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TOP STORIES

Students, faculty invited to take survey on academic integrity

On Nov. 1, the Provost's Task Force on Academic Integrity launched a major survey of UND students, faculty and instructional staff. The study, "Academic Integrity at the University of North Dakota: Attitudes, Perceptions, and Experiences of Students and Faculty," is sponsored by the task force and based upon work by Professor Donald McCabe of Rutgers University, and director of the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University.

Your participation is crucial to the study's success! Your answers will help us to understand academic integrity at UND and results will facilitate data driven decisions for programming, publications, and policy and procedure development. Please give 5-20 minutes of your time to complete the on-line survey: <http://integrity.und.edu>.

Please visit the survey site and take time to read the appropriate consent letters. At that time you can choose to participate in the survey. Your responses are anonymous. We will present the findings of the study in the spring semester.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the task force or the survey. -- Joseph N. Benoit, Dean, Graduate School.

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2007 Founders Day honorees sought

The 2007 Founders Day banquet and ceremony will be held Thursday, Feb. 22, and will mark the 124th anniversary of the founding of the University.

Employees with 25 years of service and retiring faculty and staff employees will be honored at the banquet as guests of the University. We request the assistance of all administrators, vice presidents, deans, department chairs, office heads and other supervisors in identifying eligible employees.

To prepare for Founders Day 2007, we request the following information:

1. Names of faculty and staff members who have completed 25 years of service to UND. To be honored, individuals must have completed 25 years of service since July 1, 2006 or will complete it by June 30, 2007. (In most cases, these people would have begun their employment at UND between July 1, 1981, and June 30, 1982.)

Please note that individuals eligible for 25-year recognition whose service at UND has not been continuous may have begun their employment prior to July 1, 1981. In those cases, documentation of years of service is requested.

Recognition for 25 years of service is given to all benefited employees, even though they may not be employed on a full-time basis. Please include names of benefited, part-time employees who will complete 25 years of service between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

2. Names of retired and retiring faculty and staff. To be honored, individuals must:

a. have retired since July 1, 2006 or will retire by June 30, 2007;

b. have a minimum of fifteen (15) years of service to the university;

c. be (or have been) full-time employees or in a benefited, part-time position at the time of retirement (or be

- completing an approved "phased" retirement); and
- d. be making application for or receiving benefits through a UND-related retirement plan.

It is important that your list of eligible employees includes the following information:

- name of the employee
- position/faculty rank currently held
- department or unit
- initial appointment date
- mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the employee
- dates of any breaks in service (please identify whether these breaks in service were compensated such as a developmental leave or a leave of absence without compensation)
- date of retirement (if applicable)

Please submit the names of eligible individuals and supporting information to Terri Machart in the Office of the Vice President, Student and Outreach Services, Box 7140, (terrimachart@mail.und.edu) by Friday, November 17, 2006. Please call 777-2724 with any questions about employee eligibility or about the Founders Day banquet.

-- Fred Wittmann, Director, Ceremonies and Special Events, fredwittmann@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4267

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Pro Musica concert is Thursday

Eric Lawson, violin, and Jeff Anvinson, guitar, will perform at the Pro Musica concert Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 5555 S. Washington St.

Lawson, assistant professor of violin and viola and director of the UND Chamber Orchestra, currently serves as concertmaster of the Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra. He is also a frequent soloist with the Symphony Orchestra. Lawson has performed throughout the United States and internationally in Austria, Brazil, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Romania and Sweden.

Anvinson, music lecturer, composer and arranger, recently accompanied Lawson in a multi-concert tour of China. Besides his collaboration with Dr. Lawson, he performs regularly with the guitar and vibraphone duo Pluckstruck, the Boschee/Anvinson flute/guitar duo, Sneaky Wild Oats, the APB Trio. A frequent accompanist to vocalists and instrumentalists, Anvinson is also a freelance solo guitarist. Among his recording credits is the album Black Dog at Night with the group Penumbra.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students, and \$20 for a family.

Grand Forks Pro Musica was established in 2002. The purpose of the series is to provide high quality musical performances for the Grand Forks community and Red River Valley area, and to benefit the conservation of the historic Aeolian-Skinner organ, opus 1533 (1971), in the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks, the last instrument completed by the famous Boston firm and a UND teaching instrument.

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Indian Studies Association hosts film festival

UND's Indian Studies Association will host the first Indian Studies Association Film Festival in November, which is American Indian Heritage Month. There will be a total of six films shown, followed by discussions. These events are open to the campus and Grand Forks community and we encourage everyone to attend. All films will be shown in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2: "Skins"
Wednesday, Nov. 8: "Riding with Ghosts"
Wednesday, Nov. 15: "Trudell"
Thursday, Nov. 16: "The Business of Fancydancing"
Monday, Nov. 20: "The Doe Boy"

-- Holly Annis, President, Indian Studies Association, Indian Studies, holly.annis@und.edu, 701.777.4314

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Enrollment Services will host Saturday open house

Enrollment Services will welcome well over 700 students and families on campus this weekend in our annual fall open house, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4. If you happen to be on campus, please join us as we serve these students (most of whom are high school seniors). The day begins with check-in at 9:25 a.m. in Hyslop Sports Center.

Thanks in advance to all those from academic and student services departments who will participate in the academic browsing sessions that morning. Students wishing to attend must complete the online registration form at <http://www.go.und.edu> — Kenton Pauls, director of Enrollment Services.

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

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Disney World College Program holds information session

Andrew Digenova, Walt Disney World College program recruiter, will present an information session for students interested in internship opportunities with Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. The session is set for 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. It will last about one hour and students can learn about the types of opportunities available, how to apply, living and learning possibilities, and hear from UND students who are alumni of the WDW College Program. UND is the only location at which the Walt Disney World College program recruits in North Dakota.

-- Don Johnson, Coordinator, Career Services, donjohnson@und.edu, 701.777.4143

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"My Life in Pink" film is Nov. 7

The Global Visions film series presents "My Life in Pink" (Ma Vie en Rose) at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. This is a must see, and it is also important. Ludovic is waiting for a miracle. With seven-year-old certainty, he believes he was meant to be a little girl -- and that the mistake will soon be corrected. But where he expects the miraculous, Ludo finds only rejection, isolation and guilt -- as the intense reactions of family, friends, and neighbors strip away every innocent lace and bauble.

As suburban prejudices close around them, family loves and loyalties are tested in the ever-escalating dramatic turns of Alin Berliner's critically acclaimed first feature. Winner of the Golden Globe for Best Foreign Language Film and a favorite at festivals around the world, this unique film experience delivers magic of the rarest sort through a story of difference, rejection, and childlike faith in miracles.

The film is sponsored by the anthropology department and club. Admission is free.

-- Marcia Mikulak, Assistant Professor, Anthropology, marcia.mikulak@und.nodak.edu, 777-4718

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Entrepreneur, innovators banquet set for Nov. 9

Please join us for the North Dakota Entrepreneur Hall of Fame and Business Innovator of the Year Awards

Ceremony Thursday, Nov. 9. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. at the Skalicky Tech Incubator, 4300 James Ray Dr, followed by an awards banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn at 7 p.m. Tickets to the awards ceremony are \$25, and are available by contacting the Center for Innovation at 777-3132 or by e-mail at chris@innovators.net. Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 6.

Long-time Fargo entrepreneur Ronald D. Offutt will be inducted into the North Dakota Entrepreneur Hall of Fame, and Larry E. Jodsaas and Scott Molander will be recognized as North Dakota Business Innovators of the Year for 2006.

Offutt, founder, chairman and CEO of R.D. Offutt Company and RDO Equipment Co., was raised on the family farm in Moorhead, Minn. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Concordia College (Moorhead) in 1964. Just four years later, Offutt founded R.D. Offutt Company, comprised of a variety of businesses which now employs over 4,000 people. The cornerstone of the company is a farming enterprise that has grown to encompass farmland in 12 states totaling 190,000 acres. RDO is the nation's largest producer of potatoes. RDO Equipment Co. owns the largest network of John Deere construction and agricultural equipment dealerships in the United States with over 60 locations in 10 states. In 1978, Offutt entered the food processing business with the purchase of an Atlanta, Ga. french fry plant. Today, the company owns eight plants and processes over 500 million pounds of potatoes.

