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TOP STORIES

Message from President Kupchella

As we move toward "finals" week and the Holiday Season and semester break, Adele and I wish all members of the University Community a smooth ending to the fall semester, a wonderful holiday season, and the best New Year ever. To those traveling: please travel safely; we want to see all -- except of course those who will be moving out to begin their positive impact on the world outside following December graduation -- back here in January. We will be spending the Christmas holiday with family in Pennsylvania and will be back shortly after the beginning of the new year in time for the beginning of what will surely be an interesting legislative session and another great year.

-- Charles E. Kupchella, President.

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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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Faculty and administrative staff invited to participate in winter commencement

UND faculty and administrative staff are encouraged to march in academic regalia in the winter commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 15. Two ceremonies will be held this year, and faculty and administrative staff are encouraged to participate in one or both events. The ceremony for all graduate degrees will begin at 10 a.m., and all undergraduate degrees will be awarded at the ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Both events will be held in the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Faculty and administrators should assemble in the lower level of the Auditorium at

least 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. University marshals will be on hand to direct participants to their places in the procession.

Please contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events in the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services Office at 777-2724 by Monday, Dec. 11, or send an e-mail message to

terrimachart@mail.und.nodak.edu if you plan to participate so that the appropriate number of seats can be reserved. When responding, please make sure to indicate if you'll be participating in one or both ceremonies.

I encourage participation by faculty and administrative staff to help make commencement a memorable occasion for our graduates and their guests.

-- Charles E. Kupchella, President, Presidents Office, ckupchella@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-2121

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EERC awarded \$5 million for tactical fuel advancement

The Energy & Environmental Research Center has been awarded approximately \$5 million from the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense-Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) for the development and demonstration of a new domestic bio-jet fuel for the U.S. military. The 18-month project will produce enough fuel to allow DARPA to demonstrate the fuel's usability in real-world combat scenarios.

"One of the greatest challenges in our nation is energy security for the U.S. military. This award is a significant opportunity to match the skills of the EERC with the military's needs," said EERC Director Gerald Groenewold. "This will also expand the EERC's capabilities in tactical fuels and allow us to demonstrate the effects of recently developed technology to convert fuels made from indigenous resources that can replace imported oil," he said.

The fuel produced by the EERC will be an identical replacement for the traditional JP-8 petroleum-based fuel, which represents the majority of all fuel used in the U.S. military. The EERC fuel will meet the military specification for JP-8, which is used to power vehicles such as the Boeing B-52 bomber, the Abrams A1 Battle Tank, the Apache Helicopter, and many others.

"Our whole approach with this project is to develop an affordable new fuel that can be dropped in to replace the current JP-8 fuel," said Ted Aulich, Senior Research Manager. "This replacement will allow an easy transition from a petroleum-based fuel to a 100% domestic renewable fuel."

A major challenge for any type of fuel is its use in cold-weather conditions. The EERC fuel is usable in extremely cold temperatures (at or below -50°F), which makes it ideal for use in jets. North Dakota is an exceptional real-world setting for cold-weather testing.

In addition to demonstration of the fuel, the EERC will also be focused on improving the methods for producing the fuel from a variety of vegetable oils and other renewable feedstocks. Several provisional patent applications have already been filed for a new chemical process specifically for producing renewable JP-8, which simplifies the traditional process for converting vegetable oil to fuel with low freeze point requirements—a major breakthrough developed exclusively at the EERC.

"The state-of-the-art technology being developed by the EERC, through partnerships with the DoD, particularly the U.S. Air Force and a variety of private sector entities, holds significant opportunities for deployment at one of North Dakota's Air Force bases," Groenewold said.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

AISS will hold Chili & Bang sale

American Indian Student Services will hold a Chili & Bang (similar to fry bread) sale Thursday, Dec. 7, during lunch time, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the American Indian Center, 315 Princeton St. Cost is \$5 for a generous serving of chili. All proceeds will go to UNDIA Time Out/Wacipi. Call in advance for delivery or pickup, 777-2321. -- UNDIA.

