internal medicine, family practice and pediatrics.

Through the center, the UND medical school's Office of Medical Education will identify what medical students and residents should learn about substance abuse and develop curriculum that will help them identify, assess and refer patients with drug addictions.

"Our patient-centered learning curriculum allows us to integrate substance abuse into what the students learn," said Charles Christianson, associate professor of family and community medicine, who heads the project for the UND medical school. "We can add drug addiction to cases the students study each week and bring in standardized patients who play the part of someone with a substance abuse problem."

UND's Center of Excellence will focus on substance abuse that is prevalent in rural and tribal areas such as methamphetamine, inhalants and misuse of prescription drugs.

NIDA, a division of the National Institutes of Health, also funded centers of excellence at Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Neb.; the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in collaboration with Drexel University College of Medicine; and the Massachusetts Consortium of Medical Schools, including the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine and Harvard Medical School/Cambridge Health Alliance.

-- Amanda Scurry, public information specialists, UND SMHS, ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-0871

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Far Eastern Air Transport sends seven student pilots to UND

The UND Aerospace Foundation (UNDAF) announces that Far Eastern Air Transport has committed to sending a group of students to train to become pilots at UND. Seven employees have enrolled at UND and in the following weeks will begin a concentrated flight training program designed specifically to meet the needs of Far Eastern Air Transport.

"We are very proud to have this group of students from Taiwan coming to UND," said Chuck Pineo, vice president of business development for UNDAF. "The acquisition of this training partnership is a combination of hard work by Far Eastern Air Transport, UND, and UND Aerospace, and can be directly credited to Gov. Hoeven's North Dakota trade mission to Taiwan in June."

"The aerospace program at UND is known throughout the world for quality flight training," Gov. John Hoeven said. "This partnership is exciting and will further strengthen UND's aviation program and further bring

awareness of North Dakota in Taiwan."

The students will be UND students for 12 months and live on campus during their flight training in Grand Forks. According to Bruce Smith, president of the UND Aerospace Foundation and dean of the Odegard School, "Far Eastern Air Transport is utilizing many of the resources the Odegard School has to offer. Like our other undergraduate students, the students are utilizing our CRJ course, high altitude chamber experience and physiology curriculum in their training. These are courses that many other airlines don't offer in their ab initio pilot training."

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Global Visions film series presents "Games of Love and Chance"

The Department of Anthropology's Global Visions film series continues Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl with the French film, "Games of Love and Chance." All films are free and open to the public.

The Global Visions film series presents two films per month, and is funded in part by the Multicultural Awareness Committee. It is currently the only venue in Grand Forks to show independent films from a wide variety of contemporary filmmakers from around the world.

The series kicks off with the powerful cinematic creation, "Games of Love and Chance" by Abdellatif Kechiche. This film is about a young North African immigrant's adventures in Paris. The film is the winner of several César awards, and offers a graceful and sympathetic look at how the lives of teenagers intersect as it choreographs a dizzying series of collisions between the hip-hop influenced, Arabic-inflected staccato of working-class youth slang.

Other films are:

- * "Junebug" (U.S.), Feb. 13.
- * "Woman is the Future of Man" (Korea), Feb. 27.
- * "The Forsaken Land" (Sri-Lanka), March 6.
- * "The Cuckoo" (Russia), March 20.
- * "Take My Eyes" (Spain), April 3.
- * "Broken Wings" (Jewish), April 17.
- * "Me, You, Them" (Brazil), May 1.

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

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Theology for Lunch series begins Jan. 31

Join the Campus Ministry Association, representing Christus Rex, Newman Center, United Campus Ministry, and Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel for the spring Theology for Lunch series. The topic and presenters for the fall series will be:

"Can I quote you on that?" Academic Integrity.

Jan. 31 - Douglas Munski (professor of geography) and Julie Gallaher (graduate student), academic affairs perspective.

Feb. 7 - Cara Goodin (associate dean of student life) and Brandon Koeser (student body treasurer), student services perspective.

Feb. 14 - Gretchen Graf (pastor at First Presbyterian Church) and Leif Bergerud (graduate student), theological perspective.

Each session will take place at noon at Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, 3120 Fifth Ave. N. A light lunch will be served, so bring your appetite, a friend, and an interest in sharing your thoughts and ideas.

-- Lisa Burger, Director, Student Academic Services, lisaburger@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4706

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Women's Center hosts Meet, Eat and Learn

Thick Thighs Anonymous meeting is set for noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave. Join us for lunch and the powerful rumble of the thunder of thighs! This comic performance piece by Kathy Coudle King will be followed by some journaling time and small group discussion.

-- Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center, undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 74300

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"Rethinking College Mascots" presentation is Jan. 31

How common is the use of Native American symbols in sports and media? Does this practice affect everybody? Why has this been a national issue for more than 30 years?

Please join us for an interactive presentation, "Rethinking Native American College Mascots," Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Memorial Union. There will be three sessions: 9 to 10:30 a.m., 1 to 2:30 p.m., and 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This presentation has been developed, and will be presented by Tracy Peterson, Dickinson State University and Jonathan Hyde, University of Southern California.

The public is invited. Faculty are asked to encourage students to attend or to bring their class. Clubs and organizations are also encouraged to participate.

For more information contact Donna Brown, American Indian Student Services at 777.2949.

-- Lucy Ganje, Associate Prof., Art, lucy_ganje@und.nodak.edu, 777-2670

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Critical thinking discussion set for Feb. 1

Craig Nelson, recently retired from Indiana University as a professor of biology and director of their teaching and learning center, will visit UND Thursday, Feb. 1. His work on helping students develop stronger critical thinking skills and "mature valuing" across the curriculum brought him national prominence in recent years, and Dr. Nelson will be available for informal discussion of these topics from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Memorial Room, Memorial Union. Feel free to stop by and join in the discussion.

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost, Provost Office, joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu, 7-4684

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Nationally known teacher/scholar kicks off 2007 speaker series

This spring the Office of Instructional Development launches a speaker series focusing on the work of faculty engaged in the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL). The series will feature a Feb. 1 kick-off presentation by Craig E. Nelson (professor emeritus of biology, Indiana University) titled "The Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (SoTL): Frameworks, Lessons and New Directions." We will welcome Dr. Nelson with a reception in the East Asian Room, Chester Fritz Library, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. before his presentation and a discussion from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information on Dr. Nelson's extensive accomplishments as a scholar, scientist and teacher (with noted expertise in fostering critical thinking and mature valuing across the curriculum, diversity and college teaching, and active learning) visit his bio at <http://www.und.edu/dept/oid/BTSSeries.html>

The series will continue Feb. 22 with a presentation by Dexter Perkins (geology), a UND Bush teaching scholar. He will present "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?" There will be a reception from 3:30 to 4 p.m. with the presentation from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the East Asian Room, Chester Fritz Library.

Rounding out the spring series will be a presentation by Patti Alleva (the Rodney and Betty Webb Professor of Law), another UND Bush Teaching Scholar, on March 29. She will present "Learning for Life: The Imperative of Self-Awareness in Teaching and Practicing." A reception will be held from 3:30 to 4 p.m. with 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 the process of inquiry. We'll learn what questions prompted Perkins and Alleva 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 Prof., History, anne_kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 710-777-6489

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"Inside Iraq: The Untold Stories" film will be shown Feb. 1

"Inside Iraq: The Untold Stories" will be shown from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Free and open to the public, the film is funded by the Multicultural Awareness Committee.

In March 2003, Mike Shiley was doing what most ordinary Americans were doing: sitting on the sofa, watching the nightly news coverage of Gulf War II and wondering what was really going on in Iraq. An avid world traveler, Shiley traveled to Iraq and produced a documentary film about what was happening behind the scenes.

Although Shiley is not a journalist, he convinced local television affiliate KATU in Portland, Ore., to grant him permission to cover the Oregon National Guard in Iraq. Shiley still needed press credentials, so he went to his local Kinko's print shop where he ingeniously made a homemade press pass. He then cashed in airline miles and with a single contact name written on a crumpled piece of paper, crossed into Iraq, setting off on a journey that would change his life forever.

Armed only with a camera, a local guide and a rented bulletproof vest (used!), Shiley traveled throughout the country of Iraq for two months, filming unique stories the national media ignores, showing the reality of life in Iraq beyond the media and military spin.

Rather than trying to push a political point of view, Shiley let his camera roll, catching a multitude of real-life moments that tell it like it is. The result is a highly thought-provoking and reasonably unbiased 84-minute documentary film titled, "Inside Iraq: The Untold Stories." For more information, visit www.INSIDEIRAQTHEMOVIE.COM or contact Mike Shiley at 503-936-1866, e-mail, mike@shidogfilms.com.

Rating is PG 13 for violence, language, graphic images. -- Marcia Mikulak, anthropology.

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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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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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Volunteers sought for care-giving simulation

The Center for Rural Health is seeking three volunteers to help with a care-giving simulation Friday, Feb. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. Volunteers will either simulate a person with an aging-related disability or act as the care-giver in a variety of situations. Please call Kim Ruliffson at 777-6780 if you can assist us. We will have Wal-Mart cards and snacks for the volunteers.

-- Kim Ruliffson, Administrative Secretary, Center for Rural Health, kruliffson@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-6780

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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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"Junie B. Jones" is at Chester Fritz Auditorium Feb. 3

Outspoken, precocious, lovable Junie B. Jones stars in a colorful, funny, fast-paced musical about new friends, new glasses, sugar cookies, the annual kickball tournament, and other various first grade angst-ridden situations. Follow her adventures as she writes down the story of her life in her "Top-Secret Personal Beeswax Journal."

This new musical is based on four volumes in Barbara Park's Junie B. Jones series of books: "Junie B, First Grader (at Last!)", "Junie B, Boss of Lunch"; "Junie B, One-Man Band"; and "Top-Secret Personal Beeswax: A Journal by Junie B. (and Me!)."

Tickets are \$16 each or four for \$50, and are available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster outlets, by calling 772-5151, or online at www.ticketmaster.com/venue/49273

-- Betty Allan, Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, bettyallan@mail.und.edu, 7-2170

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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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Student technology fee holds open meeting Feb. 6

The student technology fee committee is calling for proposals for fall 2007 technology fee dollars. The committee will make recommendations for proposals based on the following:

Descriptive Criteria

- * Dean's ranking
- * Innovation
- * Student benefit
- * Impact on the curriculum and/or on research
- * How does this project address your unit's strategic plan?

Demographic Criteria

- * Number of students served
- * Number of disciplines served

Unit Support

- * Access to equipment
- * Technical support
- * Matching funds from the department/unit
- * Technology available for redeployment

PLEASE NOTE: All proposals must be submitted using the fall 2007 (081) STF request form. Forms may be accessed at www.und.edu/org/stf/forms.html or you may request one via e-mail from Carol Hjelmstad at carolhjelmstad@mail.und.edu. Departments/units should submit the proposals to their deans or directors for review and prioritization. Units which answer directly to vice presidents should submit proposals to them for review and prioritization. Vice presidents, deans and directors may have earlier deadlines.

The deadline to submit proposals to the student technology committee at Stop 9041 is Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Proposal writers must consult with the various support offices on campus for costs associated with installation of equipment, accessibility issues, security concerns and adaptive technology. Unless departments are prepared to pay for these out of their own budgets, proposal writers should obtain estimates and include them as a part of the budget for the proposal. In addition, proposal writers must consult with Disability Support Services regarding adaptive technology needed for the proposal, and with the Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies regarding the equipment requested for compatibility, installation issues, and ensuing issues.

The STF committee will hold an open meeting to address questions for those writing proposals for fall 2007 (081) funding. This open meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union, Memorial Room. Please feel free to drop by as your schedule allows. If the above date and time does not work for you, please give us a call and we will schedule a private appointment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposal process, please contact Carol Hjelmstad at 777-3171.

-- Carol Hjelmstad, Administrative Assistant, ITSS, carolhjelmstad@mail.und.edu, 777-3172

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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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Spend spring break with Conflict Resolution Center

The Conflict Resolution Center is presenting a 32-hour civil mediation seminar March 12-15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union. Learn the principles and skills of transformative mediation in a fun, experiential, and participatory environment. You will learn great job and leadership skills regardless of your profession or course of study.

Cost is \$295 for UND students, faculty and staff, a savings of \$405.

Two graduate credits are available, COUN 900, workshop – seminar credits through continuing education, \$100. Contact the Conflict Resolution Center at 777-3664 to register. Registration closes Saturday, March 3. --
Conflict Resolution Center.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations sought for Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors

Nominations are sought for individuals to be considered for recognition as a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor. Included below are the criteria and procedures for the nomination and selection of those to be recognized. Nomination packets are due in the respective dean's office by March 1. Nominators must be a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, full professor, or department chair.

Criteria:

1. Demonstrated achievement across research, teaching, and service with significant national or regional recognition in any one of these missions.
2. Significant professional contributions throughout his/her career. However, the basis for selection of Chester Fritz Professors will be heavily weighted toward one's accomplishments at UND.
3. Recognition by University of North Dakota colleagues as a faculty member who has made a valuable contribution to the quality of UND's academic programs.
4. Full-time member of the faculty, which includes all ranked teaching and research personnel. Department chairs are eligible if he/she is a full-time member of the faculty. Full-time administrators, e.g., vice presidents and deans, are not eligible.

Nomination Process:

The nomination packet should contain sufficient information for the committee to evaluate the nominee.

1. The nominator(s) must submit a nomination letter. Nominator(s) must be a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, full professor, or department chair.
2. College deans must second all nominations in writing.
3. Letters of support from other faculty are encouraged.
4. A current curriculum vitae of the nominee must accompany the nomination.

-- *Connie Gagelin, Administrative Officer, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost,*

conniegagelin@mail.und.edu, 777-2165

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Medical School to bring rural medicine program to Dickinson

Dickinson will join the group of North Dakota communities that host UND medical students who spend most of their third year of medical school learning about rural medicine.

Each year, several junior medical students from the medical school spend seven months of medical school learning about rural health care firsthand through the school's Rural Opportunities in Medical Education (ROME) program. In November, Dickinson will host its first ROME students.

ROME is an interdisciplinary experience in a rural primary care setting, open to medical students who wish to live and train in non-metropolitan communities throughout North Dakota under the supervision of physician-educators. Students, who must apply and be accepted to the ROME program, learn about problems commonly encountered in primary care, from routine health maintenance to medical emergencies and unusual diagnoses in rural areas.

For the past nine years, the ROME program has been based in Hettinger, Williston, Devils Lake and Jamestown.

The students selected to go to Dickinson through ROME will work with Kamille Sherman at Dickinson Clinic and Heather Hughes at Great Plains Clinic, both graduates of the UND medical school. The students will also work closely with several other health care professionals in the community.

Hughes, a 2001 graduate, and Sherman, a 1999 graduate, are clinical assistant professors of family and

community medicine at the UND medical school. As a medical student, Hughes went through the ROME program in Williston and was one of the first ROME students to establish a medical practice in North Dakota after completing her training.

Thomas Arnold, a 1984 graduate and a clinical assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was instrumental in getting the ROME program started in Dickinson.

"ROME is a unique program," said Roger Schauer, associate professor of family and community medicine and director of the ROME program. "It requires self-directed learning in partnership with physician-instructors."

One of the program's objectives is to allow students to learn about patients in the context of continuous care over a period of seven months, which is proving to be a popular aspect among students, according to Schauer. Students learn about problems commonly encountered in primary care, from routine health maintenance to medical emergencies and rare or unusual diagnoses. A recent evaluation of the ROME program found that students who participated in the program not only scored just as well on their exams as their classmates, but also are more likely to choose to go into a primary care field of medicine. After earning their medical degrees, 62 percent of ROME graduates selected primary care (family medicine, internal medicine or pediatrics) residencies for further training, compared to 36 percent of traditional program graduates.

"ROME is a great program," said Robert Beattie, who served as the program's coordinator in Hettinger until becoming chair of Family and Community Medicine last year. "ROME is an exceptional opportunity for medical students to experience the best that rural health care has to offer. It allows the students to become involved in the community in addition to the medical center. I look forward to supporting and possibly expanding the ROME experience for our future students."

-- Amanda Scurry, public information specialist, UND SMHS, ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-0871

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Feb. 15 is deadline for new faculty scholar awards applications

Senate Scholarly Activities Committee (SSAC) new faculty scholar awards are intended to provide extra support for initiation of research and creative activity programs of assistant professors who have been at UND three years or less (e.g., date of appointment at UND should be January 2004 or later). The SSAC anticipates that many new faculty scholar awards will lead to the development of projects that will ultimately be funded by external agencies. Up to three awards of \$5,000 each will be made per year. Only outstanding applications will be funded. One competition is held for faculty scholar awards each year.

Thursday, Feb. 15, is the deadline for submission of new faculty scholar award applications to the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee. The committee will consider requests from faculty members to conduct pure and applied research, support writing projects, or to support other creative and scholarly endeavors (e.g., performances, art projects, compositions). All costs normally incurred in the conduct of the research or creative activity are eligible budget items. Travel costs which are essential to the conduct of the project may be requested; however, travel to present papers or attend conferences IS NOT allowable under this program.

The committee reminds applicants to carefully prepare their proposals and be specific and realistic in their budget requests. All applications for new faculty scholar awards MUST include the completed application form, letter of support from the departmental chair, the applicant's resume, and a description of the project. The properly signed original application and 11 copies must be submitted to Research Development and Compliance office prior to the published deadline. The application form is available at RD&C, 105 Twamley Hall, or call 777-4278, and on RD&C's home page at <http://www.und.edu/dept/rdc/SSACNewFacultyScholar.htm> (or

under "Research" on UND's home page).

-- B. P. Bandyopadhyay, Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, [bishubandyo@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:bshubandyo@mail.und.nodak.edu), 701/777-3844

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State mandates ergonomic training sessions

Due to the increase in musculoskeletal and cumulative trauma injuries across the country, Workforce Safety and Insurance is now requiring the University of North Dakota to train all supervisors and their employees in the area of ergonomics. Safety and Environment Health has developed a class titled "Train the Trainer for Ergonomics." At this class supervisors will receive information designed to increase awareness of the prevention of musculoskeletal injuries.

All supervisors will need to share with those they supervise the risk factors and preventative techniques that will be taught at the "Train the Trainer" sessions. These training sessions are scheduled through U2 scheduling and will be listed in their newsletters. Please call 777-2128 to register. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Safety and Environmental Health at 777-3341 or 777-6232.

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

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Note changes in Office of Instructional Development

Until a permanent director is appointed to the Office of Instructional Development, please direct any questions to Jeanne Boppre in the Office of Instructional Development (777-3325) or Joan Hawthorne in the Office of the Provost (777-4684).

-- Victoria Beard, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, victoriabeard@mail.und.edu, 7-4824

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Research Development and Compliance office temporarily relocated

Due to construction, Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) is temporarily located in 404 Twamley Hall (Edna Twamley Room).

Barry Milavetz, Shirley Griffin, and Jennifer Lessard will be located in 404 Twamley Hall until further notice. Therefore, questions/documents pertaining to external grants, as well as those pertaining to faculty research seed money, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee (SSAC), or Research Development and Compliance proposals/awards should be brought to Room 404.

Institutional Review Board (IRB)/Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) personnel, Renee Carlson and Jodi Everett, will remain in 105 Twamley Hall. Questions/proposals for the IRB or IBC should be brought to 105 Twamley Hall.

Telephone numbers and box number remain the same.

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

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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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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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Corrected W-2s to be issued to some benefited employees

After distributing W-2s last week, it was brought to our attention that Box 13 on the 2006 W-2 form, retirement plan, was not checked for a significant number of benefited employees. Subsequently we are issuing corrected W-2s that will include the retirement plan box checked. If you are a benefited employee and the retirement plan box is not checked on your original W-2, a corrected W-2 will be mailed no later than Jan. 31.

All other information on the W-2 is correct, only the check in Box 13 was missing.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact the Payroll Office at 777-4228. -- Payroll.

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Road by Swanson Hall is one-way north

The direction of traffic on Cornell St. between University Ave. and Second Ave. is now a one-way going north. This change is necessary to accommodate the construction of the parking ramp and will be in place through early summer. Please use caution as people adjust to the change. — Facilities.

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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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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/Ray Richards Golf Course, tom_swangler@mail.und.edu, 777-4094

Note two Denim Days this week

Wednesday, Jan. 31, is the last Wednesday of the month, so it's Denim Day. Wear your Denim Day button, pay your dollar, and enjoy wearing your casual duds in the middle of the week. All proceeds go to charity. Tired of watching other offices/buildings have all the fun? Call me and I'll set you up with buttons and posters for your area.

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

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: No current openings.

OFFICE SUPPORT:

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

DEADLINE: (I) 2/02/2007

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

POSITION: Administrative Secretary, Facilities, #07-206

DEADLINE: (I) 1/31/2007

SALARY: \$23,000 - \$25,000

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE: No current openings.

