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TOP STORIES

President Kupchella focuses on achievements, challenges in annual address

President Charles Kupchella focused on UND's achievements and challenges in his annual "State of the University" address Oct. 18. The talk was part of the University Council meeting, convened by University Senate Chair Doug Munski.

Higher education is competitive, Kupchella said, and of the some 4,000 colleges and universities in the nation, "UND is near the top in size and sizzle." UND will serve around 15,000 people this year on campus, and another 10,000 through continuing education, he said. With students from 66 countries, study abroad agreements with about 50 nations, and as one of just 47 institutions with both law and medical programs, UND is a leader. As the second-largest employer in the state and with a \$360 million budget, UND has an economic impact of more than \$1 billion. Both patent and research grant applications are up, but, Kupchella said, UND's greatest impact is in the graduates it sends out into the world to succeed.

Kupchella emphasized the importance of the liberal arts in teaching students, and said that it's vital to also be an engine of economic development and find new ways to keep students in the area. He thanked Gov. John Hoeven and the North Dakota Legislature for their support and emphasized the need for continued assistance.

"Students, faculty and staff, programs and facilities make the University great," he said, going on to cite such examples as the NASA Suborbital Education and Research Center, rural medicine, American Indian programs, entrepreneurship, EERC, and others. UND has about 600 Presidential Scholars and 20 National Merit Scholars, he said, and higher admission standards have only enhanced the quality of the student body.

Facilities continue to improve, he said, citing the new Wellness Center. Construction is under way or will soon begin on a new parking structure, replacement student housing, the Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research, and the EERC National Center for Hydrogen Technology. The Centers of Excellence program through the state of North Dakota has provided \$20 million for three projects, including \$7 million at UND for the hydrogen technology facility, economic development in Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and simulation applications, and in life sciences and advanced technologies.

Challenges faced by the University include low faculty and staff salaries, decreasing numbers of young people in the state, overall funding levels, and keeping tuition at an affordable level. The state provides around 24 percent of UND's funding, Kupchella said, and it would take an additional \$30 million each year in state appropriations to bring the University up to the level of its peer institutions. For every dollar UND receives in state funding, he said, UND leverages an additional \$3. UND's needs are great, Kupchella said, citing \$40 million in deferred maintenance and understaffing, as well as low pay for faculty and staff.

His goal, Kupchella said, is to make UND one of the top 100 doctoral universities in the nation and to position it to move into the top 50. "Funding is the only obstacle," he said. "We need both public and private support." Private philanthropy is critical, he said, noting that UND's endowment stands at \$87 million. The goal, he said, is to raise \$500 million for the endowment in a capital campaign. Last year, the UND Alumni Association and Foundation received \$20 million in gifts, and the College of Business and Public Administration exceeded its \$20

million fundraising goal. The University also received the Hopper Danley \$10 million gift, the second-largest in UND's history.

Since becoming president in 1999, Kupchella said he's watched UND athletes compete for seven national titles. Athletics are important, Kupchella said, and he thinks the University can transition to Division I with additional support. Of UND's 15 peer institutions as determined in the North Dakota Legislature equity study, all are Division I institutions. With facilities that are comparable to those institutions, he said, he believes that UND can go Division I by raising an additional \$2 million each year. He also touched on the lawsuit against the NCAA, noting that it has been filed and will be one of the issues on the University's plate this year.

UND has a bright future that's built on a great past, Kupchella said. And with help from the Legislature and friends of the University, the goal in UND's strategic plan of becoming one of the top 100 institutions in the country is within reach. "I want to build and sustain one of America's best universities," he said.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Learn difficult conversation skills at workshop Nov. 17

Effective work relationships, strong careers, and well-functioning organizations all draw from the same source of power: the ability to talk openly about high-stakes, emotional and controversial topics. Attend this workshop to learn and practice the skills required to successfully have difficult conversations Friday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Memorial Union. Contact the Conflict Resolution Center for more information at 777-3664, e-mail, conflict_resolution@und.nodak.edu. Space is limited. Cost is \$125, \$100 for UND students/employees.

