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TOP STORIES

Lighting of the Green set for Nov. 27

Students, faculty, staff, and Greater Grand Forks community members are invited to attend the fifth annual Lighting of the Green Monday, Nov. 27, 5 p.m. at the north entrance of the Memorial Union. The Lighting of the Green is the University's annual kick-off to the holiday season. In addition to holiday greetings and songs, the program will also feature the lighting of the large fir tree on the north lawn of the Memorial Union. Refreshments will be provided and the event is free and open to the public.

Following Lighting of the Green, the fraternity and sorority community will host a Parade of Homes, 5:30 to 7 p.m. The names of participating chapters and maps to the houses will be provided at Lighting of the Green. Tickets for the Parade of Homes are \$5 and are available the day of the event at any participating chapter. All proceeds will go to assist UND student Mandi Brodeur in her fight against leukemia.

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Sue Jenö is new faculty athletics representative

President Charles Kupchella announced that Sue Jenö, assistant professor of physical therapy, will be the University's new faculty athletics representative (FAR) to the National Collegiate Athletics Association. Jenö replaces Phil Harmeson, senior associate to the president, UND's faculty representative since 2000.

"I decided it was time for a change in the FAR because Phil has moved completely into administrative status with the University, creating a need for 'faculty' representation in the athletic enterprise in accordance with both the spirit and the letter of the NCAA Bylaws," said Kupchella. "Phil will help Sue's transition during the rest of the academic year with her new responsibilities and then he will continue in his role as a liaison with the athletics department and my office as we transition to Division I over the next five years. I want to thank Phil for the job he has done as FAR. Sue and Phil will give us a strong team as we move ahead."

Jenö has served as a member of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee for the past six years. She was a Division I athlete at the University of Michigan and coached the synchronized swimming team at Michigan for two years. Jenö also completed a term as chair of the University Senate during the 2005-06 academic year.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve UND in this capacity," said Jenó. "This is an exciting time for UND and the athletic department. I look forward to working with the student-athletes, coaches, and faculty to continue the academic excellence of UND's athletic teams. My experiences as a Division I student-athlete, coach, and faculty member give me a good base of understanding for this position."

The faculty athletics representative is an important position in the athletics department. Among the duties and responsibilities are working on NCAA compliance and eligibility issues, issues regarding the welfare of the student-athlete, and serving as a senior advisor to the president on athletic matters.

The University announced in June that it will be making the transition to Division I athletics beginning with the NCAA-required exploratory year during the 2007-08 year. UND will look to compete in Division I in all sports during the 2012-13 academic year.

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UND named to first-ever White House Community Service Honor Roll

The University was recently accorded a spot on the first-ever U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its consistent excellence in community engagement. Only 492 of the country's roughly 4,000 colleges and universities were honored with this accolade.

"We are very pleased to be recognized for the great work that many faculty, students and staff are doing in providing community service, not only in the greater Grand Forks area, but throughout North Dakota, the region and even the United States," said President Charles Kupchella.

"UND has a long, rich tradition of public service. Certainly that includes the Division of Continuing Education, which has provided educational and workforce development opportunities for nearly a century, and our fraternities and sororities, which routinely seek to do good works in the Grand Cities. Many units on campus provide some form of community service through such avenues as clinics, workshops, conferences and outreach services. More recently, the Center for Community Engagement has helped to crystallize the kind of commitment we've made through our Strategic Plan to continue to build service programs and to create experiential learning opportunities," said Kupchella.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll responds to President George W. Bush's call to service by building on and supporting the civic engagement mission of our nation's colleges and universities. This new recognition program is designed to increase public awareness of the contributions that college students are making within their local communities and across the country through volunteer service. Pursuant to the Universities Rebuilding America Partnership (URAP) announced by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Department of Housing and Urban Development last fall, the Honor Roll program's special emphasis this year is on recognizing service activities performed in response to the Gulf Coast hurricanes of 2005. The program also identifies and promotes community service model programs and practices in higher education.

Learn and Serve America supports and encourages service-learning throughout the United States, and enables over one million students to make meaningful contributions to their community while building their academic and civic skills. By engaging our nation's young people in service-learning, Learn and Serve America instills an ethic of lifelong community service.

Here's a look at just some of the UND units which provide community service:

American Indian Student Services Center
Bureau of Business and Economic Research
Bureau of Educational Services and Applied Research
Bureau of Governmental Affairs
Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research
Center for Innovation
Center for Rural Service Delivery
Center for Rural Studies
Children and Family Services Training Center
Clinical Education Center
Conflict Resolution Center
Counseling Center
Environmental Training Institute
Grand Forks Area Teacher Center
Health Information Technology Center
Institute for the Study of Indian Gaming Law & Policy
National Center of Excellence in Women's Health
North Dakota Tobacco Cessation Resource Center
National Resource Center on Native American Aging
Native Media Center
North Dakota Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Center
Northern Plains Indian Law Center
Nursing Center
Psychological Services Center
Regional Weather Information Center
Rural Assistance Center
Small Business Development Center
Social Science Research Institute
Surface Transportation Weather Research Center
Tribal Judicial Institute
UND Bismarck Center
University Children's Center
Water Management Center
Women's Center
Workforce Development Center

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Volunteers sought for winter commencement Dec. 15

Please consider serving as a "Green Vest Volunteer" at one or both of the winter commencement ceremonies which will be held Friday, Dec. 15, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Volunteers seat guests, help organize our graduates, and greet campus visitors who will attend the ceremonies.

