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TOP STORIES

Pomeroy to address two commencements Dec. 15

Earl Pomeroy, member of the U.S. House of Representative for North Dakota and a graduate of UND with degrees in political science and law, will give the main address at two UND winter commencements, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Chester Fritz Auditorium. UND President Charles Kupchella will preside. The ceremonies will be broadcast live on cable Channel 3, and webcast live through a link on the main web page.

Because of the increasing number of graduates receiving degrees in December, UND will hold two Winter Commencement ceremonies on Friday, Dec. 15. All candidates receiving graduate degrees from UND will participate in a ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. All undergraduate degrees will be awarded at a 2 p.m.

ceremony. Both ceremonies will be held at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. About 800 students are eligible to go across the stage at the two ceremonies.

This change in format for Winter Commencement was made last year to better accommodate the University's growing number of Winter Commencement graduates and their guests. The current single-ceremony format will be retained for Commencements in the spring and summer.

Rep. Earl Pomeroy

Earl Pomeroy was first elected in 1992 as North Dakota's only Member of the House of Representatives. He was named to the powerful Ways and Means Committee in the 107th Congress, a position he still holds today. The committee is charged with key policy decisions on tax, trade, Social Security and Medicare issues.

Pomeroy's leadership and hard work earned him a spot on the powerful Ways and Means Committee in the 107th Congress, a position he still holds today. His bipartisan and objective analysis of issues has been valuable to this Committee, which is charged with key policy decisions on tax, trade, Social Security and Medicare issues.

During the 109th Congress, Pomeroy has been instrumental in the creation of a key component of the Children's Safety Act, the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Website. This provision provides for a freely accessible, national sex offender registry enabling communities across the country to conduct online searches of convicted sex offenders. This provision was included in the Children's Safety Act following Pomeroy's testimony before the House Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee on the need for several improvements to our current sex offender registry system.

Another of Pomeroy's primary legislative priorities for families is helping more middle-income Americans save for retirement. He has authored legislation giving tax credits to people who set aside money for retirement, legislation to help small businesses set up pension programs for their employees, and tax incentives to families to help pay for higher education.

Pomeroy's expertise on Social Security and retirement security is an important asset on the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security and also to the House Democratic Social Security Task Force, where he serves as co-chair.

Pomeroy became the only Democrat on Ways and Means to be awarded with a second committee slot. He serves on the House Agriculture Committee, where he served during his first four terms. A focus on rural and agricultural concerns makes Pomeroy one of the most respected advocates for family farmers and ranchers in the House.

Pomeroy has been an effective leader for the improvement of the federal crop insurance program and for providing a safety net to protect farmers when prices collapse. This Congress, he will continue to focus on opening new markets for our commodities, reducing the tax burden on family farmers and enhancing crop insurance to better cover the risk faced by producers.

Pomeroy is the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Rural Health Care Coalition, where he is working for a more equitable system for Medicare reimbursements.

Personal Background

Pomeroy was born in Valley City, North Dakota on September 2, 1952. He attended Valley City State University

before transferring to the University of North Dakota (UND) where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and his law degree in 1979.

Pomeroy then returned to his hometown and practiced law for five years. In 1980, he was elected to the State House of Representatives and elected State Insurance Commissioner in 1984. During his tenure as Insurance Commissioner, he served as President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Pomeroy makes his home in Mandan, North Dakota, with his two children, Kathryn and Scott.

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

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Doctoral examination set for Alan Storey

The final examination for Alan Storey, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Clinical Psychology, is set for 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 18, in 210 Corwin/Larimore Hall. The dissertation title is, "Induced Human Learned Helplessness in American Indians." Douglas McDonald (Psychology) 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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U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Dec. 19 through Jan. 12. Visit our web site for additional workshops.

Facilities Discoverer Reports Training

Jan. 4, 9 to 10 a.m.

Upson II, Room 361

The billing charges from Facilities will be posted to PeopleSoft in a summarized format. To access the detailed information, each department will need to have access to Discoverer Reports and be trained on how to access the detail and summary information for their departments. These reports will break down the charges by individual work orders and/or projects. Presenter: Laura Thoreson.

Records Disposal Procedures

Dec. 19, 9 to 10 a.m.