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Lopez to present talk on *The Invention of Love* and Kierkegaard

The Department of English presents graduate student Michael Lopez speaking on "The Invention of Love: Kierkegaard and Stoppard on Owning the Self" Oct. 19, at 4 p.m. in 116 Merrifield Hall.

The notoriously difficult and dense play, "The Invention of Love" by Tom Stoppard, has so far, save a few misleading theater reviews, received little critical attention. No one seems to be looking at the deep structural elements within the play, among them the ethical, religious, and aesthetic, and why of all the people to choose from, Stoppard focuses his work around the infamously private and minor poet A.E. Housman. This paper situates the play within the philosophy of Kierkegaard, whose works form the basis for existentialism and are an important system for literary analysis. Ultimately this paper will illustrate why "The Invention of Love" is important for understanding not only the differences between the ethical and aesthetic, but also the fundamental question of how to be an authentic individual.

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

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UND Aerospace hosting accident investigation course

Today is the last day of the Advanced Aircraft Accident Investigation course being hosted by the UND Aerospace Foundation (UNDAF) and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) at the Grand Forks International Airport. The course, which began Oct. 17, is designed to provide an advanced level of instruction to individuals who may participate in aviation accident investigations conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

"As unfortunate as they are, aircraft accidents are opportunities for crash investigators to learn more about the errors pilots and organizations may make that result in accidents," said Dana Siewert, UND Aerospace's director

of aviation safety. "This course develops hands-on skills by recreating an actual aircraft mishap in a learning environment."

Over 30 airline pilots from around the United States and Canada are participating in the course, which uses actual aircraft wreckage donated by a firm in California. The wreckage "site" was recreated south of the flight operations facility and used specifically for investigative training techniques.

This course was also offered to a select group of aviation employees and a limited number of aviation students who have completed aviation safety courses at UND. Aviation aircraft manufacturers who have expressed interest in this type of course and training are also attending.

-- Karen Ryba, Director of Communications, Aerospace, ryba@aero.und.edu, 701-777-4761

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Hockey Hall of Fame inductees honored Oct. 19-21

The Athletic Department and Letterwinners Association will honor hockey inductees into the UND Athletic Hall of Fame during Hockey Hall of Fame weekend, Oct. 19-21. The class of 2006 includes: Tony Hrkac, Alan Hangsleben, and the 1982 men's hockey team.

Honorees will be recognized on ice during Saturday's UND vs. Maine hockey game as well as the Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon Saturday, Oct. 21. The luncheon will take place at A Touch of Magic Ballroom and begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost for the luncheon is \$25 per person.

This fun weekend will include many exciting events: socials, luncheons, a tour of Ralph Engelstad Arena, attending UND hockey practice as well as the UND hockey games vs. Maine. Anyone interested in attending should call Barb at (800) 543-8764 to register.

Alan Hangsleben is a native of Warroad, Minn. He entered UND in the fall of 1971 and played three seasons for the Sioux. A defenseman, Hangsleben played in 106 games for the Sioux and was first team All-WCHA and an All-American as a freshman in 1971-72 and captain in 1973-74. Hangsleben was drafted by both the World Hockey Association's New England Whalers and National Hockey League's Montreal Canadiens in 1973. He signed with the Whalers in 1973 and played five seasons in the WHA and then three seasons in the NHL, with the Hartford Whalers, Washington Capitals and Los Angeles Kings. Hangsleben is currently a general superintendent for a high-rise roofing company in Maryland. He and his wife, Carmela, reside in Lothian, Md. They have a daughter, Christina (21), two sons, Edward (27) and Anthony (26), and three grandchildren. In his spare time, Hangsleben enjoys playing golf and playing in alumni hockey games with the Washington Capitals organization.