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Chill out at De-Stress Fest

Come and "chill out" at De-Stress Fest Thursday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Memorial Union Loading Dock. You will receive tips to help keep you cool during finals and throughout the holidays. The University Counseling Center will also be on hand to teach students how to use stress erasers, and the Learning Center will be giving away free test taking kits.

A variety of fun, relaxing activities such as ornament and cookie decorating and a coloring contest will also be held. The University Program Council is covering the cost of five massage therapists, so there will be lots of free chair massages available.

Co-sponsors for this event include: ADAPT, College of Nursing, Lifetime Sports, Magna Iota, SHAC, Student Health Services, University Counseling Center, University Learning Center, University Program Council, Volunteer Bridge, Wellness Center and Women's Center. For information contact the Student Health Promotion Office at 777-2097 or studenthealthpromotion@mail.und.edu

-- Carrie Giebel, Health Promotion GSA, Student Health Services, carrie.giebel@und.edu, 777-2097

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Atmospheric sciences faculty candidate will give seminar

Sen Chiao, a candidate for the atmospheric sciences faculty position, currently with the Florida Institute of Technology, will present a seminar, "Evaluation of the Planetary Boundary Layer Schemes in the High-Resolution WRF-ARW Model: A Stable Case Study," Thursday, Dec. 7, at 3:30 p.m. in 134 Ryan Hall. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend. -- Atmospheric Sciences.

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View student projects at Electrical Engineering Invention Day Dec. 7

Senior and graduate electrical engineering students will deliver poster presentations of their research and design projects Thursday, Dec. 7, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the first floor hallway of Harrington Hall. This is the first end-of-semester "Invention Day" sponsored by the Department of Electrical Engineering in the School of Engineering & Mines. Students enrolled in EE 480 Senior Design I and EE 480 Senior Design II will showcase their prototype hardware and software systems, and students in EE 505 Control Systems II will demonstrate an autonomous mobile robot that they designed and integrated with laser, sonar, and inertial measurement sensors during the 2006 fall semester. Everyone is invited to attend.

-- Richard R. Schultz, Associate Professor & Chair, Electrical Engineering, RichardSchultz@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4429

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Merry Helm to speak on efforts to get Medal of Honor for soldier

As part of the English department speaker series, Merry Helm will present "The Man Called Chief: The Quest for the Medal of Honor for One of North Dakota's Most Decorated Soldiers," Thursday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. in 300

Merrifield Hall.

The talk will discuss Keeble, a full blood Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Sioux, who served in the Korean war and saved his company by single-handedly assaulting a mountaintop position, destroying three machine gun nests and two trenches of enemy riflemen. He was twice recommended for the Medal of Honor for this action, but the recommendations were lost both times. A year after the battle, Keeble was finally given the Distinguished Service Cross, the Nation's second highest award. His men started an immediate quest to get the honor upgraded to a Medal of Honor. Now, 55 years later, significant progress is being made.

-- Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, Assistant Professor, English, rw@und.edu, 777-6391

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Agenda listed for U Senate meeting Dec. 7

The University Senate will meet Thursday, Dec. 7, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall.

AGENDA

1. Announcements.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting and business arising from the minutes.
3. Question period.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Annual report of the Senate Library Committee, Joseph Hartman, chair.

BUSINESS CALENDAR:

5. Candidates for degrees in December 2006, Suzanne Anderson, University registrar.
6. Curriculum committee report, David Relling, chair.
7. Presentation and discussion on a move to a smoke-free campus environment, President Kupchella.
8. Proposed maternity policy, maternity task force.

-- Lori Hofland, Administrative Assistant, Registrars Office, lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3892

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India Night cancelled

India Night, originally scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7, at the International Centre, has been cancelled. -- International Programs.

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Computer science will help Girl Scouts earn tech badges

The computer science department will host up to 100 Girl Scout Brownies on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Point, Click, and Go. It's an opportunity for the girls to learn computer terms and how to use a computer. They will write and print stories or poems, learn to take care of a computer, handle disks and CDs, how to save documents and how to use the mouse. The girls will have chance to earn their Girl Tek patch.