Memorial Union, Memorial Room

During this workshop you will learn more about the process for destroying or transferring records that have passed their retention time limits. We'll review the system used, discuss why it's necessary to document, and you will take part in a hands-on run-through of the entire process. It's fun to clean out, it's easier to do than you think, and now's the time to do it! Presenter: Chris Austin, records manager.

Excel XP: Beginning

Jan. 10, 11, and 12, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.*

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers; mouse and file saving/retrieving skills.

Introduces Excel basics, edit worksheets, perform calculations, format worksheets, work with multiple worksheets, create and modify charts, set display and print options.

*Salary Retro Distribution and PSHRMS to PSFinance Reconciliation

Jan. 9, 9 to 11 a.m.

Upson II, Room 361

How to complete Salary Retro distribution forms and following the correction through to PSFinance. Presenter: Cindy Fetsch

*Wellness Wednesdays: Intellectual Wellness

Jan. 3, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

Wellness Center Classroom

Health Quackery

Presenter: Jim Whitehead, Physical Education and Exercise Science

Please reserve your seat by registering with U2 by: Phone 777-2128, Email U2@mail.und.nodak.edu, or online www.conted.und.edu/U2/. Please Include: (1) Workshop Title/ Date, (2) Name, (3) Department, (4) Position, (5) Box #, (6) Phone #, (7) Email, and (8) How you first learn about this workshop? Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.

-- Mark Wilkerson, U2 Coordinator, University within the University, markwilkerson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4266

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Holiday fundraiser to celebrate life of Liz Granlund Hacker

A holiday fundraiser celebrating the life of Liz Granlund Hacker will be held Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Suite 49 Restaurant, 2950 10th Ave. N.

Featuring a silent art auction, live musical entertainment by Jazz on Tap, and special holiday hors d'oeuvres, this fundraiser will help defray Liz's medical expenses. She married Nick Hacker on Aug. 12, 2006, and passed away on Nov. 14, due to the complications of a rare blood disorder, Epstein-Barr related Hemophagocytic Lymphohistocytosis (HLH).

Nearly 50 artists have donated artwork for the silent art auction; several pieces will be raffled, and snowman raffle tickets will be sold. The snowman is a seven-foot-tall, three-dimensional whimsical holiday creation donated by Walhalla sculptor Kenny Tetrault. It features over 1,000 lights; the drawing will be held at 9 p.m. Chelsey Tetrault, the artist's daughter and a childhood friend of Liz's, will draw the winning name. LizStrong T-shirts and other items will be sold to help raise funds for Liz's family. The pink T-shirts (Liz's favorite color) feature "LizStrong" on the front and "Walk in Faith . . . Not in Fear" on the back. They were designed by Danielle Mark of Grand Forks, a friend of Liz's and one of the art auction coordinators. A social hour will be held from 5 to 6 p.m., and the silent art auction will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.; guests may sign up for their anonymous bidding numbers upon their arrival at Suite 49.

The admission fee will be a free will offering. Individual or corporate donations may also be mailed to: The Liz Hacker Foundation, c/o The Farmers and Merchants State Bank, 816 Third Street, Langdon, ND 58249.

For more information, please contact Danielle Mark at danielle.mark@hotmail.com, phone (651) 338-6945, or Sally Opp at sally.opp@und.edu, phone (701)740-7026. -- Darlene Holien, catering.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NDUS networks will be upgraded; expect outages

All NDUS campus networks (of which UND is part) will be migrated to the upgraded statewide area network (STAGEnet) between Dec. 15 and Dec. 19. Network outages will occur each of those four nights beginning at 10 p.m. It is anticipated that network connectivity will be restored well before 7 a.m. each of the following mornings. The upgrade will provide a higher bandwidth backbone for NDUS which is needed to offer services campus constituents expect.

Specific segments of the network will be upgraded each of the four nights, although it is possible that a change that is expected to affect one area will affect others.

To complete your work those days, please plan any wide area network-related activities (including updating and viewing grades in Campus Connection, access to Internet2, using external Web resources) between the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day from Friday, Dec. 15, through Tuesday, Dec. 19. The network could easily be available much more than that, but there is no assurance.

In addition, if you discover any network-related problems during this period or in the subsequent days, please report them immediately to the helpdesk at 777-2222.

We recognize that this may cause hardship but we ask for your understanding. This big a change cannot occur without some outages and, because of the importance of the network to much of what campuses do, there is no better time. — ITSS.