Jodsaas, retired chairman of PolarFab, quit high school in Lisbon, N.D., when he was 15 years old to work full-time to help support his family. At age 19, he joined the Navy, where he served as an electronics technician on submarines. At the same time, he earned his GED through the United States Air Force Institute. After four years in the Navy, Jodsaas attended Wahpeton State College of Science for two years, then enrolled at UND. He graduated in 1962 with a degree in electrical engineering. Jodsaas worked for Control Data for 28 years before purchasing the company's semi-conductor division, VTC Inc. In 2000, Larry sold VTC to Lucent Technology, but retained the manufacturing portion of the business. A new company, PolarFab, was formed, which was a foundry to supply design processes and wafers to independent design companies. In July 2005, PolarFab was sold to Sanken, a Japanese company.

Scott Molander, co-founder of The Simple Furniture Company and co-founder of Hat World, Inc., is a native of Crosby, N.D. He graduated from Dickinson State University in 1988, and by 1995, he and a co-worker decided to open their own business selling hats in malls. The company, Hat World, grew to over 500 stores before it was sold in 2004 for \$177.4 million. Molander left the company following the sale, and in 2005 launched his second company, The Simple Furniture Company. They manufacture modern-looking ready-to-assemble furniture through retail outlets and online. The furniture requires no screws or fasteners of any kind, and requires no tools to assemble. It is manufactured using a high tech CNC router that manufactures within 1/1000th of an inch tolerances. The company targets young adults living in apartments, condos and even dorm rooms. In addition to serving as executive chairman of The Simple Furniture Company, Molander has rejoined Hat World, Inc. as director of leasing for Canada and airports for North America.

The North Dakota Entrepreneur Hall of Fame was established in 1986 by the Center for Innovation to recognize North Dakota entrepreneurs and inventors for their long-standing entrepreneurial contributions to the state and nation. These people built and created products, processes, technologies, businesses and organizations. They solved problems and invented new concepts. By doing so, they contributed immeasurably to our higher standard of living, our economy, and our general well-being as they enjoyed professional success.

The North Dakota Business Innovator of the Year Award was established in 1989 to recognize North Dakota's entrepreneurs who are discovering new and better ways of serving their customers, changing the way business is done, exploring new frontiers and building through excellence. The innovators are leaders who are enhancing

productivity, competitiveness, growth and diversity of our state's and nation's economy. The award recognizes recent innovative and entrepreneurial achievements.

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ND Ballet "Reflections" debuts at Burtness Theatre

We begin our season with the North Dakota Ballet Company production, "Reflections." In addition to the several UND students who are company members, the show will feature special guests Brent Radeke and Carly Schaub. "Reflections" tells stories of personal reflection from the past, present and future, with choreography by Job Christenson, Mary Noel and Theresa Knox. Featuring the composers of Finzi, Mascagni, Indigo Girls, and an original composition from UND student Bernie Thomas, NDBC will explore self-exploration and self-realization.

The performances are Nov. 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 adults/\$6 students and seniors; call Burtness Theatre at 777-2587.

-- Kristen Borysewicz, NDBC Executive Director, Chester Fritz Library, ndballet@aol.com, 701 746-6044

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Veterans Day concert is Nov. 11

The Dick King Swing Band will present a free Veterans Day concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov 11, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. The Gospel Outreach Singers will be featured as a tribute to all veterans, past, present, and to all serving in the Armed Forces. Guests are asked to bring canned food donations for the local food cupboards. For more information, call (701) 775-5121.

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Doctoral examination set for Margaret Carlson

The final examination for Margaret Carlson, a candidate for the Ed.D. degree with a major in Teaching and Learning, is set for 10:30 a.m. Nov. 13, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "The Lived Experiences of Two Teachers Working in a Comprehensive School Reform Model." Myrna Olson (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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On Teaching lunch discussion focuses on undergraduate research

The next On Teaching box lunch discussion session is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, Memorial Room, Memorial Union. We will hear four faculty members who have experience working with undergraduate research in their disciplines or programs. The panelists are Evguenii Kozliak (chemistry), Tom Petros (psychology), Sally Pyle (honors), and Lana Rakow (community engagement).

Discussion will focus on such questions as: Why do we want students to do undergraduate research? What are the challenges and rewards, both for students and for the faculty who mentor them? and What kinds of things do we need to think about when we set up UR programs.

Whether you are already involved in undergraduate research or just thinking about what you might do, we hope you'll come to this session to raise questions and share your own experience.

To register and reserve a free box lunch, call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 by 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9.

-- Libby Rankin, Director, Office of Instructional Development, libby_rankin@und.nodak.edu, 777-4233

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U2 workshops listed

Below are U2 workshops for Nov. 20-21. Visit our web site for additional workshops. The Winter U2 Newsletter

containing workshops for December through January will arrive soon.

Basic Windows

Nov. 20, 9 to 11 a.m., 361 Upson II

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers: mouse and file saving/retrieving skills. Introduces very basic Windows features; keeping your desktop tidy, change desktop color, create a desktop shortcut, change or set the date/time, Windows XP Start Menu, change themes, menu features, Windows XP taskbar overview, organize files, work with windows, create an efficient work environment, and find information. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

"The Richest Man in Town"

Nov. 21, 8 to 9 a.m. or Nov. 21, 10 to 11 a.m. or Nov. 21, 2 to 3 p.m., Memorial Union, River Valley Room

V.J. Smith has been a professional speaker for more than a decade. Twice he has been a finalist in Toastmasters International's 'World's Championship of Public Speaking.' Smith delivers over 100 presentations each year throughout the country. Currently, he serves as the executive director of the South Dakota State University Alumni Association.

This talk is based on the life of 'Marty', a wonderful man who ran a cash register at Wal-Mart. He was considered rich because he was loved and respected, but most of all, he was content with every aspect of his life, with no regrets. Marty's simple philosophies show what happens when you take the time to be kind and compassionate. All that you give, you get back, and more. Audience members will go on an emotional roller coaster ride... guaranteed.

Defensive Driving

Nov. 21, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Memorial Union, River Valley Room.

This workshop is required by state fleet for all UND employees who drive state vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a state 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: Mark Johnson.

Basic Excel

Nov. 21, 9 to 11 a.m.

Upson II, Room 361

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers: mouse and file saving/retrieving skills. Introduces very basic Excel functions; basics of a spreadsheet (column, row, cell), entering data, edit data, formulas (formula wizard), copying Excel formulas (autofill), absolute reference, selecting cells, formatting numbers and text in spreadsheets, autofit, inserting column and rows, create and modify charts, set display and print options. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

Safe Online Practices - Protecting Your Identity and Securing Your Computer

Nov. 21, 1 to 3 p.m., 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.

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 learn 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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Faculty lecture focuses on dopamine transporters

Roxanne Vaughan will unravel the secrets of the dopamine transporter and its effect on the human brain when she delivers the next installment of the Faculty Lecture Series. "Dopamine Transporters: What's Regulating the Regulator?" is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the North Dakota Museum of Art. A 4 p.m. reception will precede the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

"The dopamine transporter (DAT) is a protein known as the 'regulator' because it controls the availability of dopamine in the brain for neurotransmission, which in turn affects many processes including motor activity, emotion, and reward," said Vaughan, an associate professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. "DAT is subject to multiple types of complex regulatory events and dysfunctions in these processes may lead to psychiatric or mood disorders."

A common example of dysfunctions in DAT processes occurs when individuals consume psychostimulants such as cocaine and amphetamine. "These drugs block dopamine reuptake, producing elevated dopamine levels believed to underlie drug reinforcement," Vaughan said. "Cocaine binds to DAT and inhibits its activity, which means that dopamine clearance is blocked and the dopamine builds up in the synaptic space between nerve cells. This buildup of dopamine overstimulates the downstream neurons which is what causes the hyperactivity and euphoria associated with drug use."

"DAT is also associated with several diseases related to dopamine, including Parkinson's disease, depression, and schizophrenia," said Vaughan. "These disorders are characterized by abnormal dopamine levels, which could be caused by DAT working either too rapidly (producing low dopamine levels) or too slowly (leading to high dopamine levels). Identifying the processes that control DAT functions could lead to a better understanding of how these processes may be improperly regulated in disease."

Vaughan is an associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. Born in North Dakota and raised in Colorado, she received the Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Colorado State University, a master's in zoology from the University of California at Davis, and her Ph.D. in zoology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She was a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Peter Devreotes in the Department of Biological Chemistry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, followed by appointment as a Senior Staff Fellow at the National Institute on Drug Abuse in the laboratory of Michael J. Kuhar.