-- Computer Science.

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Campuswide Study-A-Thon set for Dec. 10

Faculty and staff are asked to please encourage students to attend.

Studying for finals? Why not eat for free and win prizes at the same time? On Sunday, Dec. 10, from noon to 10 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom, UND's Greek Council will hold their campuswide Study-A-Thon. This event is free and open to all UND students. Food and drink will be available all day, and door prizes will be awarded every hour. Pizza will be available in the early afternoon, and Subway will be served at 5 p.m. In addition, four

large prizes and a grand prize will be given away. Students must be present to win door prizes, although they need not be present to win the large and grand prizes. Come and study with us!

-- Cassie Gerhardt, Coordinator of Greek Life, Memorial Union, cassiegerhardt@mail.und.edu, 777-3667

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Ralph Engelstad Arena's Holiday Skate is Dec. 10

Ralph Engelstad Arena's Holiday Skate is set for this Sunday, Dec. 10, from 6-8 p.m. Enjoy skating, pictures with Santa Claus, kids' crafts, cookies and hot chocolate. The Ralph has teamed up with Hockey World to provide skates to use free of charge. The event is free and open to the public. Please use the main doors.

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

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African bush medicine is medical dean's hour lecture

African bush medicine is the topic of the next Dean's Hour at noon Monday, Dec. 11, at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Dr. John Gjevre Sr. will present "Challenges and Rewards in African Bush Medicine Today," which is free and open to the public. The talk will be held in the Reed Keller Auditorium at the medical school's Wold Center, 501 North Columbia Road, and lunch will be provided for all attendees.

A 1964 alumnus and retired clinical assistant professor of internal medicine for the UND medical school, Gjevre has served stints in as a volunteer physician in Madagascar and Tanzania. During a five month rotation in Tanzania, he treated mostly tuberculosis cases.

The presentation will be broadcast at the following video conference sites: Southwest Campus conference room B, Southeast Campus room 225 and Northwest Campus office. It can also be viewed on the medical school's web page at <http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/mit/webcast/dean.html> and through Internet video-conferencing on desktop computers through the medical school's CRISTAL Recorder (call 701-777-2329 for details).

The Dean's Hour Lecture Series is a forum for the discussion of health care, medicine, research, education and related issues of the day. For more information, please contact the Office of the Dean, 701-777-2514.

-- Amanda Scurry, Public Information Specialist, UND SMHS, ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-0871

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Benefit dinner set for Liz Hacker family

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held for the family of Elizabeth Granlund-Hacker who passed away last month. Both Liz and her husband Nick graduated from UND. The dinner will be held Monday, Dec. 11, at St Michael's Church, 520 N. 6th St., from 4 to 7 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. -- Darlene Holien, Campus Catering.

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Biology genomics faculty candidate seminars are Dec. 11, 12

Leonard Lipovich, Genome Institute of Singapore, will present a seminar, "Genome Complexity and Gene Evolution: an Integrated Computational and Experimental Perspective," at noon Monday, Dec. 11, in 141 Starcher Hall. Dr. Lipovich is a candidate for the genomics position in the Department of Biology. His interests include understanding the genomic basis of primate -- and human -- specific behavior and diseases. He uses a wide variety of bioinformatics and experimental tools to investigate the significance of expressed sequences with recent evolutionary origins, especially those related to endogenous sense/antisense gene pairs and non-coding RNA.

Soochin Cho, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan, will present a seminar, "Evolution of the Complementary Sex-Determination Gene of Honey Bees," at noon Tuesday, Dec. 12, in 141 Starcher Hall. Dr. Cho is interested in the genetic and molecular bases of adaptive phenotype evolution and gene structure evolution in several model species. For these studies he employs comparative and functional genomics approaches, including DNA microarrays, RNA interference, and comparative computational methods (bioinformatics).

Both presenters are candidates for the genomics position in the Department of Biology. If you are interested in meeting with either candidate, please contact Peter Meberg at 777-4674.

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Groundbreaking set for research building

The University Research Foundation plans to hold a groundbreaking for its first research building (with lease space for companies and a Level III BSL facility) at 1:30 Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Hilton Garden Inn (the building will be just south of the Hilton Garden Inn on UND property).

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Please note time change in Army ROTC commissioning ceremony

The Department of Military Science - Army ROTC has changed the time for the Winter Commissioning Program from 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Burtness Theater. Call Major Beckman at 777-3471 if you have questions.

-- Major Stuart Beckman, Scholarship Officer/Assistant Professor of Military Science, Army ROTC,
stuart.beckman@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-3471

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Martin Luther King Jr Awards celebration set for Jan. 22-26

The Office of Multicultural Student Services is pleased to present the 10th annual Martin Luther King Jr. awards celebration. This event provides an opportunity to recognize the life and legacy of a man who not only changed the course of history for the United States of America, but also influenced our global community.

The theme of the 2007 celebration is "Countdown to 2013: If Walls Could Talk." The celebratory events are to be held Jan. 22-26 on the University campus. For further details, please contact MC Diop at 777-4259, mcdiop@mail.und.nodak.edu, and/or Multicultural Student Services, Stop 7092, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202-7092.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty may enter grades on PeopleSoft Dec. 7

Final grade rosters will be available for grade entry starting Dec. 7. Please be sure to select the final grade roster (not the midterm roster) for entering grades. Written procedures were sent out to departments Dec. 6. Please note: Grades are due no later than noon Dec. 19. -- Registrar's office.

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Student evaluation forms due at end of semester

The UND Student Assessment of Teaching (USAT) forms are due at the end of the semester. The USAT forms are available for your faculty at your college dean's office. Please estimate the number of forms you need and request them from that office. Please call Institutional Research at 777-4358 if you have any questions regarding these procedures.

-- Carmen Williams, director, Institutional Research.

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Nominations sought for Kupchella Award

Nominations are being sought for the Charles E. Kupchella Preventive Medicine and Wellness Award.

The award recognizes the achievements of individuals and organizations who have worked to improve health and wellness through lowered rates of disease and disability by developing and delivering effective health promotion and prevention initiatives.

Named for President Charles E. Kupchella, the Kupchella Wellness Award will be presented next May during the UND medical school's M.D. Class of '07 commencement awards brunch. Last year's recipients were the Ina Mae Rude Aquatic Center in Stanley, ND, and Dr. Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, associate professor of clinical neuroscience and director of the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research at the UND medical school.

UND is seeking nominations of individuals and organizations in North Dakota and surrounding states who have contributed significantly to disease prevention and healthful living. Consideration will be given to those who have:

- made significant contributions in the field of health promotion and disease prevention including the clinical, education and research areas
- demonstrated excellence in a function or on a project related to prevention or health promotion
- taken initiative, shown innovativeness, persistence, had an impact and/or made a difference in prevention/health promotion to rural Americans

Projects may address one or more of the goals and focus areas outlined in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' "Healthy People 2010: Understanding and Improving Health" and "Steps to a Healthier US". See www.healthypeople.gov/ or call 800-367-4725 for more information. Areas of special interest are:

- Promotion of physical activity
- Reduction of overweight or obesity
- Reduction or elimination of tobacco use
- Reduction or elimination of substance abuse
- Promotion of responsible sexual behavior
- Reduction or elimination of injury and violence

The nomination should briefly address the following:

- Why should this individual (or organization) be considered for this award?
- What are the key outcomes and achievements of the program, policy, contribution or initiative?
- Describe the nominee's accomplishments; attach CV (up to three letters of support may be included)

Emphasis will be given to programs that demonstrate creativity and innovation, leadership, sustainability, replicability and effectiveness.

The nomination letter and supporting materials are due by 5 p.m. March 1, 2007, in the Office of Public Affairs, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 501 N. Columbia Road, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037.

The award recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash award and a commemorative plate. A picture of the recipient will be displayed on a plaque in UND's Student Wellness Center.

The award has been made possible by a gift to the UND Foundation from Manuchair Ebadi, senior advisor to the president and associate vice president for health affairs and medical research and associate dean for research and program development at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 701-777-4305.