This year, UND will hold two commencement ceremonies, at 10 a.m. for graduate degrees and at 2 p.m. for undergraduate degrees. Volunteers are asked to report to the lower level of the Chester Fritz Auditorium 90 minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony for a short briefing and to receive their assignments. We anticipate the ceremonies to be one and one-half hour in length.

If you are able to volunteer for one or both ceremonies, please contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events in the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services Office at 777-2724 or e-mail

terri.machart@mail.und.nodak.edu by Tuesday, Dec. 7. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

-- Dawn Botsford, Coordinator, Office of Ceremonies and Special Events,

dawnbotsford@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-6393

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Global Visions film series presents "Breakfast on Pluto"

The Global Visions film series presents a movie from Ireland, "Breakfast on Pluto," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Admission is free.

Set in the 1970s, "Breakfast on Pluto" follows the exploits of Patrick Braden (Cillian Murphy), an endearing but deceptively tough young man. Abandoned as a baby in his small Irish hometown and aware from a very early age that he is different, Patrick survives this harsh environment with the aid of his wit and charm, plus a sweet refusal to let anyone and anything change who he is.

As Patrick's penchant for dressing up and his sewing skills develop, he begins his transformation into the beautiful and androgynous Kitten. With a burning desire to find his mother, he moves to London where an hilarious, memorable and emotional series of misadventures sees Kitten finally finding the love and happiness he so craves and deserves.

Neil Jordan weaves a wonderfully surreal and magical tale to bring us this funny, moving and poignant rites-of-passage account of a young man enduring the trials and tribulations he faces with a smile and unwavering faith in the inherent goodness in us all.

-- Marcia Mikulak, Global Visions Film Series, Anthropology, marcia.mikulak@und.nodak.edu, 777-4718

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Doctoral examination set for Ann Beste-Guldborg

The final examination for Ann Beste-Guldborg, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Teacher Preparation Reform Efforts: Perceptions of School Leaders and Teacher Educators." Angela Koppang (Educational Leadership) 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 Anita Decker

The final examination for Anita Decker, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is "North Dakota Dual Credit: Initial Impact From 1997-2004." Angela Koppang (Educational Leadership) 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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Lorie Line to play at Chester Fritz Auditorium

Lorie Line and her Pop Chamber Orchestra will be at the Chester Fritz Auditorium Sunday, Nov. 26, for two shows at 3 and 7 p.m.

By popular demand, this year's show will be a traditional show, with the most popular Christmas carols highlighted throughout the evening. They'll take you to the manger, the Orient, and to the home of Charles Dickens. Kids will be invited to the stage to be in the show, so dress them up and bring your cameras!

Tickets are still available for both shows and can be purchased at the Chester Fritz Box Office, by phone 772-5151 or online at www.ticketmaster.com/venue/49273

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

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Greeks host Parade of Homes Nov. 27

On Monday, Nov. 27, various fraternities and sororities will host a Parade of Homes from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The event will begin immediately following the Lighting of the Green at the Memorial Union, which begins at 5 p.m.

Maps of the Greek community and the chapters participating will be available at Lighting of the Green or at the Memorial Union Information Center. The event is \$5 per person, with all proceeds going to Team Mandi, a philanthropy to raise money to support Mandi Brodeur in her fight against leukemia.

Tickets can be purchased the day of the event at any of the chapters participating. Students, faculty, staff, and other members of the UND and Grand Forks community are welcome to attend.

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

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Doctoral examination set for Joel David Deloy

The final examination for Joel David Deloy, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Clinical Psychology, is set for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in 210 Corwin Larimore Hall. The dissertation title is "Patterns of Relationship Satisfaction and Sexual Behavior as a Function of Pornography Usage Among College Students." Alan King (Clinical 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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Doctoral examination set for Denise K. Lajimodiere

The final examination for Denise K. Lajimodiere, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "OGIMAH IKWE: Native Females and Their Path to Leadership." Sherryl Houdek (Educational Leadership) 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 Thomas Gravel

The final examination for Thomas Gravel, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Principal Time Commitment and Job Satisfaction: Before and After an Executive Coaching Workshop." Sherryl Houdek (Educational Leadership) 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 E. LeAnn Nelson

The final examination for E. LeAnn Nelson, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Teachers' Perception of Their Technology Integration Skills and Its Relationship to Output Generated by Students." Larry Klundt (Educational Leadership) 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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Thursday Music Club Christmas Musicale set for Dec. 3

"Music Lifts Our Hearts in Joy and Praise" is the theme for the Thursday Music Club Christmas Musicale at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at United Lutheran Church, 324 Chestnut St.

A free will offering will be taken for student scholarships to the International Music Camp and UND. For further information, call Darlene Holien, Christmas Musicale chair, at 746-7673.

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Doctoral examination set for Mary L. Vollmuth Koopman

The final examination for Mary L. Vollmuth Koopman, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in Educational Leadership, is set for 3:30 p.m. Nov. 28, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is "The Principals' Leadership Styles and School Climate as Perceived by Elementary Teachers in Four North Dakota Public School Districts." Larry Klundt (Educational Leadership) 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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"Extravabandza" features University Band, Marching Band

This year's annual UND ExtravaBANDza will showcase the University Band, as well as the "Pride of the North" Marching Band, Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Tickets, available at the door, are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, or \$12 per family.

The University Band, under the direction of James Popejoy with guest conductor Robert Brooks, will present an eclectic program of concert music, including such band classics as Percy Grainger's Themes from "Green Bushes" and Chorale and Shaker Dance by John Zdechlik. UND guitar instructor Jeff Anvinson will be the featured soloist on James Bonney's Chaos Theory, a concerto for electric guitar and wind orchestra. The "Pride of the North" Marching Band, directed by Robert Brooks and Tammy Mulske, will present a showcase concert of their fall season, including performances of the traditional school songs and cheers as well as music from their field shows, such as Chameleon and Birdland. The UND Color Guard and Drum Line units will also be featured during the event.

For additional information concerning this performance, please contact the UND Band Department at (701) 777-2815.

-- Tammy Mulske, Technology and Marketing Supervisor, Music, tamara.mulske@und.nodak.edu, 777-2644

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Doctoral examination set for Linda Houts-Smith

The final examination for Linda Houts-Smith, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in English, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in 109 Merrifield Hall. The dissertation title is "Funny Ha-Ha or Funny Strange: The Structure and Meaning of Laughter in Conversation." David Marshall (English) 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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Reception to honor Glenda Lindseth

The College of Nursing invites the campus to a celebration honoring Glenda Lindseth on her induction as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN). The reception will take place Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. in the College of Nursing, third floor lounge. Selection for the Academy is considered the most prestigious

honor bestowed upon a nurse. Dr. Lindseth is currently professor and associate dean for research in the College of Nursing.

-- Roxanne Hurley, *Clinical Associate Professor, Nursing*, roxannehurley@mail.und.edu, 777-4525

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Doctoral examination set for Wanda Rose

The final examination for Wanda Rose, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching and Learning, is set for 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is "HB1245: A Case Study of the Process that Rescinded North Dakota's Nursing Education Requirements." Kathleen Gershman (Teaching and Learning) 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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28th annual Holiday Art, Craft Fair is Dec. 1

The 28th annual Holiday Art and Craft Fair is Friday, Dec. 1. The fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom, second level. This traditional event includes artists and crafters from UND and the surrounding community. Items include wood crafts, soy candles, pottery, holiday decorations, glass art, jewelry, fleece blankets, and much more.

Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded. Join us to find that one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone, or take something special home for yourself.

A shuttle van will run between the Memorial Union and Barnes & Noble Bookstore parking lot throughout the day.

The Holiday Art and Craft Fair is sponsored by the Memorial Union. For more information, contact Bonnie Solberg, 777-2898.

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Start the holiday season with an event of epic proportions!

The Department of Music presents the annual Madrigal Dinner/Olde English Christmase Feaste Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, at 7 p.m. at the Alerus Center Ballroom.

With a new cast and crew, featuring Dane Froiland as the King and Elizabeth Livingood as the Queen, the show promises to be the best ever. The evening will be under the direction of Dave Adams and produced by conductor Joshua Bronfman. The King and Queen, with their court including jester Natasha Yearwood, preside over this festive evening filled with fun, feast and fascinating entertainment. The feast dates back to the Renaissance era and will include costumed theater and concert put on by the UND Concert Choir. During the event guests will be entertained by a plethora of acts including singing, dancing, acting, juggling and instrumental music, while their taste buds are tingled by a five course feast.

Tickets for the evening are \$39.95 for adults and \$20 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the Alerus Center box office on 42nd Street, or via any Ticketmaster outlet.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early to be announced upon entry to the feast.

-- Tammy Mulske, *Dinner/Olde English Christmase Feaste, Music*, tamara.mulske@und.nodak.edu, 7-2644

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Art professor to deliver faculty lecture Dec. 5

University art professor Patrick Luber will discuss his recent artistic research when he presents "The 3Ds of Sculpture: Disinterested, Decorative, or Devotional Object." Luber's lecture is the latest segment of the UND Faculty Lecture Series and will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the North Dakota Museum of Art. A 4 p.m. reception will precede the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

"Not every image or object is fine art." said Luber, "but like fine art, other objects and images we encounter in daily life have the potential to transmit important cultural information."

Luber's lecture will provide insight into some common artistic frameworks by reviewing his past and present artistic/sculptural research. "Historically and academically, the categories of disinterested, decorative, and devotional objects have largely been studied as distinct and separate areas of study." said Luber. "Over the past 10 years, scholars have been examining the important contributions objects from popular culture make to the culture at large and have argued that in fact some objects can simultaneously be disinterested, decorative, and devotional."

Luber's most recent art series – the "Milagros Series" – are sculptural versions of the ex-votos, or "Milagros", that are used in prayer among Roman Catholics of the Southwest United States and Latin America. Luber's Milagros are wired for electricity, and feature a variety of lights and scents that blend, appropriate, and redirect the meaning of commercial objects for use in the worlds of disinterested, decorative, and devotional objects.

Related to his research of the nature and function of objects is the idea that some objects are given special status. Anthropologists call this ability "affecting presence." "A fine art, decorative, or devotional object that has acquired "affecting presence" are called "talking objects." explained Luber. "In the Milagros Series, I am already working with a form that is associated with "affecting presence."

In addition to "talking objects", popular culture often leaves a mark on Luber's artwork. "Popular culture references, devotional, decorative, or commercial, have become a mainstay visual strategy in the Post-modern art world." Luber said. "The link between popular culture and devotional objects, especially religious kitsch, is not confined to a single culture, but is found in numerous religious and cultural traditions within the Americas."

Luber's work is included in the permanent collection of the North Dakota Museum of Art as well as numerous private collections. He has performed over 20 solo art exhibitions and numerous group shows on the local, regional, national, and international levels. His work received the Best of Show Award in the 1992 North American Sculpture Competition in Golden, Colo.; Best of Show in the 58th Annual Exhibition (2002) at the Sioux City Art Center, Sioux City, Iowa. Most recently, Luber was awarded a 2006 North Dakota Humanities Council Larry Remele Memorial Fellowship.

Aside from sculpture, Luber has presented several papers on popular American visual culture ranging from folk art and nineteenth-century American painting to popular commercial art. Currently, Luber has been studying the history of religion and religious material culture in America.

Raised on a farm near Pocahontas, Ill., Luber received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Greenville College in Greenville, Ill. He then earned his Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees in sculpture from the University of New Mexico and has taught sculpture at the University of North Dakota since 1990.

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U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Dec. 6-14. Visit our web site for more.

Defensive Driving

Dec. 6, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Skalicky Tech Incubator, Room 211

This workshop is required by State Fleet for all UND employees who drive State Fleet vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a State Fleet vehicle. Employees are encouraged to bring a family member (spouse and/or dependents). This workshop may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record. Presenter: Officer Tom Brockling

The FISH! Philosophy

Dec. 7 nd 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Skalicky Tech Incubator, Room 211

Come and learn more about building a dynamic workplace culture through the FISH! philosophy. FISH! is a life long philosophy used by organizations that are intentionally creating and supporting a workplace culture of earned trust, innovation, energy and competitive advantage. When implemented and used correctly this philosophy can help employees feel inspired about the work they do and be accountable for their contribution to the big picture. Presenter: Gretchen Schatz, Workforce Development Coordinator.

Budget vs. Cash Inquiry ****LIMITED SEATING****

Dec. 11, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Upson II, Room 361

How do I know what I have left in my budget and how do I know whether I need to do a Budget Journal so that my payments will be processed?

Presenter: Lisa Heher and Allison Peyton.

Records Retention and E-Mail

Dec. 12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Skalicky Tech Incubator, Room 211

During this workshop, you will learn what role e-mail plays in an organization. UND Policy and best practices for retaining e-mail messages. Presenter: Chris Austin, UND Records Manager.

GroupWise 6.5: Beginning

Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Upson II, Room 361

Students will navigate through the GroupWise environment, create and send messages; reply to and forward messages; use the Address Book, create a personal address book, create a mail group; work with calendar, schedule posted appointments and recurring events; work with Junk Mail folder and other mail handling features. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

Safe Online Practices - Protecting Your Identity and Securing Your Computer

Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Upson II, Room 361

The Internet can provide a wealth of information and give access to valuable financial, business, educational, and entertainment services. However, when connected to the Internet, you and your computer become vulnerable to scammers, identity thieves, viruses, spyware and more. This workshop will provide the information needed to help you protect your identity and computer while online. Presenter: Brad Miller, IT Security Officer.

GroupWise 6.5: Intermediate

Dec. 14, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Upton II, Room 361

Students will work with advanced message options, set mail properties; customize message headers, use Web Access interface, create and use rules to automate email responses, and set access rights. Work in depth with Junk Mail folder and archive feature. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

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, & (8) How you first learned about this workshop? Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.

-- Julie Sturges, Program Assistant, U2, U2@mail.und.edu, 777-2128

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Messiah is Dec. 16 at Chester Fritz Auditorium

Tickets for the "Messiah," featuring the Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra, the Grand Forks Master Chorale, and other area choirs at the Chester Fritz Auditorium Saturday, Dec. 16, are on sale at the Chester Fritz Auditorium, 777-4090.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty sought for entrepreneur projects

RFP: Faculty Projects with Entrepreneurs

Funded by: Eugene Dahl and Roger Melroe Entrepreneur Endowments, UND Foundation

Funds available: \$14,000 for spring, summer and fall 2007

Deadline for proposals: Jan. 12, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.

The families of Melroe Manufacturing entrepreneurs Eugene Dahl and Roger Melroe established endowments within the UND Foundation in 2004 to foster innovative and entrepreneur activities among UND faculty. Gene Dahl was the first chairman of the Center for Innovation Advisory Board (1984-89). He was instrumental in bring two North Dakota ventures to Fortune 500 status: Melroe Bobcat and Steiger Tractor. Roger Melroe was his brother-in-law and vice president of marketing for Melroe Bobcat. The Boardroom in the Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center is named for Gene Dahl and Roger Melroe.

Eligible projects for this RFP will support faculty to work directly with one or more emerging entrepreneurs on the issues of innovation (product, technology, services, etc.), venture development, venture growth, or financing. Optimally, the ventures will be spin-off ventures or with entrepreneurs hosted in the two campus incubators, and the project initiates an ongoing relationship where the faculty member is closely involved with the launch and growth of a venture. Preference may be given to faculty projects where a long-term faculty/venture relationship is highly probable. The entrepreneur(s) should provide a letter of support for the project indicating how the project will be beneficial to their venture and the entrepreneur community. Utilizing undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in entrepreneur programs is encouraged, but not mandatory, to create hands-on learning for entrepreneur students.

The selection committee is chaired by the director of the UND Center for Innovation. The committee is encouraged to approach faculty to submit proposals. Preference may be given to projects from business faculty teaching entrepreneurship courses, but if no quality or eligible projects are available, faculty projects relating to entrepreneurship from the CBPA or other colleges are eligible for the grant support. The committee may select one or more entrepreneur projects or initiatives utilizing faculty expertise which will foster North Dakota

Entrepreneurship. In 2006, three faculty projects were selected for support.

Submit proposals to: Bruce Gjovig, Center for Innovation, Stop 8372,
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8372.

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Power outage Friday will affect part of campus

There will be an electrical shutdown Friday, Nov. 24, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The buildings affected are:

Swanson Hall
Memorial Union
Law Building
O'Kelly (including Ireland)
McCannel Hall
Abbott Hall
Witmer Hall

Due to life safety concerns, all of these buildings will be closed to all staff, faculty, students, and the general public. Any person found in the buildings will be escorted out. Supervisors should make every effort to provide employees with alternate work assignments, schedules, or locations during the outage period. Employees choosing not to work that day due to the outage must submit annual leave.

The second shutdown in the following buildings will last one hour, and is related to work done on an earlier shutdown. Departments will be contacted approximately one hour prior to the outage, but the earliest the power could be shut down will be 2 p.m. Those buildings are:

Hyslop Sports Center
Starcher Hall
Memorial Stadium
Old Engelstad
Laird Core Library

There will not be any electricity in any of these buildings during the shutdown, so lighting and alarm systems will be affected. Departments need to take necessary precautions to protect their operations while this shutdown is in process.

Thank you for your patience with this inconvenience. Any questions or concerns regarding re-entry into these buildings may be directed to the Facilities Communication Center at 777-2591.

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New UND Directory available at bookstores, campus C-stores

The all-new, completely revised edition of the UND student/faculty/staff directory is now available at Barnes & Noble University Bookstore, Dakota Textbook Co., and Wilkerson, Walsh, and Memorial Union convenience stores. It is not, however, available at the Memorial Union Service Desk as stated in the posters and other advertising. Cost is the same as last year, \$1.25.

Along with student, faculty, and staff information, this new directory contains a new section that puts department information at your fingertips. Department addresses, phone numbers, e-mails, web sites, and employees are now in one location, which should make information much easier to find. Students and employees are also listed alphabetically as they have been in the past.

This marks the first year that we have used PeopleSoft data feeds for both students and employees. In some cases, that data may not have been updated by the student or employee. Students who wish to update information may do so through the PeopleSoft portal. In the case of employees, at least one person in each office has HRMS privileges and can update most information.

If you have any comments or suggestions to improve next year's edition, please contact me.

-- Jan Orvik, Coordinator of Internal Communications, University Relations, janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3621

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Chester Fritz Library lists Thanksgiving hours

The Chester Fritz Library will observe the following hours of operation for Thanksgiving.

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 22, closed (Thanksgiving Day); Friday, Nov. 23, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 24, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 25, 1 p.m. to midnight.

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

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Applications invited for research fellowships to facilitate writing proposals

Applications are invited from UND faculty for research fellowships (\$1,000 each) to facilitate writing proposals for external funding of their research and scholarly activities. Offered through Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) and the University Writing Program, a limited number of faculty in teams of two (faculty proposal writer and mentor) will engage in a 10-session (one hour each) writing seminar beginning Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 4 p.m. and continuing on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. through April 24. The goal of the seminar will be for each faculty writer to complete a research proposal, with the assistance of a mentor, that will be suitable for submission to an external sponsor.

To apply:

- Submit an application as a faculty team (writer and mentor) to RD&C of no more than two pages describing your research/scholarly activity idea.
- Identify the organization you will target for funding.
- List your last three examples of creative activity (e.g. publications, performances) and indicate whether they were peer reviewed and when they occurred.
- Describe your experience with submitting external proposals, including agencies and critiques. Also include a short list of recent proposals submitted by your mentor and indicate which have been successful.
- Discuss the significance of your research/scholarly activity.
- Indicate your availability and commitment to attend at least nine of the 10 seminar sessions.
- Be sure to include the name and the expected contribution of the faculty member who has agreed to serve as your mentor for this fellowship. (Mentors must agree to attend at least five sessions and be available to assist you in writing and developing your proposal outside the seminar. Mentors also will receive \$1,000 stipends.) If you need help locating a mentor, contact Barry Milavetz at RD&C (777-4280 or barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu).

Selection Criteria:

- Potential for completing a draft proposal by May 15, 2007.
- Significance and impact of proposed research/scholarly activity.
- Potential for funding by proposed sponsor.
- Evidence of commitment by writer and mentor.
- Participant must be the P.I. on the external proposal.

Deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007. Submit application to RD&C, 105 Twamley Hall or e-mail

barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu.

-- 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 sought for 2007 outstanding rural health awards

Nominations are being sought for the 2007 Outstanding Rural Health Awards, which acknowledge the contributions of North Dakota people and organizations who improve rural health care.

The awards are given in four categories annually by the Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health.

- The Outstanding Rural Health Provider/Practitioner award is presented to a health care clinician whose practice is in rural North Dakota and has unselfishly made an important contribution to his or her community and area.
- The Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer award recognizes the contributions made by community people who have contributed their energy, time and skill on a volunteer basis toward the betterment of rural health care.
- The Outstanding Rural Health Professional award is presented to a health care professional located in rural North Dakota who had demonstrated leadership in the delivery of rural health services.
- The Outstanding Rural Health Program/Organization is presented to programs that deliver services in innovative ways, highlight coordination among providers, or improve the quality of care to rural residents.

For more information please visit <http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/sorh/dakconf/> or contact Lynette Dickson at the Center for Rural Health at 777-6049 or ldickson@medicine.nodak.edu.

Nominations are due Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The Outstanding Rural Health Awards are part of the Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health facilitated by the School of Medicine and Health Sciences' Center for Rural Health, coordinated by the Bismarck State College and sponsored by Altru Health System, North Dakota Public Health Association, College of Nursing, and the Center for Rural Health and Department of Family and Community Medicine.

For more information on the Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health, being held March 20-22 in Mandan, visit: <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/cce/ruralhealth/>.

-- Amanda Scurry, public information specialist, UND SMHS, ascurry@homtail.com, 701-777-0871

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UND to host Rural Surgery Symposium

The Department of Surgery will host the third annual Rural Surgery Symposium, a national meeting for surgeons who practice in rural areas, next year in Grand Forks.

The event is dedicated to addressing and resolving problems encountered by rural surgeons in the United States, as well as providing an educational forum for these surgeons, according to Robert Sticca, surgery department chair and residency program director.

David Antonenko, professor of surgery and director of surgical education, is coordinating the educational component of the meeting, set for September 2007 at the Alerus Center and Canad Inn.

"This meeting gives us national exposure from the standpoint of rural surgery," he said. For many years, UND has been widely known as a leader in rural medicine, so it is "natural for this meeting to be held in North Dakota."

The surgery residency program also has earned an exemplary reputation for its training of surgeons for rural areas, Sticca said, noting that more than 45 percent of its graduates practice in rural communities in North Dakota and around the country.

The Rural Surgery Symposium is expected to draw up to 200 rural surgeons from throughout the United States, especially those who practice in the Midwest and West.

The UND Surgery Department will be conducting the meeting in conjunction with the Mithoefer Center for Rural Surgery, a division of Bassett Health Care System of Cooperstown, N.Y., which has hosted the event for past two years.

For more information, contact Geryllyn at 701-777-2589 or email, glunski@medicine.nodak.edu . -30-

Contact: Pamela D. Knudson, director of public affairs, 701-777-4305, pamelak@medicine.nodak.edu or Amanda Scurry, Office of Public Affairs, 701-777-0871, ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu 11-17-06

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

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ITSS lists holiday hours

Information Technology Systems and Services will close for the Thanksgiving Day holiday at midnight Wednesday, Nov. 22, and will reopen at 5 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24. -- Craig Cerkowniak, associate director, ITSS.

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Law Library posts Thanksgiving weekend hours

Thanksgiving weekend hours for the law library are:

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day), closed.

Friday, Nov. 24, closed (due to scheduled power outage)

Saturday, Nov. 25, noon - 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 26, noon - 11 p.m.

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

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Studio One features dangers of trans-fats, school bus safety

Learn why some restaurants are beginning to use ingredients without trans-fats on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. According to the American Heart Association, eating trans-fats increases the risk for coronary heart disease. As a result, many schools and restaurants are substituting other fats when preparing food. Learn more about this issue on Studio One.

Also on the show this week, 17,000 children are sent to the emergency room each year for school bus-related injuries. Learn what new safety precautions are being discussed to reduce the number of accidents.

Studio One is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program airs live on UND Channel 3 on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Re-broadcasts can be seen at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. daily and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Prairie Public Television airs Studio One

on Saturday at 6 a.m. The program can also be seen by viewers in Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot, N.D.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

-- Meghan Flaagan, Director of Marketing, Television Center, meghan.flaagan@und.edu, 777-3818

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Special offer available for Mannheim Steamroller Christmas concert

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 14, UND faculty will receive a free Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Celebration CD with every pair of tickets purchased to the upcoming Mannheim Steamroller concert on Nov. 29. Just present your UND faculty ID at the Alerus Center box office when you purchase your tickets to receive your free CD. For more information on the upcoming Mannheim Steamroller concert, please visit our web site at www.aleruscenter.com.

-- Julie Ward, director of sales and marketing, Alerus Center.

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Purchase CMT on Tour tickets for \$20 today

See Trace Adkins, Billy Currington and Jason Aldean live at the Ralph for only \$20. For one day only, CMT on Tour will be offering tickets for just \$20 to the Saturday, Dec. 2, show at Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Tickets for this one-time-only promotion will be available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster locations, by telephone at 701-772-5151, or at the Ralph Engelstad Arena Box Office during regular business hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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Knit for the Mandala project, Part II, will be at Museum

Moment by Moment: Meditations of the Hand, an exhibition curated by Barbara Hatfield and Hanne Tierney will be at the North Dakota Museum of Art from Dec. 10 to Feb. 11.

Knitters, from novice to expert, are invited to contribute to this volunteer effort to create, from plain strips of knitting, a work for the upcoming exhibition "Moment by Moment: Meditations of the Hand."

Knit scarves will be laid out on the floor of the museum to form a mandala, a representation of the cosmos and an image for meditation. Each scarf to be approximately seven feet long, eight to nine inches wide, knit only, with no fringe and using various color. Colors may be repeated within the strip; use large needles so that strips will be flexible enough to be laid out in curves.

The mandala project is an opportunity to participate in a collaborative community work to enhance awareness of the roles of art in daily life and in our well-being.

The first mandala was produced by the Horvik Knitting Commune of Norway in honor of Lauren Tierney Mumford and exhibited at Long Island University in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 2003. Lauren, known to family and friends as Yoa, died in 2004 after a long struggle with breast cancer. She was a talented physician, much loved by family and friends. Her three children are now 6, 11, and 13. Each stitch was made with love for Yoa and her family. Following the initial exhibition, the scarves were given away to Yoa's friends. She was the daughter of Hanne Tierney, one of the curators of this exhibit.

The scarves you knit for the Mandala 2 exhibit will be given as gifts in the community where they are produced.

Local knitters may choose a single individual or a general group to honor.

We will begin with whatever scarves are available on Dec. 10. You may contribute pieces to be added as the exhibition continues.

For more information contact Sue Fink, education director, North Dakota Museum of Art, 777.4195, sfink@ndmoa.com or Barbara Hatfield at bhfield27@hotmail.com

-- Sue Fink, Education Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, sfink@ndmoa.com, 777-3599

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Denim Day is Nov. 29

The last Wednesday of this month is Nov. 29, which makes it Denim Day. Pay your building coordinator your dollar, enjoy your casual wear, and know that your money goes to charity. If you need more buttons or want a poster, just let me know.

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

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Reduce the price of textbooks today

Spring textbook requests were due Oct. 2. Submit your adoptions online at: www.und.bkstore.com then select the faculty services tab or call 777-2106.

Here's why:

- * Having your course book information by the start of buyback allows us to pay students who choose to sell their books 50 percent of 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.

- * If you adopt the text alone, (instead of a textbook package or bundle), more students actually buy it. Recent studies conducted by Student Monitor indicate that 77 percent of students would choose to purchase the text alone if given the option.

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

We already have some proven success here at Barnes & Noble at UND. Our used textbook inventory for this current fall semester was over \$1 million. The savings to UND students based on this inventory was over \$337,000. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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

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Barnes & Noble at UND seeking part-time booksellers

We are currently hiring permanent and part-time booksellers to work at Barnes & Noble. The hours would be late afternoon, early evening, and weekends.

We offer flexible hours to fit your busy schedule and competitive wages. You receive a 20 percent discount on your textbooks and up to a 35 percent discount on other store merchandise. We also have career opportunities for juniors and seniors through our bestseller management training program. To find out more about our job opportunities, call today or pick up an application in the store.

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

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

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Holidays are approaching, shop early at Barnes & Noble

Check out our holiday Tower Cafe specials.

Stop by where all Champion men's, women's, and children's sweatshirts and sweatpants are now 25 percent off until Nov. 27. Stop in early for the best selection. -- Michelle Abernathy, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND, michelle_abernathy@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2103.

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Sioux Shop after Thanksgiving Day sale this Friday

Don't miss the Ralph Engelstad Arena Sioux Shop's After Thanksgiving Day Sale this Friday from 8 a.m. until the end of the Fighting Sioux men's hockey game. Special items include \$20 1/4 Zip Fleece by Timberline and \$45 1955 Replica Sioux Jerseys. Sioux Shop gift cards are perfect gifts for Fighting Sioux Fans. Fighting Sioux Custom Chopper Raffle tickets are \$10 and make great stocking stuffers and are available in the Sioux Shop. Check out the new and improved www.siouxshop.com.

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

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Staff Senate seeks recipes

The Staff Senate Cookbook scheduled to be published this fall has been postponed until next year to coincide with UND's 125th Anniversary. If you would like to submit recipes for the cookbook, please send them to Joneen Iverson, Box 7189, or e-mail them to her at joneeniverson@mail.und.edu. The recipe collection form is available online at <http://www.und.nodak.edu/org/undss/Forms/>.

-- Becky Reid, chair, Fundraising and Scholarship Committee, Staff Senate.

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Norovirus is another good reason to wash your hands

Recent outbreaks of noroviruses (gastroenteritis) have been reported in eastern North Dakota. Noroviruses cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping. Low-grade fever, chills, headaches, muscle aches, and a general sense of tiredness are also common. It is extremely easily spread from person to person and both vomit and stools are infectious. The illness often begins 24 to 48 hours after exposure to the virus. People can spread the disease from the moment they become ill to at least two to three days after diarrhea stops.

To prevent the spread of norovirus:

- * Wash your hands frequently, especially after toilet visits, changing diapers, handling common objects and before eating or preparing food.
- * Carefully wash fruits and vegetables.
- * Avoid sharing food, drinks, glasses and utensils.
- * Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness by using a household cleaner containing bleach.
- * Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may contain the virus after an episode of illness (use hot water and soap).
- * Flush or discard any vomit and/or stool in the toilet and make sure that the surrounding area is kept clean.

There is no medical cure for norovirus other than time, rest and fluids (avoid fruit juices, alcoholic beverages, and milk products).

For additional information, call the North Dakota Department of Health at 800-472-2180.

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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: Lead Instructor/Flight Manager, #07-146

DEADLINE: (I) 11/28/2006

SALARY: \$24,732 - \$30,000

POSITION: Web Programmer, University Relations #07-144

DEADLINE: (I) 11/27/2006

SALARY: \$28,000 - \$30,000

POSITION: Marketing & External Relations Specialist, Graduate School, #07-141

DEADLINE: (I) 11/24/2006

SALARY: \$25,000 - \$30,000

POSITION: Programmer Analyst, HECN - Fargo, #07-139

DEADLINE: (I) 11/21/2006

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

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

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

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Flight Line Services Operator (variable schedule), #07-145

DEADLINE: (I) 11/28/2006

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$19,537

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: University Within The University Program Assistant, Continuing Education, #07-147

DEADLINE: (I) 11/29/2006

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$20,000

POSITION: Correspondence Clerk, Continuing Education, #07-142

DEADLINE: (I) 11/27/2006

SALARY: \$16,000 - \$18,000

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician - LEAD (Custodial, M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Facilities, #07-136

DEADLINE: (I) 11/21/06 (extended deadline)

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$22,000

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Aerospace researcher awarded \$302,459 grant

University aerospace researcher Peter Schumacher recently was awarded a two-year \$302,459 Embry Riddle award for a project titled "Evaluating the Effectiveness of ADS-B in the Collegiate Flight Training Environment."

"We're going to evaluate the effectiveness of automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) equipment," said Schumacher. ADS-B is new technology that provides pilots with accurate in flight traffic, weather, and terrain information. When properly integrated into operations and management functions, ADS-B has the potential to significantly improve overall system safety and efficiency, Schumacher explains.

Schumacher says the grant money will be used to buy and install ADS-B equipment in UND's fixed-wing aircraft. Data then will be collected from every UND flight to quantify the benefits of this new technology. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) intends to combine research findings from UND and other institutions to set up revamped guidelines for the National Airspace System; these guidelines likely will include ADS-B, Schumacher says. UND was selected as one of the initial participants to prove this new technology. Equipping UND's fleet of aircraft and initial data gathering is only the first step-Schumacher expects that more funding for this research will be forthcoming.

Basically, ADS-B relies on the global positioning system (GPS) to determine an aircraft's precise position in space; position data, plus additional information such as aircraft type, speed, flight number, and whether climbing or descending, is updated every second and broadcast on a discreet frequency. Other ADS-B-equipped aircraft can receive these broadcasts and display the information on cockpit monitors. Unlike conventional radar, Schumacher notes, ADS-B works at low altitudes and on the ground, and is independent of ground-based radars or transponders. Thus it can be seen by pilots and air traffic controllers simultaneously, allowing real-time awareness of the current flight environment.

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New medical school program will bring research into rural practice

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences is bringing rural physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants together to look at the best way to maintain high quality of care in their practices.

The new program is funded by a Physicians' Foundation for Health Systems Excellence grant of \$370,000 a year for up to three years. Selected from over 200 applicants, the UND program is one of only 15 grantees to receive funding.

The Department of Family and Community Medicine at the UND medical school will use the grant to establish a practice-based research network of rural health care professionals in the Upper Midwest. A practice-based research network is a group of primary care health care professionals who do research in all their practices and compile the results.

"The research we will do is not like clinical trials," said Charles Christianson, associate professor of family and

community medicine, who established a similar network in Washington, D.C., and will run the new network. "The rural doctors in the network will decide on projects that are focused on service delivery and what we can do to ensure quality of care in the facilities."

There are more than 100 such networks nationwide, but the UND network would be one of the few focused on rural practices.

"In many ways the care delivered in rural states like North Dakota is of higher quality than in the rest of the country, but we do not fully understand why this is," said Christianson. "If we can identify the features of practice here which produce better quality of care, the rest of the country can learn from us."

Christianson is expecting at least 50 physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants from North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota to participate in the research network.

"Physicians and other health care professionals want to do this kind of research, but it is hard to do on your own," he explained. "It will help to have a formal organization established to provide research support."

Health care professionals interested in participating in the research network should contact Christianson at 701-777-3240 or cchristi@medicine.nodak.edu.

Physicians' Foundation for Health Systems Excellence, a foundation with assets of \$98 million, devotes its resources to helping practicing physicians improve the care they deliver to their patients. Based in Boston, Mass., the foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations for practice-based, innovative projects that provide physician education or address quality of care or patient safety issues. For more information visit: www.physiciansfoundations.org.

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

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