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Applicants sought for CIO position

The University is seeking a chief information officer. If you know anyone who might be interested in the position, please forward the following job description. Also, if you belong to a listserv which could yield qualified applicants, we would very much appreciate it if you could submit it to the listserv. Thank you. -- Victoria Beard, associate provost and chair, CIO search committee.

Chief Information Officer

The University of North Dakota is seeking qualified applicants for the newly created position of Chief Information Officer.

The University of North Dakota is one of the largest and most diversified universities in the Upper Midwest, with an enrollment of over 13,000. Academic programs are offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, Aerospace Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Law, Medicine and Health Sciences, and Nursing. UND is characterized by a solid foundation in the liberal arts, high-quality students and faculty, a comprehensive curriculum, strong professional programs, and wide recognition in graduate education and research.

The new CIO will report to the Provost and will be responsible for establishing policies, procedures, and infrastructure for IT services and support across campus. Applicants should possess strong leadership and technology skills, including:

- * Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in a university setting with diverse constituents in addressing their technology needs and practices;
- * A minimum of five years significant high-level IT management experience in higher education, with 10 years IT work experience preferred;
- * Graduate degree in computer science, business administration, information systems, or related field, with Ph.D. preferred;
- * Demonstrated experience in large-scale IT strategic planning, implementation, budgeting, and organizational change;
- * Demonstrated expertise in current technologies and best practices in IT support for teaching, research, and service;
- * Demonstrated ability to serve as an advocate for customer-driven service;

- * Demonstrated ability to analyze, design, develop, implement, and evaluate IT policy and infrastructure in a university setting;
- * Effective communicator.

Applicants should submit a cover letter addressing the position requirements, vita, and list of five references with contact information to Human Resources, University of North Dakota, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8176. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. Dual career couples are directed to www.humanresources.und.edu. For further information see <http://www.und.edu/ciosearch/>. The search committee will begin reviewing applications Jan. 22. The position will remain open until filled.

UND is an EEO/AA institution.

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Medical students seeking admission at 5:1 rate

About five applications for each available seat have been received for the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2011, according to Judy DeMers, associate dean for student affairs and admissions at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

A total of 276 applications have been received this fall for the 55 state-supported seats in the first-year class which begins in August 2007.

"We are very pleased with the quality of the applicant pool this year," DeMers said. "Not only are they well-qualified academically, but they also appear very committed to helping people with their knowledge and skill."

The medical school's admissions committee began conducting interviews Dec. 8 to select members of next year's incoming class. The committee has invited about 140 applicants for interviews which will continue next weekend and into January for the regular seats.

The school also conducts interviews for seven federally-funded seats to select qualified students to be admitted through its Indians Into Medicine (INMED) program. Those interviews will take place in February.

-- *Shelley Pohlman, Assistant to the Director, Public Affairs, spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-746-1898*

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Law Library posts holiday hours

Holiday hours for Thormodsgard Law Library follow: Friday, Dec. 15, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17, closed; Monday through Friday, Dec. 18-22, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 23-24, closed; Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), closed; Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26-29, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 30-31, closed; Monday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), closed; Tuesday through Friday, Jan. 2-5, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6-7, closed; regular hours resume Monday, Jan. 8.

-- *Jane Oakland, Circulation manager, Law Library, oakland@law.und.edu, 7-3482*

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Alumni Association seeks event info for Homecoming 2007

Homecoming 2007 is set for September 24-29. If you are planning events for Homecoming and would like to get information into the Homecoming calendar, please send it to Stacey Majkrzak (Alumni Association) at staceym@undalumni.net. -- Stacey Majkrzak, External & Media Relations Coordinator, UND Alumni Association & Foundation, (701) 777-4834, staceym@undalumni.net.

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\$10 tickets available for men's Friday hockey game

Athletics announced a special \$10 ticket for this Friday's Subway Holiday Classic men's hockey game against Michigan Tech. UND Athletics, Ralph Engelstad Arena and Subway have teamed up for this special holiday rush offer. Friday's game is scheduled for 7:37 p.m. at Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Starting Thursday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m., all general admission tickets normally held for UND students will be available for purchase for only \$10. The Subway Holiday Rush ticket offer is only available at the UND/Ralph Engelstad Arena Box Office for general admission tickets for Friday night's game, while supplies last. Quantities are limited.

For this weekend's Subway Holiday Classic, Subway is also offering the Subway Family 4-Pack, which includes four reserved tickets to the game, four 6" subs, four bags of chips and four pops for \$75. This is a \$37 savings.

For additional information, please visit www.theralph.com.

-- Sommer Lockhart, Marketing Manager, Ralph Engelstad Arena, sommerl@theralph.com, 70833

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Catering office returns to Swanson Concourse

The Campus Catering office has returned to the Swanson Hall Concourse, Room 15. Please contact Cheryl Weber, catering coordinator, at 777-2256 to place orders. You may also submit your catering orders online at www.housing.und.edu/dining/catering.

-- Diane Brenno, Catering Manager, Dining Services, dianebrennon@mail.und.edu, 7-4435

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Chester Fritz tickets make great gifts!

Still looking for something for that person on your Christmas list who has everything? Consider tickets to one of our many great spring shows, or a gift certificate which can be redeemed at any time for Fritz tickets.

Shows coming this spring include: Late Nite Catechism 2, Junie B. Jones, Winter Dance Party, CHICAGO the Musical, Robert Robinson and the Twin Cities Gospel Choir, and Urban Cowboy. For additional information and pricing visit www.cfa.und.edu.

Gift certificates are available at the Chester Fritz Box Office only. All other tickets are available at the Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, by phone 772-5151 or online at www.ticketmaster.com/venue/49273. Box Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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Staff Senate names 31 Days of Glory winners

The winners of the Staff Senate 31 Days of Glory fundraiser for the following dates are:

Wednesday, Dec. 13, M.C. Diop, Multi Cultural Student Services, \$100

Thursday, Dec. 14, Audrey Pearson, Off Campus, \$100

-- Dennis Stangl, Staff Senate Public Relations Chair, TRIO, dennisstangl@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2084

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Museum of Art lists cafe specials

Following are the specials at the North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe and Coffee Shop.

Dec. 14 – Entrée: New England Boiled Dinner; Soup: Irish Lamb Stew

Dec. 15 – Entrée: Coq Au Vin; Soup: Clam Chowder

Dec. 18 – Entrée: Vegetable Tortilla Salad; Soup: Tomato Basil

Dec. 19 – Entrée: Steak Roulade; Soup: Crazy Irish Chili

The Museum Café and Coffee Shop, located in the lower level of the Museum, serves a full luncheon menu from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Coffee is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Take-out is available, UND billing is accepted, and the conference room is available for luncheons. We also cater weekend and evening events, 777-4195.

Visit the Museum Cafe online at <http://www.ndmoa.com/cafe.html>.

-- Connie Hulst, Office Manager, North Dakota Museum of Art, chulst@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, receive BC/BS health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

TO APPLY: Please complete UND Application/Control Cardform. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications MUST be received by the deadline date.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/COACHES:

POSITION: Pharmacy Director, (Family Medicine Center- Minot), #07-164

DEADLINE: (I) 12/19/2006

SALARY: \$80,000 - \$95,000

POSITION: Project Coordinator, Center for Rural Health, #07-163

DEADLINE: (I) 12/19/2006

SALARY: \$28,000 - \$34,000

POSITION: Helicopter Pilot, Aerospace, #07-161

DEADLINE: (I) 12/19/2006

SALARY: \$30,000 - \$54,000

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: AIRCRAFT DISPATCHER (variable schedule), Aerospace Sciences, 07-162

DEADLINE: (I) 12/18/2006

SALARY: \$20,000 - \$22,000

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current openings.

CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, M-F, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.), Facilities, #07-166

DEADLINE: (I) 12/19/2006

SALARY: \$16,037 - \$20,000

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IN THE NEWS

Ric Ferraro named to PsycCRITIQUES editorial board

F. Richard Ferraro, professor of psychology, in recognition of his contribution of four reviews published in PsycCRITIQUES within a one-year period, has been added to the editorial board.

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Doug Osowski appointed to Council of State Employees

The nomination process for election to the Council of State Employees is complete. Human Resources received one nomination with the required number of signatures, so an election process was not suitable.

Congratulations to Doug Osowski, Facilities, who will begin his third term as UND's alternate representative to the Council of State Employees serving with Dave Senne and Leyton Rodahl, both Facilities. -- Diane Nelson, director, Human Resources.

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