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

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Nominations sought for Departmental Excellence in Research award

Nominations for the Fellows of the University Award for Departmental Excellence in Research, recognizing research, scholarly, and creative productivity, are due at Research Development and Compliance (RD&C), Tuesday, Jan. 2. The winning department will receive a \$1,500 award and a plaque at the Founders Day Banquet Feb. 22.

Nominations should include information that will allow the selection committee to judge the quantity and quality of the research, scholarly, and creative activities of the department. At a minimum, such nominations should include a listing of published research or other creative or scholarly activities during the period 2001-2006. Additional information for those years, such as a brief synopsis of ongoing research activities, the number and type of active sponsored projects, dissertations or other research papers presented by students, performances or scholarly presentations by faculty, etc., should be included if they contribute to the overall picture of a department's research, scholarly, and creative activities. A statement of support from the dean is required. To expedite the review process, nine copies of the nomination and supporting documentation should be submitted to RD&C.

The awardee will be selected by the same committee which selects the Thomas J. Clifford Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Research recipient. This committee includes the associate vice president for research (chair), the chair of the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, one faculty member from the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, three faculty members from the University Research Council, the chair of the Faculty Research Seed Money Council, and one member of the Faculty Research Seed Money Council.

Since previous awardees are ineligible for nomination until five years have passed, the Departments of Chemical Engineering (2005), Microbiology and Immunology (2004), English and Atmospheric Sciences (2003), and Biology (2002) may not be nominated this year (a departmental award was not given in 2006).

If further information is desired, please call Research Development and Compliance at 777-4278.

-- Barry I. Milavetz, Associate Vice President for Research, Research Development and Compliance,

barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701/777-4278

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Nominations/applications invited for faculty research award

Nominations/applications are invited for the UND Foundation Thomas J. Clifford Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Research. The winner of this award will receive a plaque and a check for \$2,000 at the Founders Day Banquet Feb. 22.

The following information should be provided:

(1) A listing of publications of significant, original and high-quality research, scholarly, and creative contributions in nationally recognized professional journals that are refereed by peer reviewers and/or a listing

of juried competitions and invited performances/exhibitions.

(2) Overall scholarly activities, such as service as a reviewer of research proposals for federal agencies or other funding sources, service as a referee or editor for professional journals, and contributions to training students in research, scholarly, and creative endeavors;

(3) Potential for significant contributions to enhancing the effectiveness of the subject matter taught in the classroom.

Faculty, staff and students may make nominations, and faculty are invited to nominate themselves. Since the committee will not engage in the gathering of documentation, each nomination or application must be accompanied by thorough evidence of the nominee's qualifications for the award. Nine copies of each nomination and supporting documentation should be received at Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) no later than Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The awardee will be selected by the same committee that selects the Fellows of the University Award for Departmental Excellence in Research recipient. This committee includes the associate vice president for research (chair), the chair of the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, one faculty member from the Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, three faculty members from the University Research Council, the chair of the Faculty Research Seed Money Committee, and one member of the Faculty Research Seed Money Committee.

Since previous awardees are ineligible for nomination until five years have passed, M. Mann (2006), F. Richard Ferraro (2005), Manuchair Ebadi (2004), Jody Rada and Jay Meek (2003), and Joyce Coleman and Jeffrey Lang (2002) may not be nominated this year.

If further information is desired, please call Research Development and Compliance at 777-4278.

-- *Barry I. Milavetz, Associate Vice President for Research, Research Development and Compliance,*
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MSS seeks nominations for Martin Luther King Jr. awards

Multicultural Student Services is accepting nominations for the 10th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. awards. University students, faculty, and staff along with individuals /groups in the State of North Dakota including the Greater Grand Forks and Grand Forks Air Force Base community members are eligible to make nominations and to receive the awards. The eight award categories are: 1) Service to the Greater Grand Forks community, 2) Service to the Greater Grand Forks Air Force Base, 3) Service to UND, 4) Contribution to the spiritual life of the Greater Grand Forks community, 5) Contribution to the spiritual life of the Air Force Base community, 6) Service to the spiritual life of UND, 7) Service to humanity, and 8) Service to the State of North Dakota.

Nomination forms are available at <http://sos.und.edu/erabell> and at the Era Bell Thompson Cultural Center, on UND's campus. All nominations must be submitted using the nomination forms and should be received by Friday, Dec. 29 (new deadline date) at 4:30 p.m. Note: Nominations submitted after the deadline date and/or submitted not using the proper nomination form will be discarded. For more information, please visit the web site at <http://sos.und.edu/erabell> or contact Linda at 777-4259 and/or stop by the Center at 2800 University Ave. (across from the Memorial Union).

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Deadline extended for COSE alternate nominations

The deadline to submit nominations for UND's alternate representative to serve on the Council of State Employees has been extended until Friday, Dec. 8. At the close of the initial deadline, one nomination had been

submitted.

In 1991 the Council of State Employees was established to enhance the morale, productivity, and image of state employees, and develop an appreciation of state agencies and programs. The Council represents all state employees through the equitable assignment of state agencies, of which the University of North Dakota has two regular representatives and one alternate.

Doug Osowski's term as the alternate representative ends Dec. 31, so an election will be held to fill that vacancy.

If you wish to be nominated to the three-year term, you must complete a nomination form. A minimum of 10 signatures is required to be nominated. Additional information concerning the nomination process is detailed on the nomination form which is available by contacting the Human Resources Office at 777-4361 or at www.humanresouces.und.edu.

-- Diane Nelson, Director of Human Resources.

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Death noted of three students

It is with regret that the University reports the death of three students.

Jacob Edward Rueth of Orland Park, Ill., died Friday, Dec. 1. He was admitted into John D. Odegard Aerospace Sciences the 2006 fall semester majoring in aviation. Services were held Wednesday at Lawn Funeral Home in Orland Park.

Jacob Allen Sundblad of Annandale, Minn., died Friday, Dec. 1. He was admitted into John D. Odegard Aerospace Sciences in the 2006 fall semester majoring in aviation. Services were held Wednesday at St. John's Church in Annandale.

Lindsay Ellyn Barnes of Grand Forks, died Saturday, Dec. 2. She was enrolled in a correspondence course through continuing education.

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Chester Fritz Library lists holiday hours

Holiday hours for the Chester Fritz Library follow:

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 (Christmas Day), Dec. 25, closed; Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26-29, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 30-31, closed; Monday (New Year's Day), Jan. 1, closed; Tuesday through Friday, Jan. 2-5, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6-7, closed; Monday, Jan. 8, resume regular hours.

-- Karen Cloud, Administrative Assistant, Chester Fritz Library, karencloud@mail.und.edu, 7-2618

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Library of the Health Sciences lists holiday hours

Christmas break hours for the Library of the Health Sciences will be:

Saturday, Dec. 23, through Monday, Dec. 25, closed; Tuesday, Dec. 26, through Friday, Dec. 29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 30, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 1, closed; Tuesday, Jan. 2, to Friday, Jan. 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 6, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 7, closed. Regular hours resume Monday, Jan. 8. --

April Byars, Library of the Health Sciences, abyars@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-3893.

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GGE announces new course - Surviving on Planet Earth

Surviving on Planet Earth (or How to Succeed on a Constantly Changing Earth) will be offered in spring 2007, Geol 105, Call# 18347; three credits; Wednesday, 5 to 7 p.m. (course materials will be downloaded.)

Earth's geologic history is all about dynamic global change. There are more than six billion people on Earth, soon to be seven billion. All of us rely on the same Earth's resources to sustain our lives. Increasing demand for ultimately limited resources (on different parts of Earth) has led to major conflicts throughout human history. The future of energy resources, in particular, is still unsolved, but is far from our only concern. Resources used by humans affect Earth's climate, atmosphere, water, and life. What are these consequences? What do we know? How do we make informed decisions? The big question is: what sort of future are we going to have? This is your opportunity to ultimately become part of an effective process. Learn about surviving on Planet Earth.