Tony Hrkac, a native of Thunder Bay, Ontario, entered UND as a freshman in 1984 and scored 18 goals with 36 assists as a freshman. He then joined Canada's Olympic Development Program for the 1985-86 season. He returned to UND in the fall of 1986 and became the star of one of UND's all-time greatest teams, the 1986-87 squad that posted a school-record 40-8-0 record and won the national championship. Hrkac set an NCAA record that season with 116 points, a mark that still stands today. UND's high-scoring ways in 1986-87 led to the team being nicknamed the "Hrkac Circus." Hrkac won the Hobey Baker Award as college hockey's best player that season, marking the only time a UND player has ever won the award. Hrkac was also named the WCHA's Most Valuable Player, a first team All-American and the NCAA tournament's most outstanding player in 1987. A 1984 draft choice of the NHL's St. Louis Blues, Hrkac played professionally for 18 seasons (from 1987-2005). Among his many accomplishments, Hrkac was a member of the Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars in 1999 and a member of the 2004 Milwaukee Admirals team that won the American Hockey League's Calder Cup. Hrkac is currently the head hockey coach of Concordia University in Wisconsin, a Division III institution. He and his wife,

Kathy, have two daughters, Allison (16) and Courtney (15). They reside in Mequon, Wis.

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Biology seminar is Oct. 20

Peter Meberg, associate professor of biology with a research program in cellular/molecular neurobiology, neural plasticity, and Cytoskeleton dynamics, will present a seminar at noon Friday, Oct. 20, in 141 Starcher Hall. He earned his bachelor's degree at UND in 1982, his master's in 1990 and his Ph. D. in 1993 at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

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Rebecca Flowers will present LEEPS lectures

Rebecca Flowers from Cal Tech will present the next LEEPS lectures Friday, Oct. 20. The Department of Geology and Geological Engineering Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science lecture program (LEEPS) brings nationally and internationally known scientists and others to UND to give talks on cutting-edge science and engineering. Lectures cover a wide range of topics, including academic science, applied engineering, and environmental issues of current significance. At noon, Flowers will present "Unroofing the Colorado Plateau and Implications for Carving the Grand Canyon," in 100 Leonard Hall, and at 3 p.m. in 109 Leonard Hall, she will discuss "A Lower Crustal Perspective on the Stabilization and Reactivation of Continental Lithosphere in the Western Canadian Shield."

For more information, contact Dexter Perkins, 777-2991.

-- *Connie Larson, Administrative Secretary, Geology & Geological Engineering,*
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Communicators Days set for Oct. 20-21

Communicators Days is set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21. The schedule follows.

Friday, Oct. 20

* 6 to 7 p.m., reception hosted by President Kupchella. SCOMM students, Communicators' Days panelists and moderators, the media, and members of the School of Communication community are invited. This is an informal opportunity for people to get to know one another. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

* 7 to 9:30 p.m., political discussions. These will give students an opportunity to engage in conversations with people in government, to learn how important issues of governance are to them as future journalists and, even more important, future societal leaders. This event is open to students, media, the public, and the University community. Confirmed participants include Bill Brudvik, Democratic candidate for attorney general; Dwight Grotberg, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate; Kristin Hedger, Democratic candidate for secretary of state; North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger; and Matt Mechtel, Republican candidate for U. S. House of Representatives. Moderators: Dave Thompson, news director, North Dakota Public Radio; Jack Zaleski, opinion page editor, The Forum.

Saturday, Oct. 21

* 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., continental breakfast with assorted muffins, fresh fruit, breakfast bars, coffee, pop, bottled water, and bottled juices. Time for networking. Professional associations may wish to use this time for meetings.

* 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. - FOI/Open Records/Open Meetings. This panel will discuss aspects of this important area of open governance and democracy, particularly as it relates to the media's role as societal freedom watchdog. There will be emphasis on North Dakota interpretation and application of the law. Moderator: Jack McDonald, attorney, Wheeler Wolf, and legal counsel, NDBA, NDNA. Panelists include Peggy Bellows, editor, The Forum; Mike Brue, assigning editor, Grand Forks Herald; Mike Morken, managing editor, news, KXJB; and Wayne

Stenehjem, North Dakota attorney general.

* 10:30 to 11:50 a.m., What Is News? This panel will explore the question of what is news, probing such facets as: Does the media still produce news? Does it engage in synthesis and analysis? Or do too many journalists settle for simply recording and replaying? How do journalists determine what to cover and what not?