Vaughan's research interests include protein structure-function relationships and regulation of proteins by phosphorylation. Her early work involved studies of protein kinase A mechanisms and G protein coupled receptors in *Dictyostelium discoideum*, and her more recent work has focused on structure, regulation, and post-translational modifications of dopamine transporters. She has promoted the development and use of structurally diverse photoaffinity labels to identify transporter drug binding sites and characterize binding domain structure, and has analyzed dopamine transporter phosphorylation and regulation properties in both model and native systems under a variety of conditions related to endogenous control and drug-induced adaptations.

Vaughan is married to Jefferson A. Vaughan, an associate professor of biology. They have two teenaged daughters.

The Faculty Lecture Series is planned by Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, who hold UND's highest faculty honor, and is funded by the Office of the President.

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Nominations sought for honorary degrees

Members of the University Council are invited to nominate outstanding individuals for an honorary degree. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, Dec. 1. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, the following State Board of Higher Education criteria (see SBHE, Policy 430.1):

1. The candidate should have had an association with the State of North Dakota. This association may be by virtue of birth, of residence, of education, of service to the state, the Board, or one of the institutions governed by the Board.
2. The candidate must have achieved a level of distinction which would merit comparable recognition in his or her profession or area of excellence.
3. The renown of the candidate should reflect favorably on the Board, the institutions it governs, and the State of North Dakota.

In order to avoid any embarrassment, no suggestion shall be made to any person to be so honored until the State Board of Higher Education has acted on the nomination.

Institutional criteria and standards for the awarding of honorary degrees at the University have been established by the University Senate. It is recommended that the following criteria be used in considering persons for an honorary degree:

1. Achievement of distinction in scholarship, or in comparable professional or creative achievement.
2. Recognized and outstanding service to the nation, to the state, or to the University of North Dakota.
3. Attendance at or graduation from the University of North Dakota, except as the individual is outstanding with reference to the preceding criteria 1 and 2.
4. Non-membership on the faculty of the University of North Dakota.
5. Scholarship specialization in an area in which the University normally grants an earned degree.

Procedures:

1. Nominations may be made by any member of the University Council.
2. Nominations must be accompanied by a factual dossier providing evidence that the nominee meets the criteria and standards established by the University Senate (Nos. 1-5 above). Factual compilation should include the following, in the order listed:
 - a. A brief biography;
 - b. A list of scholarly writings, research and publications;
 - c. Description of public service and achievements;
 - d. List of offices and positions held;
 - e. Other factual justifications for consideration.
3. The nominee's scholarship will be evaluated by the departmental faculty in the area of the nominee's specialization, such evaluation to be a part of the dossier presented to the Honorary Degrees Committee.
4. A nominee will not be informed that he/she is being considered until the nomination has been approved at the SBHE level.
5. The titles of honorary degrees shall be distinct from those of earned degrees at UND.
6. No honorary bachelor's or master's degrees will be awarded.

On behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, nominations and all supporting materials may be sent to the

Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, 302 Twamley Hall. The dateline for submitting nominations is Friday, Dec. 1. -- Greg Weisenstein, Provost.

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

conniegagelin@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2165

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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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State Fleet lists motor pool rates

Effective Nov. 1, the rates for the North Dakota State Fleet vehicles will be adjusted. Most rates have shown a drop due to the lower cost of fuel. Please use the following rates to plan your travel after Nov. 1.

Effective Nov. 1, 2006

PER MILE/HR

Sedan \$0.291

Minivan - 7 passenger \$0.421

Van, 8 passenger \$0.511

Van, 15 passenger \$0.511

Compact 4x4/Jeep \$0.511

Suburban, 5 passenger \$0.461

Suburban, 9 passenger \$0.511
Chevy S-10 Pickup \$0.461
Cargo Van-Full Size \$0.511
Mini Cargo Van \$0.461
Handicapped Van-6 seats \$31.250
-1 wheelchair

-- Mary L. Metcalf, Manager, Transportation, marymetcalf@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4123

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STF seeks proposals for repurposed computer equipment

The Student Technology Fee (STF) Committee awarded funds to a number of departments and other units in the last academic year. As part of the award process, each department and unit is asked how many computers can be repurposed and used by another department or unit.

As a result, the committee is requesting proposals for those computers that are now available for repurposing. Please indicate as part of your proposal which computers on the repurposing list will meet your needs. We will strive to accommodate your request. A list of available equipment can be found on the Call for Repurposed Computer Equipment web page at <http://www.und.edu/org/stf/callforredployment.htm> The proposal form is found at: <http://www.und.edu/org/stf/forms.html>

The completed request can be submitted via e-mail (carolhjemstad@mail.und.edu) or by campus mail to Carol Hjelmstad in the CIO's office, Stop 9041.

The deadline for submitting proposals is Nov. 15. Proposals will be reviewed and computers distributed shortly after this review process.

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

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Chester Fritz Library lists Veterans Day weekend hours

The Chester Fritz Library will observe the following hours of operation for the Veterans Day weekend: Thursday, Nov. 9, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, Nov. 10, noon to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. to midnight.

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

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Studio One features oral history, Vin Baker's return to NBA

History books are not the only way to discover the past. Major historical events are becoming known more than ever through story-telling or oral history. History professor Kim Porter will discuss the contributions oral history has made to the cultures and experiences of society on the next edition of Studio One.

Also on the show this week, hear how one basketball player overcame personal problems to play in the NBA once again. Former NBA all-star Vin Baker nearly had his career cut short because of weight issues and alcohol abuse. Watch how Baker's return to the game has made him a team leader.

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, 701-777-3818

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Donated annual leave requested for Brenda Cole

Donations of annual leave are sought for Brenda Cole, histotechnician in pathology. Only annual leave can be donated. She and her family thank you for your generosity. Please send a donated annual leave form to Cathy Perry, pathology, Stop 9037. For a form, go to www.und.edu/dept/payroll, then click on forms.

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Mortar Board turkey basket drive begins

The 27th annual UND Mortar Board Turkey Drive is in full swing. Each Thanksgiving holiday season, Mortar Board raises money and collects donations to fill turkey baskets for families in need within the Greater Grand Forks area. Last year they provided over 600 baskets to families who would have otherwise gone without a traditional holiday feast. This year a goal has been set to hand out 700.

The annual project is made possible by generous donations through the community, and past support has been astonishing. Each basket costs approximately \$40 and includes a turkey, potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, vegetables, pie crust and pie filling. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and would be of tremendous help. Checks are payable to: Mortar Board, Memorial Union Room 113, 2901 University Avenue Stop 8385, Grand Forks, ND 58202.

For more information, contact Alan Sumada at 701-610-1450 or at alan.sumada@und.edu. Most of us cannot imagine Thanksgiving dinner without all of the typical fixings. Together we can branch out to the community members in need to help give them a Thanksgiving to remember.

-- Jill Robertson, Member, Mortar Board, jillrobertson7@hotmail.com, 406-293-1509

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Volunteers sought to serve Thanksgiving dinner

The Office of International Programs provides information, assistance, and a home away from home for the international students here at UND. We are an essential component to giving these students a healthy, safe and an empowering experience for all students studying here, giving them the true American experience.

Annually, we serve the international students a Thanksgiving dinner; this year we plan to serve about 200 students. We are looking for volunteers to help create a very special Thanksgiving for our students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barbara Royce by Thursday, Nov. 9.

-- Barbara Royce, Programming Assistant, International Programs, barbararoyce@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701.777.2590

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Student Health Services lists flu shot schedule

Because you're too busy to get the flu, convenient, on-campus flu vaccinations will be held.

* Through Friday, Nov. 3, students only: McCannel Hall Student Health Clinic, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 777-4500 for an appointment.

* Monday, Nov. 6, students, faculty, and staff: Facilities Oak Room, 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Medical School, Room 5006, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

* Tuesday, Nov. 7, 305 Twamley Hall, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

* Tuesday Nov. 14, Student Health Promotion Office, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Memorial Union: Both shots and flu mist available at this location only): Wellness Center Assessment Rooms, 5 to 8 p.m.

* Wednesday, Nov. 15, 251 Odegard Hall, 9 to 11:30 a.m.; EERC LaVerendrye Room, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

* Friday, Nov. 17, Apartment Community Center Riverdale Room, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Who should get vaccinated? Everyone, especially those at high-risk for flu, their caregivers, and those who live with them. Cost is \$20. Pay by check or cash. Students may also bill to their UND account. No insurance will be filed. For more information, call 777-4500.

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

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Consider the benefits of receiving a flu shot

What are you doing this winter? Do you plan to ski? Read some good books? Take a vacation? Do some holiday shopping? Don't let the flu interrupt your plans this winter. Get a flu shot.

Many people who want to lower their risk of getting influenza get a flu shot. The flu shot is particularly important for people at high risk of serious flu complications such as pneumonia. People at high risk include:

- Adults 65 years old or older.
- Children 6 to 23 months old.
- Adults and children with chronic health problems, including asthma or other ongoing lung problems, kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes
- Adults and children who are undergoing medical treatment (such as chemotherapy) or who have an illness (such as HIV/AIDS) that can weaken the immune system.
- Women who will be at least three months pregnant during the flu season.

A flu shot is also encouraged for:

- Adults 50 to 64 years old.
- People who are in contact with others at high risk such as adults and children who are caregivers or who live with others at high risk of severe illness from flu
- People who live with or are out-of-home caretakers of infants from 0 to 23 months of age, especially those younger than six months.

MyHealthConnection can help you and your family enjoy a healthy life and avoid getting sick. Getting a flu shot can help. Remember:

- The flu is caused by a virus and it is highly contagious. If you or someone you live with is at risk of getting serious complications from the flu, talk to your doctor about getting all members in your household immunized.
- The virus that causes the flu changes each year, so it's important to get a flu shot every year.
- You will not get the flu from getting a flu shot, because it doesn't contain a live flu virus.

If you want to know if a flu shot is appropriate for you, check with your doctor. You can get a flu shot at your doctor's office, or watch for announcements about flu shots being offered in your neighborhood.

If you have any questions about the flu shot or other health issues, call MyHealthConnection at 1-800-658-2750. Health Coaches are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

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New desktop wallpaper available on Alumni site

New UND-themed desktop wallpaper is available at www.undalumni.org. These new wallpapers have a convenient calendar in the corner and feature a different photo by Chuck Kimmerle for each month. We are currently offering calendar wallpaper for November 2006 - February 2007, with more to follow. To download your calendar wallpaper, go to www.undalumni.org and click on "Fun Stuff" at the bottom of the page. -- Stacey Majkrzak, external and media relations coordinator, UND Alumni Association and Foundation, (701) 777-4834,

Direct: (800) 543-8764, Toll free: (701) 777-4859, FAX: staceym@undalumni.net

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Tickets available for men's hockey vs. St. Cloud State

Tickets are available for this weekend's men's hockey series vs. St. Cloud State at the box office at Ralph Engelstad Arena, all Ticketmaster locations, by calling (701)772-5151, or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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

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Museum of Art Cafe features Italian and vegetarian specials

- * Nov. 2 – Entrée: Italian Salad or Manicotti, Soup: Garbanzo con Chorizo
- * Nov. 3 – Entrée: Bagna Cuada or Seafood Marinara, Soup: Italian Pea and Basil
- * Nov. 6 – Entrée: Caprese Salad or Vegetable Club Sandwich, Soup: Gazpacho
- * Nov. 7 – Entrée: Roasted Corn and Tomato Salad or Vegetable Burger, Soup: Carrot and Orange

The Museum Café and Coffee Shop, located in the lower level of the Museum, serves a full luncheon menu from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Take-out is available, and UND billing accepted; the conference room is available for luncheons. We also cater weekend and evening events; contact us at 777-4195. Visit the Museum Cafe online at

<http://www.ndmoa.com/cafe.html>

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

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Internal job openings listed

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

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

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/COACHES:

POSITION: Development Officer (20 hrs/week, benefitted), School of Engineering & Mines, #07-133

DEADLINE: (I) 11/07/2006

SALARY: \$19.23 - \$24.04 /hr

POSITION: Center of Excellence Coordinator, Family & Community Medicine, #07-128

DEADLINE: (I) 11/02/2006

SALARY: \$32,000 - \$36,000

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: Clinic Nurse, Center for Family Medicine, Minot, #07-131

DEADLINE: (I) 11/07/2006

SALARY: \$26,000 - \$32,000

POSITION: Advanced Cataloging & Serials Management Specialist, Chester Fritz Library, #07-130

DEADLINE: (I) 11/03/2006

SALARY: \$19,500 - \$20,085

POSITION: Library Associate for Copy Cataloging and ODIN Reports, Chester Fritz Library, #07-129

DEADLINE: (I) 11/03/2006

SALARY: \$16,000 - \$16,500

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Telephone Receptionist (50% Benefitted, M-F 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.) Student Financial Aid, #07-134

DEADLINE: 11/07/2006

SALARY: \$9.60 - \$ 10.00

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, Sun -Fri 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.) #07-132

DEADLINE: (I) 11/06/2006

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

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IN THE NEWS

North Dakota EPSCoR announces seed grants initiative awards

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) has announced the 2006 UND EPSCoR seed grants initiative awards at the University.

The awards are designed to foster competitive research by providing support to research faculty who propose to initiate a research program in one or more of the areas supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Seed award winners are required to submit a full proposal for research funding to the NSF by Sept. 1, 2007.

Peter Alfonso, ND EPSCoR co-chair and vice president for research noted that "the overall goal of ND EPSCoR is to increase the competitiveness of North Dakota researchers for merit-based grants and contracts in support of science and technology research from federal funding agencies. These EPSCoR seed money awards are a critical component of the institution's aim to provide our researchers with the proper infrastructure to be competitive at the national level. I am pleased that we were able to supplement the original targeted funding level by over 70 percent and thus able to fund nine awards this year at \$171 thousand."

The awards made at UND were competitively selected from a total of 22 applications. Gary Johnson, ND EPSCoR co-project director and assistant vice president for research noted that "this is the largest number of seed awards made in the history of the program at UND. The external reviewers were very impressed by the overall quality of the proposals, and the end result is that we committed to fund nine rather than an anticipated five of

the proposals.”

The 2006 Seed Grants Initiative Awards were presented to:

- * Timothy Bigelow, assistant professor of electrical engineering, “Nonlinear Generation of High-Intensity Low-Frequency Sound for Ultrasound Machining”;
- * Frank Bowman, assistant professor of chemical engineering, “Modeling the Impact of Coagulation and Semivolatile Partitioning on Aerosol Mixing State”;
- * Frank Cuzzo, assistant professor of anthropology, “Evolutionary and Conservation Implications of Dental Pathology and Tooth Wear in Wild Ring-Tailed Lemurs: A Comparison of Two Habitats”;
- * Xiquan Dong, associate professor of atmospheric sciences, “Evaluation of Climate Model Simulations Using Surface-Satellite Observations”;
- * Van Doze, assistant professor of pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics, “Noradrenergic Regulation of Hippocampal CA3 Network Activity”;
- * Matthew Picklo, assistant professor of pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics, “Structural Determinants of ALDH Activity”;
- * Rebecca Simmons, assistant professor of biology, “The Evolution of Scent and Sound in the Courtship of Memetic Tiger Moths (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae: Arctiinae: Arctiini: Euchromiina)”;
- * Roxanne Vaughan, associate professor of biochemistry, “MAP Kinase and the Dopamine Transporter”;
- * Julia Xiaojun Zhao, assistant professor of chemistry, “A New Approach to More Efficient Metallic Nanocatalysts for Energy Conversion.”

For additional information concerning ND EPSCoR or the Seed Grants Initiative Awards program, please contact Gary Johnson, co-project director, ND EPSCoR, 415 Twamley Hall, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58201-7093, 701-777-2492.

-- Gary Johnson, Assistant Vice President for Research, Division of Research,
garyejohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2492

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Stangl receives Rising Star Award

Dennis Stangl, technology specialist for TRIO Programs, was presented the Rising Star Award at the fall meeting of ASPIRE Inc. in Missoula, Mont. This award is given to a person in the region that has worked for TRIO two years or less and has made significant contributions to their TRIO program.

ASPIRE Inc. was organized in 1976 when personnel from the 48 TRIO programs in Federal Region VIII contributed \$2 toward the expenses of a committee to create an association and a forum for professional personnel involved in TRIO programs or other programs devoted to educational opportunity for low income and first generation college students. It would provide a vehicle to strengthen the professionalism and expertise of association members through communication, professional development, political awareness and technical assistance, and provide unity of purpose, definition and representation among the projects and project personnel.

Dennis Stangl is currently the webmaster for TRIO Programs. Prior to joining UND, he worked for more than 10 years as a journalist/photographer and editor with several newspapers. He received his bachelor's degree from Moorhead State University and is currently pursuing his master's degree in instructional design and technology from UND.

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