To provide students (of any age) the best opportunity to succeed on planet Earth, the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering is offering a new course that examines both active present geologic processes that affect our daily lives and those geologic events that have shaped our current global resource landscape on a realistic, scientific basis. Students will actively interact with a number of the geology faculty throughout the semester to bring faculty expertise to each of the core topics to the student in a meaningful way.

Surviving on Planet Earth covers strategies concerning our Dynamic Earth (Earth's cycles, hazards), Life on Earth (terra forming, extinction), Water Supply (too much, too little, and what is in it), and Energy and Global Change (resource use to changing needs). Each strategy concerns the events and topics that shape our daily lives by providing modern, historic, and critical geologic examples. Know why things happen or are the way they are and why battles are fought and floods destroy cities, and sea level rises and falls. As an active learning environment, students will come away with a means to interpret the daily news, understand critical resources issues like water and energy, and have input into their future.

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

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Note mileage reimbursement policy revision

Effective for travel on or after Jan. 1, 2007, the personal vehicle mileage reimbursement policy has been revised, as stated below:

Personal vehicle mileage is reimbursed at the rate indicated in NDCC 54-06-09. The reimbursement rate is \$0.375 per mile for in-state travel and \$0.18 per mile for out-of-state travel. Employees must obtain approval from their supervisor to use a personal vehicle instead of a state fleet vehicle. The employee's supervisor must sign the travel expense voucher when the employee is claiming personal vehicle mileage, indicating that approval for use of a personal vehicle was obtained.

Previous policy provided for a reduced rate per mile for personal vehicle mileage unless the employee received either approval in advance (for medical-related reasons) from accounting services or a statement from the transportation department indicating that a state fleet vehicle was not available. These will no longer be required. Instead, approval in advance will be required from the employee's supervisor.

There are several reasons that employees should choose a state fleet vehicle.

1. When state employees are traveling on state business, the North Dakota Century Code (54-06-09 and 24-02-03.3) requires all state employees to use a North Dakota state fleet vehicle when available. Any exceptions to this requirement must be for circumstances approved by the employee's supervisor. Department heads should establish an approval process for their department. The employee's supervisor must sign the travel expense voucher when the employee is claiming personal vehicle mileage, indicating that approval for use of a

personal vehicle was obtained. An additional supervisor signature area has been added to the travel expense voucher. Please obtain a copy of the revised travel expense voucher from the Accounting Services web site.

2. Cost savings: The rate for a standard four-door sedan is \$.27 per mile. Because of this low rate, it is generally more cost effective for departments to utilize state fleet vehicles.

3. Liability insurance: If a state fleet vehicle is used, insurance is provided through the State Risk Management Fund. If an employee is involved in a motor vehicle accident while on business-related travel in their personal vehicle, their personal insurance will have to cover any claims/costs. The vehicle owner would be responsible for any deductibles and rate increases that result. Specific insurance-related questions can be directed to Jason Uhlir at jasonuhlr@mail.und.nodak.edu or by phone at 777-3341.

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International Programs newsletter available online

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

<http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/documents/12-06-06.pdf>

Featured this month:

Feast of Nations announcement

Spring Study Abroad Fair

State Department changes for J1 Visas

International Student advising notes and hours

Visiting Canada visa issues

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

701.777.2938

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Barnes & Noble gives more cash back for UND students

Now more than ever, UND students get the most cash back when they sell unwanted titles at Barnes & Noble at UND. Students can receive up to 50 percent off the selling price on titles ordered by professors for the next term.

Extended hours are Monday, Dec. 11, through Thursday, Dec. 14, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

-- Michelle Abernathy, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND,

michelle_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2103

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Reduce the price of textbooks today!

Thank you for all your help and support. With your help we are winning the battle to maintain and reduce the cost of textbooks by offering more used books to our students and handing back more money at the end of the term during buyback. This has only been possible because of your concern and support by turning in textbook requests as early as possible.

We now have 88 percent of the book order requests in for the new term. Our goal is to be at 100 percent by Reading and Review Day Dec. 8.

Submit your adoptions online at: www.und.bkstore.com, then select Faculty Services Tab. Or, call 777-2106; we will be happy to take your book order request over the phone.

Here's why: Having your course and book information allows us to pay students who choose to sell their books 50 percent off the book price at buyback.

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

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

Thank you for your support!

-- Michelle Abernathey, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND,

michelle_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2103

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Denim Day comes early in December

As is traditional, December's Denim day comes early. Next Wednesday, Dec. 13, will be Denim Day. Pay your dollar, wear your button, and enjoy your denim while knowing that all funds go to charity. Need replacement buttons or a couple posters for your area? Just give me a call.

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

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31 Days of Glory fundraiser winners named

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

Tuesday, Dec. 5, Rebecca Gardner, \$100;

Wednesday, Dec. 6, Jerry Stanislawski, \$100;

Thursday, Dec. 7, Bob Hoerner, \$100.

The proceeds from the 31 Days of Glory fundraiser go toward scholarships awarded by Staff Senate for UND students.

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

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Give the gift of great taste - Dining Services gift cards

Treat a student employee, co-worker or guest on campus to an easy way to dine at their favorite location.

Dining Services gift cards may be redeemed at retail dining locations including: Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop, Old Main Marketplace Food Court, Twamley Snack Bar, Convenience Stores, Medical School Food Cart, and Wings Café (airport).

Purchase gift cards the next time you stop by the Twamley Snack Bar, U Snack Convenience Store (Memorial Union), Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop, or Old Main Marketplace.

-- Jeff St. Michel, Assistant Director of Retail Dining, Dining Services, jeffreystmichel@mail.und.edu, 7-3930

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North Dakota Museum of Art lists cafe specials

The North Dakota Museum of Art lists the following cafe specials:

* Dec. 7 – Entrée: Steak Roulade; Soup: Grandfather's Soup

* Dec. 8 – Entrée: Pan Bagnat; Soup: Clam Chowder

* Dec. 11 – Entrée: Homestyle Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes; Soup: Vegetable Barley

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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Patients sought for medical students

The Office of Medical Education is seeking people to hire as patients for our medical students. We are looking for people who would like to help students learn and practice history taking and physical exam skills. You will be paid \$50 for your participation. The students learn a lot from this experience and your willingness to help would be greatly appreciated.

We need a diverse group of healthy men and women, ages 18 to 80, with the following:

- a flexible schedule
- transportation to and from the University
- limited number of health problems (certain medical conditions may prevent you from participating)

We need you for one of the following Tuesday afternoons from 12:45 until 4:30 p.m. Sorry, you can't come more than once. The afternoons are Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. During this time, you will be interviewed and examined by three different student physicians. The experience would be much the same as a visit to your own doctor's office. You will be asked to share your personal medical history and allow the student to do a physical exam. This does not require shots, blood tests or other invasive procedures. Students are observed by physicians and all information given would be confidential. If there is medical or personal information you do not wish to share, you don't have to.

If you are interested, please contact Dawn at 777-4028 in the Office of Medical Education as soon as possible. Please feel free to pass this information along to others you know who may be interested.

-- Dawn Drake, Standardized Patient Coordinator, Office of Medical Education, ddrake@medicine.nodak.edu, 777-4028

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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: Instructor/Advisor (10-month position) TRIO/Talent Search, #07-158

DEADLINE: (I) 12/12/2006

SALARY: \$24,900 - \$27,800

POSITION: Help Desk Representative, ITSS/NDUS, #07-156

DEADLINE: (I) 12/07/2006

SALARY: \$29,000 - \$34,000

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

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

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: WEB & COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN (variable schedule, 30/wk), Law Library, #07-157

DEADLINE: (I) 12/08/2006

SALARY: \$10.58 - \$12.50

POSITION: MULTIMEDIA SPECIALIST, Aerospace Sciences, #07-140

DEADLINE: (I) 12/07/2006

SALARY: \$27,000 - \$31,000

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current openings.

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Manager (M-F, 4 a.m. - noon), EERC/Facilities, #07-155

DEADLINE: (I) 12/7/2006

SALARY: \$24,000 - \$29,500

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