Moderator: Susan Mickelson, managing partner, SimmonsFlint, lifelong media consumer, connoisseur, and utilizer. Panelists are Darrell Dorgan, director, North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame; Jerry Fiskum, Red River Farm Network; Bob Kerr, general manager, WDAZ; Jaime DeLage, assigning editor, Grand Forks Herald; Jim Pumarlo, newspaper consultant/former editor of Red Wing Republican Eagle.

* Noon to 1 p.m., lunch (plated) with a choice of half a sandwich (roast beef, turkey, or veggie) and a cup of soup (same soup for all). Beverage (coffee, tea, milk) is included. Dessert will be a celebratory photo cake (photos of Communicators' Days workers, staff, faculty) from Hugo's.

* 1 to 2:30 p.m., The Effects of Covering Trauma on Journalists. Everyone who practices journalism for any length of time will have experiences with covering trauma: untimely deaths after prolonged battles with illness; violent accidents; violent crimes; the results of disasters. This is true whether the journalists work for large dailies, small weeklies, large broadcast markets or small, and everything in between. What effect does this have on the journalists, those with whom they work, and their media organizations? Moderator: Rosanne McBride, clinical psychologist and assistant professor, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Panelists are Cecile Wehrman, news editor, The (Crosby) Journal; Kevin Grinde, managing editor, Grand Forks Herald; Janel Klein, freelance broadcast journalist; Stephen J. Lee, reporter covering region/police/courts, Grand Forks Herald; and John Stennes, photo chief, Grand Forks Herald.

For more information contact Jacqui Lowman at 777-2581 or jacquelyn.lowman@und.edu. Registration is \$30, and available at the door. The event is hosted by the School of Communication. All events take place at the accessible Hilton Garden Inn, which is contiguous to UND, just off 42nd Street, next to the Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center.

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AAUW book sale set for Oct. 20-21

The 2006 annual AAUW (American Association of University Women) used book sale will be held at the Grand Cities Mall, Grand Forks, Friday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

-- *Dianne Stam, Administrative Secretary, University Learning Center, diannestam@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4406*

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Keep Going program set for Oct. 23-27

Student Academic Services will hold the Keep Going program Monday through Friday, Oct. 23-27, at the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Keep Going is an information session on the advisement and registration process for freshmen, current and transfer students who need assistance registering for the spring semester.

Topics covered during each session will include: navigating Campus Connection, understanding the general education requirements, exploring the UND academic catalog, and identifying roles of the advisor and student.

The schedule follows:

- * Monday, Oct. 23, 2 to 2:50 p.m.
- * Tuesday, Oct. 24, 10 to 10:50 a.m., noon to 12:50 p.m., or 2 to 2:50 p.m.
- * Wednesday, Oct. 25, 10 to 10:50 a.m. or 3 to 3:50 p.m.
- * Thursday, Oct. 26, 9 to 9:50 a.m. or 2 to 2:50 p.m.
- * Friday, Oct. 27, 10 to 10:50 a.m.

If you would like more details about the program, please call 777-2117.

-- Heather Martin, Academic Advisor, Student Academic Services, heathermartin@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2117

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National Primary Care Week is Oct. 23-27

The second year medical students are planning several events to celebrate National Primary Care Week, which will promote awareness of national health disparities. Please note the information posted throughout the medical school raising awareness about health disparities. During the week, posters will be on display at the medical school from several departments and/or student groups with information about health disparities. Please stop by and examine the information.

Events planned are as follows:

- * Monday, Oct. 23, 5 to 7 p.m. - Reed Keller Auditorium, School of Medicine and Health Sciences (lunch provided): health disparities on a local and national level. Presenters include LaVonne Fox, Occupational Therapy; Alana Knutson, Center for Rural Health; Robert Beattie, Department of Family and Community Medicine; Gene DeLorme, Indians Into Medicine; and Dave Whitcomb, Department of Counseling.
- * Tuesday, Oct. 24, noon - Reed Keller Auditorium (lunch provided): SEARCH and Don Breen presentations for first year medical students.
- * Wednesday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m. – Reed Keller Auditorium: insurance information for students. Presenters include: Keith Berger, Grand Forks County Social Services; Star Solwei, Altru Billing Department; and Grand Forks Family Medicine resident.
- * Thursday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m. - Alerus Center: evening with a family physician.
- * Friday, Oct. 27 - health disparities poster judging – MaryAnn Sens.

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

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Winter Grad Expo set for Oct. 24

Are you graduating in December? Join us at the UND Grad Expo to help you get ready to graduate. The Expo will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Loading Dock, Memorial Union. The Barnes & Noble Bookstore and Herff Jones will be available with information about regalia, class rings, diploma covers, frames and invitations. Other vendors include the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Graduate School, Career Services, Housing, Campus Catering, Alumni Association, and the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events. This is an opportunity to ask questions and gather information about the Dec. 15 ceremonies. Stop in for all your graduation needs and register for door prizes. For more information about graduation, go to

<http://commencement.und.edu>

-- Dawn Botsford, Events Coordinator, Office of Ceremonies & Special Events,
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"Science or Magic" children's activity is Oct. 24

Enjoy science fun for the whole family when you attend "Is it Science or Magic?" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, Room 708, Schroeder School.

Learn how to do amazing science activities with your children. These user-friendly activities are guaranteed to "ignite" your family's interest in science. You will go home with ideas, materials and instructions on how to explore science with your whole family. Who knows? Maybe a future Nobel Prize winner resides at your house.

To register call the Parent Information Center at 787-4216.

-- Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center.

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BBQ benefit set for Oct. 24

A benefit BBQ supper for Pam Hanley Solseng will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 601 University Ave., Grand Forks. The supper will be followed by a silent auction. Pam is the daughter of Yvonne Hanley, assistant professor of teaching and learning.

A free will offering will be accepted with proceeds going to the family for expenses associated with her serious illness. If you are unable to attend but wish to contribute, please send your donation to: Pamela Solseng Benefit, Gate City Bank, 3205 S. Washington St., Grand Forks, ND 58201. -- Cec Volden Lambeth, professor of nursing practice and role development.

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Speaker will discuss action research and teaching scholarship

"Action Research and the Scholarship of Teaching," a keynote address by Geoffrey Mills, dean of the School of Education at Southern Oregon University, is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the North Dakota Museum of Art. Sponsored by the College of Education and Human Development, Dr. Mills will speak on the scholarship of teaching, and a reception will follow.

His professional interests and teaching responsibilities include action research, anthropology and education, educational change and qualitative research methods. Mills has authored the book, "Action Research: A Guide for the Teacher Researcher," (Merrill/Prentice Hall) and co-edited two books: "Theory and Concepts in Qualitative Research," and "Making Change in Mathematics Education." Mills, a native of Australia, has given invited addresses at conferences in the United States, Canada, England, Mexico, New Zealand, and Australia.

Questions regarding his visit can be referred to me.

-- Margaret Zidon, Associate Professor, Department of Teaching & Learning: 777-3614 or margaret_zidon@und.nodak.edu.

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City Band to present free concert Oct. 26

The Greater Grand Forks City Band, directed by Don Craig, will present a free (donations accepted) concert sponsored by Soldiers' Angels Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Empire Arts Center, downtown Grand Forks, at 7 p.m. This event honors all service members serving in and from North Dakota in 2006. Nationally this will become a major event for Soldiers' Angels and North Dakota will set the precedent for all states following in 2007 to honor their deployed service members on an annual basis. Day of the Deployed is an expansion of the "Ladies of Liberty" project that originated in the UND class Introduction to Women Studies Summer Semester '06 when Instructor Shelle Michaels' students adopted female soldiers of the NDARNG 188th ADA.

A proclamation for "Day of the Deployed" has been issued by North Dakota Gov. John Hoeven and will be read at this event in support of all deployed service members. Other speakers include Hal Gershman, Grand Forks City Council president; KC Inman, Grand Forks Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee chairman; Major Mike McNamara, Lance Cpl. Ben Lunak; Spc. Megan Docktor (home from Afghanistan on leave); and Emily Custer, vocalist with the Grand Forks City Band. The Grand Forks Air Force Base Honor Guard will also present the colors prior to the presentation starting. The recipients of "Day of the Deployed" recognition represent their unit, state or branch of distinction. A flag flown (Oct. 26, 2006) over the U.S. Capitol in their honor will be given to them upon their return home from their deployment.

For more information on this event, please check out the web site www.dayofthedeveloped.com. For more information on Soldiers' Angels, visit www.soldiersangels.org or contact Tri-State Regional Manager Shelle

Michaels at (218) 779-7271 or shellemichaels@msn.com.

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Doctoral examination set for Adam Guilmino

The final examination for Adam Guilmino, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in counseling psychology, is set for 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in 318 Montgomery Hall. The dissertation title is "Influential Factors Affecting the Career Success of Professional Native Americans: A Qualitative Study." Kara Wettersten (Psychology) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

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

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U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Oct. 30 through Nov. 3. Visit our web site for more.

Adobe Acrobat Pro 7.0: Oct. 30, 31, and Nov. 1, 1 to 3 p.m. (limited seating), (six hours total), 361 Upson II. Prerequisite: Adobe Acrobat 7.0 Professional installed on your computer prior to class. Working with PDF (Portable Document Format) documents. Learn to assess information in a PDF, create a PDF, modify a PDF, add PDF navigation aids, work with multiple PDF documents, review a PDF, and begin to create an interactive PDF Form in Adobe Designer (available with Adobe Acrobat Pro 7.0). Presenter: Heidi Strande.

The FISH! Philosophy: Oct. 31, and Nov. 7, 1 to 3 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. Come and learn more about building a dynamic workplace culture through the FISH! philosophy. FISH! is a lifelong 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 trainer.

20 Ways to Manage Frustration: Oct. 31, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. What are the most important ingredients for success when we face the challenges of today's fast-paced work environments? What is the foundation for supportive, cooperative work and personal relationships? The answer to both of these questions is the same...the ability to manage frustration well. This presentation is designed for anyone who would like to learn better ways to manage frustration and to respond to challenges in a more effective manner. Through attending the presentation, you will learn how to function with strength and confidence during difficult situations. Emphasis will be placed on the adoption of healthy alternatives for frustration management.

Themes and Objectives:

- To understand causes of frustration in everyday life
- To discuss factors that influence frustration levels
- To learn how to appropriately manage and respond to frustration

Presenter: Chuck Motis, St. Alexius EAP. Sponsored by Staff Senate.

Asset Management and Insurance: Nov. 1, 9 to 10:30 a.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union. Instructions and discussion on how to perform annual inventories using PeopleSoft. This session will also cover basic information that departments should know about asset management and insurance issues. Presenters: Corrinne Kjelstrom and Hazel Lehman.

Defensive Driving: Nov. 2, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union. 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: Tim Lee.

Basic Word: Nov. 3, 9 to 11 a.m., 361 Upson II. Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers: mouse and file saving/retrieving skills. Introduces very basic Word features. Learn to create a document, edit and format text, format paragraphs, save file, retrieve file, format text, cut and copy, add tables, proof a document, set display and print options.

Please reserve your seat by registering with U2 by phone, 777-2128, e-mail, 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 number, (6) phone number, (7) e-mail, and (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.nodak.edu, 777-2128

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 19 culture night cancelled

Mexico Night scheduled for Oct. 19 has been cancelled. The next cultural night is Uzbekistan Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

-- Barbara Royce, Programming Assistant, Office of International Programs,

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Program terminations to be heard by University Curriculum Committee

The University Curriculum Committee will meet Friday, Oct. 27, to discuss the proposed requests to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Education with the combined major in Elementary Education and Visual Arts and the Bachelor of Science in Education with the combined major in Elementary Education and Physical Education. All interested parties are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in 305 Twamley Hall at 9 a.m.

-- Connie Borboa, Admissions and Records Officer, Office of the Registrar,

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Faculty and staff invited to join interest groups

Faculty and staff with an interest in service learning and public scholarship are invited to join interest groups of the Center for Community Engagement.

The Service Learning Interest Group and Public Scholarship Interest Group are informal groups who receive information and invitations to events and participate in discussions and activities as they choose.

If you have not been receiving electronic communication from the Center and would like to be put on a mailing list for one of these groups, please let me know with a phone call or e-mail message.

-- Lana Rakow, Director, