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TOP STORIES

Martin Luther King Jr. celebration week is Jan. 22-26

Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration week is Jan. 22-26. The theme is "Countdown to 2013: If Walls Could Talk." Events follow.

Monday, Jan. 22

* Film series, "Crash," International Centre, 2908 University Ave., 3 to 5 p.m.

* "The Cost of Being Color Blind," Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Speaker/moderator is Kenneth Durgans, vice provost for institute diversity, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

* Roundtable discussion, "Moving Beyond Diversity," River Valley Room, Memorial Union, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Facilitator is Kenneth Durgans.

* Film series, "Joy Luck Club," International Centre, 3 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

* Film series, "Higher Learning," Era Bell Thompson Multicultural Center, 2800 University Ave., 3 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25

* Panel discussion, "Past/Present," BSA presidents (Frank Westley Jackson IV, Farouk Aregbe, Crystal Hayes, Amie Jatta), Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union, noon to 1:30 p.m. Moderator is Matsimela Changa Diop.

* Film series, "Selma, Lord, Selma," International Centre, 3 to 5 p.m.

* Open Forum, "The Challenges of Women in the Media," River Valley Room, Memorial Union, 6 to 8 p.m. Speaker is Andria Hall, former CNN anchor.

Friday, Jan. 26

* Martin Luther King Jr. awards luncheon, Ballroom, Memorial Union, 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Keynote speaker is Andria Hall.

* Dance, music from the "Motown Era," University Armory (ROTC building), UND campus, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Andria Hall has commanded the anchor desk of the world renowned CNN/USA as well as worked in the nation's number one market at the number one station in New York City. She has been a national news correspondent with FOX. Her work has earned the industry's prestigious Gabriel and Dupont Awards.

Hall is creator, host and executive producer of the radio program, "The Walk at Work: Committed to Your Calling and Your Career," heard each week on The Sheridan Gospel Network. She has written two books, "This Far by Faith: How to Put God First in Everyday Living," and "The Walk at Work: Seven Steps to Spiritual Success on the Job" (Random House), and which was recently translated this year into Indonesian. It has also been translated into Afrikaans and English for the UK market.

She grew up in Crown Heights, Brooklyn on "Preachers Row" where her father is now pastor emeritus of the same church he shepherded for more than 40 years. Her mother is a retired teacher and counselor. She is also host of Faith and Values Media program called America at Worship, which was seen each week on the Hallmark Channel for four years. Currently, the program can be viewed on the Internet at www.faithstreams.com. Hall is also a principle of www.thespiritualview.com; a media group producing online spiritual and inspirational programming for the faith community.

Hall holds an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from Virginia University of Lynchburg, and has been featured in The Washington Post, Essence, Ebony, Jet, Precious Times, and other newspapers and publications across the country. In addition to winning the Emmy Award for Hosting, she has garnered numerous journalism awards. She and her husband, who also works in television make their home in New Jersey and have three children.

Kenneth (Ken) B. Durgans, currently serves as the vice provost for institute diversity at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

A native of Springfield, Ohio, he graduated from Yellow Springs High School, received his bachelor's degree in history and political science from Baldwin Wallace College, his master's degree in college student personnel from Kent State University, his master's in school counseling from the University of Dayton and his doctorate in counseling psychology from Western Michigan University. Durgans also completed the acclaimed Harvard University Management Development Program.

His appointments have ranged from such notable institutions as the University of Notre Dame, Wittenberg University, Olivet College, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, and Xavier University. His academic and professional expertise is focused on cross cultural communication and African Centered Scholarship. He is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He is married to Tara Durgans and the father of six children.

For further information, please contact Multicultural Student Services at 777-4259.

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Applications sought for interim research vice president

As indicated in the December 28 issue of University Letter, Peter Alfonso has resigned his position as vice president for research effective Feb. 20 and expressions of interest and nominations for the position of interim vice president for research are being sought. Expressions of interest and nominations for the interim position should be received by the President by Friday, Jan. 19. -- Charles Kupchella, President.

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EERC develops new biomass technologies

The Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization at the Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) are partnering with ICM, Inc., one of the lead companies involved in designing and building ethanol plants, to improve the production process for ethanol and further advance its use through nontraditional feedstocks that go beyond corn. The EERC is developing a new technology to produce ethanol from biomass materials such as grasses, wood, and straw.

"Biomass ethanol is the future of ethanol production because biomass feedstocks, like wheat straw or switchgrass, require less fossil fuels to grow, harvest, and produce," said EERC Deputy Associate Director for Research, Chris Zygarlicke. "It also allows us to utilize more marginal land, such as grasslands, rather than precious acreage devoted to food crops like corn or soybeans. In this way, ethanol production from biomass does not negatively affect the livestock and food industry."

Most of the ethanol currently produced in the United States is made by converting corn into sugars and then into alcohol. The EERC's technology utilizes thermochemical conversion, which heats biomass to very high temperatures in the absence of oxygen, creating a gas that can be converted to ethanol and other high-value products such as methanol and butanol.

Over the past several years, the EERC has made great strides in developing small-scale biomass gasification systems that produce gas that can be burned to generate electricity. Research is now under way to further refine the system to produce an ultraclean gas with low contaminants which can be converted to ethanol, using additional new technologies that are simple and economically feasible.

Producing ethanol from biomass is key to meeting future ethanol demands. The Biomass Research and Development Technology Advisory Committee, established by Congress to advise the U.S. Secretaries of

Agriculture and Energy, has set a goal to replace at least 30 percent of current petroleum consumption with biomass by 2030. This would equate to about 60 billion gallons of ethanol. Current corn-based ethanol production is 5 billion gallons.

"Because of the increased demand of ethanol for transportation fuel, efforts to increase supplies are necessary," said Tom Erickson, EERC associate director for research. "It will be crucial to increase levels of biomass ethanol production, which requires new technologies."

"Developing domestic sources of renewable energy is essential to ensuring our national energy security," said EERC Director Gerald Groenewold. "The EERC's Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization draw on more than 12 years' experience in developing a variety of technologies from biomass, which are of great interest to numerous industry clients worldwide."

For more information contact Derek Walters, EERC communications manager, at 777-5113 or dwalters@undeerc.org

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EVENTS TO NOTE

English candidate will read prize-winning story

Benjamin Percy, candidate for a position in Creative Writing/Film Studies in the Department of English, will read "Refresh, Refresh," the title story of his forthcoming collection with Graywolf Press, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m. in 116 Merrifield Hall. This story first appeared in the Paris Review, won a 2006 Pushcart Prize, is anthologized in Best American Short Stories 2006, and will be broadcast on National Public Radio's "Selected Shorts" Series. Please join us for this reading.

-- Sherry O'Donnell, Professor and Chair, English, sherryodonnell@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3943

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Doctoral examination set for James Abbott

The final examination for James Abbott, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Communication and Public Discourse, is set for 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, in 200 O'Kelly Hall. The dissertation title is, "Intrapersonal Communication and Well-Being." Pamela Kalbfleisch (communication) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Doctoral examination set for Cheryl Long Feather

The final examination for Cheryl Long Feather, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Communication and Public Discourse, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, in 200 O'Kelly Hall. The dissertation title is "A Lakota/Nakota/Dakota Model of Oratory." Pamela Kalbfleisch (communication) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Indian Association hold taco, fry bread sale Wednesday

The University of North Dakota Indian Association will hold an Indian Taco (\$5) and Fry Bread (\$3) sale Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call ins for pick up and delivery can be made the afternoon before until the sale is over by calling the American Indian Student Services Center at 777-2321. -- Darlene Nelson, UNDIA advisor.

Leadership enrichment series begins Jan. 17

Earn a leadership enrichment certificate from the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL) by attending any seven leadership events and one student government meeting during the spring semester. Leadership events include the leader-shops and the spring leadership series. Student Senate meetings are held on Sundays at 6 p.m. in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, contact the leadership GSA, Rachele Jacobson, or the student government office to make other arrangements.

Please stop by or call the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership at 777-4200 to register before beginning the program.

Attendance will be taken at each workshop and certificates will be presented at the end of the semester.

Leader-shops will begin Jan. 30. Details coming soon.

The leadership series schedule follows.

- * Jan. 17, Nate Martindale, student body president, "Student Driven Leadership," River Valley Room;
- * Jan. 24, Tim Zejdlik, business consultant, Job Service, "Part I: Strategies for Success," River Valley Room;
- * Jan. 31, Tim Zejdlik, business consultant, Job Service, "Part II: Attitude and Difficult People," River Valley Room;
- * Feb. 7, Laurie Betting, Wellness Center, "Full Contact Leadership," River Valley Room;
- * Feb. 14, Greg Patton, business management, "Leadership and Followership," River Valley Room;
- * Feb. 21, Sheila Gerszewski, relationship manager, Bremer Bank, "The Leader in YOU," River Valley Room;
- * Feb. 28, Greg Weisenstein, provost and vice president for academic affairs, "The Human Aspects of Leadership," Badlands Room.

-- Rachele Jacobson, Graduate Assistant, Center for Student Involvement and Leadership,
rachele_jacobson@und.nodak.edu, 218-791-4371

CSD candidate presents lecture Jan. 18

Celeste Domsch will address faculty and students in communication sciences and disorders at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, in 201 Montgomery Hall. Her talk is titled "Late Talking Children: Do They Stay That Way?" She is a candidate for the position of assistant professor in that department.

Dr. Domsch obtained her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 2003 with a focus on child language development and disorders. She is presently with the University of Texas at Austin. Additionally, Dr. Domsch holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and has clinical experience of working in a variety of settings. The public is invited.

-- Manish Rami, Chair, Search Committee, Communication Sciences and Disorders, manish.rami@und.edu, 7-3724

Biology seminar is Jan. 18

Mark Miller, Center for Water and Restoration Studies, University of Florida, will present a biology seminar at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, in 141 Starcher Hall. His topic is "Capture-Recapture Techniques Applied to South Florida Wildlife Ecology." The public is invited.

Mollusk expert to present on biodiversity Friday

Arthur Bogan of the North Carolina State Museum of Natural History, Raleigh, will present the geology and geological engineering LEEPS lectures at noon and 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19. Dr. Bogan's talks are titled: "Global Freshwater Bivalve Diversity and Extinction" and "Freshwater Bivalve Diversity and Convergence: How Do We Interpret the Fossil Record?"

Dr. Bogan is the curator of aquatic invertebrates at the North Carolina State Museum of Natural History, and is one of the world's preeminent freshwater molluscan experts. His global travels and major research volumes have given him a first-hand basis to interpret these critters both in the field using morphology and in the lab using genetics. LEEPS (Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science) lectures are sponsored by geology and geological engineering alumni and the office of the vice president for research for the educational development of our students, faculty, and others wishing to attend. Visit www.und.nodak.edu/instruct/jhartman/ for upcoming seminars. All are welcome.

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

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Grand Forks artist opens exhibit Feb. 1 at Third Street Gallery

The latest series of work by UND faculty member and Grand Forks artist Patrick A. Luber will be on display at the Third Street Gallery, 28 S. Third St., Feb. 1-26. The public is invited to attend the artist reception Thursday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.

"Objects of Intercession" is the current body of work by Luber. In this series he takes a close look at the relationship between art and devotion through the wall sculptures he creates. As an artist, Luber like to challenge preconceived notions about devotion. In his artist statement Luber states, "Works of art and devotional objects have much in common. Both are objects of intercession, mediating thoughts between Creator/creator and Creation/creation, communicating through visible means what language, whether written or spoken, cannot express."

Raised on a farm near Pocahontas, Ill., Luber received a bachelor's degree from Greenville College in Greenville, Ill. He earned a master's and master of fine arts degree in sculpture from the University of New Mexico and has taught sculpture at UND since 1990. His work can be found in numerous private collections, including the North Dakota Museum of Art.

The public is welcome to all events. Those wishing group tours, including schools, should contact the Third Street Gallery at (701)775-5055. There is no admission charge but a \$2 donation is suggested for adults and change from children.

For more information call (701)775-5055 or contact www.thethirdstreetgallery.com.

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SGID training opportunity is Feb. 2

Faculty who are interested in becoming SGID (Small Group Instructional Diagnosis -- a midterm evaluation process) consultants or who just want a better understanding of the SGID process are invited to participate in consultant training Friday, Feb. 2, from noon to 3:30 p.m., in the Memorial Room, Memorial Union. The workshop will be led by experienced consultants (including Joan Hawthorne, Linda Holdman, Myrna Olsen, Nils Forsman, Roxanne Hurley, Tim Schroeder, Cindy Juntunen, Dex Perkins, and Harmon Abrahamson) and will take participants through the entire SGID process (orientation, data collection, analysis, and reporting). Lunch

and workshop materials will be provided, but advance registration is required. To sign up, please contact Jana Hollands at <jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu> or 7-4998 by Tuesday, Jan. 30.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty study seminar opportunities available for spring 2007

Two faculty study seminars will be offered during spring 2007. The program provides a means for faculty with common interests to learn more about a teaching-related topic. Each group meets four times during a single semester, at times mutually agreed to by participants, to read and discuss a teaching-related book (books provided by the office of instructional development). The only obligation of participants is to read and to show up for discussion.

Spring FSS books are as follows:

* "Discussion-Based Online Teaching to Enhance Student Learning" by Tisha Bender, was written to "switch emphasis from the technical issues of online teaching to the human implications of teaching and learning by communicating through the Internet." Bender points out that faculty have learned a lot about what "works" in the classroom. But when that classroom goes virtual, how should pedagogy shift? How can we take advantage of the opportunities presented by the Internet, rather than let the technology drive our choices of teaching strategy? Bender argues that incorporating online discussion is challenging but it can also create new and unexpected opportunities for learning – if we think differently and creatively about the work we are doing.

* "Success Strategies for Adjunct Faculty" by Richard Lyons is designed to be everything-the-adjunct-needs-to-know-about-teaching in one relatively small packet. In fact, the concise but clear discussions would be useful for any new teacher – or for any experienced faculty member who serves as a mentor to less experienced teachers, providing resources, support, ideas, or simply encouragement to them. Lyon begins with an introduction to today's students – what do they want from instructors? He talks about getting your course off to a good start on day one. He describes teacher-centered and learner-centered strategies for encouraging learning. He offers guidance on exams and other means of assessing student learning. If you read only one book about the "how to" of teaching, this could be it.

To participate in a faculty study seminar, contact Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu to sign up for the group of your choice. Please specify which book you want to read. Plan to also send in information about your schedule, providing as much flexibility as possible so that a first meeting can be arranged (the rest of the meeting dates will be set up when the group is first convened).

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost of Assessment, Academic Affairs, joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu, 777-6381

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Take an online personal enrichment course for chance to win free laptop

Be the one millionth person to enroll in an online Ed2Go personal enrichment course and win a new laptop. These six-week online courses, offered through continuing education, are highly interactive non-credit courses that you can take entirely over the Internet. All of the courses include expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors. Our online courses are affordable (just \$89), fun, fast, convenient, and geared just for you.

Some of the most popular topics include:

- Computer Skills for the Workplace
- Introduction to Natural Health and Healing
- Discover Digital Photography
- Microsoft Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, etc.
- Guiding Kids on the Internet

Based on current enrollment trends, the lucky one millionth person will register in January or February. For a complete list of over 200 course offerings, visit the Ed2Go Web site at: <http://www.ed2go.com/und/>

-- Jennifer Swangler, Marketing Coordinator, UND Continuing Education, jenniferswangler@mail.und.edu, 777.6374

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Donated leave requested for Cheryl Brooks

Leave donations are sought for Cheryl Brooks, disability specialist at Disability Support Services. She and her family thank you for your generosity. Please send a donated sick or vacation leave form to Donna Ellertson, Stop 9040. Donated leave forms are available at www.und.edu/dept/payroll, then click on "forms."

-- Deb Glennen, Director, Disability Support Services, debglenne@mail.und.edu, 701-777-3425

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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

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Yoga classes begin at Lotus Meditation Center

Yoga classes meet on Tuesday evenings for beginners and on Thursdays for mixed Levels. Class times are from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. and will continue throughout the semester. Contact Dyan Rey at 772-8840 or dyanre@aol.com for more information. Costs are \$10 for drop-in and \$65 for an eight-week session.

-- Dyan Rey, Lecturer, Visual Arts, dyanre@aol.com, 701 7728840

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Clinical depression: there is hope

We've all felt sad or blue at times, but clinical depression is different. It's not a passing, temporary sadness -- the kind you might feel after a bad day at work or an argument with a friend. Clinical depression is a medical condition that affects your thoughts and feelings and ability to manage your life and relationships.

People who are clinically depressed tend to feel down almost all day for two weeks in a row or longer. They often feel sad, down, hopeless, or irritable most of the day, almost every day. They may also lose interest in their usual activities or feel as though they just don't enjoy things anymore.

Other symptoms of depression can include:

- Feeling tired or lacking energy.
- Having difficulty thinking, concentrating, or making decisions.

- Feeling agitated or moving more slowly than normal.
- Having a significant increase or decrease in appetite, or losing or gaining weight without trying to.
- Having trouble falling asleep or staying asleep, or oversleeping.
- Feeling worthless or guilty, or having low self-esteem.
- Having thoughts of death or suicide.

Treatment options for clinical depression

If you have clinical depression, you may be convinced that you will never feel better again. You may even blame yourself for your condition. But know this: depression is a biological condition, not a character flaw, and it can be successfully treated. What's more, you have a choice about whether to be treated and what kind of treatment to have.

People with milder symptoms sometimes try to manage their depression using self-help techniques, such as exercise and relaxation, while also checking in regularly with their doctor. Those who want active treatment can choose:

- Prescription antidepressant medications,
- The herbal medication, St. John's Wort,
- Depression counseling, or
- Combination therapy, which combines antidepressants with depression counseling.

The approaches to treating depression differ in their availability, cost, and side effects, and not all of them work for all types of depression. Depending on how severe your symptoms are and how long you've had them, some choices are more likely than others to help you feel better.

A health coach can help

If you have clinical depression and are trying to choose between the different treatment options, help is just a phone call away. A health coach can help you work with your doctor to understand your specific circumstances and find the treatment that is best for you.

Health coaches are specially trained healthcare professionals, such as nurses, dietitians, and respiratory therapists. They are available by phone, anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at no charge to you. To talk to a health coach, call 1-800-658-2750. You can also get information online at

www.thedialogcenter.com/bcbsnd.

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

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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 Card form. 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: Air Traffic Control Associate (variable schedule) Aerospace, #07-196

DEADLINE: (I) 1/19/2007

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$18,350

POSITION: Coordinator of Fitness Experience, Wellness Center, #07-192

DEADLINE: (I) 1/16/2007

SALARY: \$26,000 - \$29,000

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

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

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Payroll Assistant, Housing, #07-195

DEADLINE: (I) 1/18/2007

SALARY: \$24,000 - \$26,000

POSITION: Coordinator of Guest Experience (Variable schedule), Wellness Center, #07-189

DEADLINE: (I) 1/16/2007

SALARY: \$24,000 - \$28,000

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Service Area Clerk (Part-time, benefitted, M-TH, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Registrar's Office, #07-190

DEADLINE: (I) 1/16/2007

SALARY: \$9.00 - \$10.00

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Journeyman Systems Mechanic, Facilities, #07-198

DEADLINE: (I) 1/19/2007

SALARY: \$30,000 - \$35,000

POSITION: Heating Plant Shift Supervisor, Facilities, #07-197

DEADLINE: (I) 1/19/2007

SALARY: \$32,000 - \$38,000

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

DEADLINE: (I) 1/17/2007

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

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, M-F, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.), Facilities/Wellness Center, #07-193

DEADLINE: (I) 1/17/2007

SALARY: \$16,640 - \$23,124

POSITION: Building Services Technician - ROVER (Custodial, Sun - Fri, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.), Facilities, #07-191

DEADLINE: (I) 1/16/2007

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

POSITION: Lead Salad Chef, (Variable Schedule, Flexible Weekends) Dining Services, #07-188

DEADLINE: (I) 1/16/2007

SALARY: \$8.31 - \$10.25

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IN THE NEWS

UND researcher designs satellite to be launched by India

Pablo de Leon (space studies), research associate in the area of extravehicular activities and space suit design, and a group of researchers from the Argentine Association for Space Technology and the University of Comahue, a university located in Neuquen, Argentina, have designed and built an educational satellite named Pehuensat-1 which will be attached to the PSLV C-7 (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) rocket and launched by the Indian government.

Santosh Seelan, professor of space studies, arranged the alliance between de Leon and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in the search for launch opportunities for the Pehuensat-1 satellite aboard the launch vehicle from India. "Working with ISRO has been an amazing experience," said de Leon. "They (ISRO) made the integration and certification processes so easy. I look forward to working with them again."

Pehuensat-1 is an educational satellite which will help to link students in Argentina with other countries by transmitting voice message in English, Spanish and Hindi which can be received by standard Ham radio equipment. It was built by students and faculty at the University of Comahue, with de Leon as payload manager of the effort. "I think there are many opportunities for space experimenters to put their satellites and payloads in space with India," said de Leon.

More information can be found on the official ISRO web site, www.isro.org or the Argentine Association for Space Technology at www.aate.org.

-- karen ryba, director of communications, aerospace, ryba@aero.und.edu, 7-4761

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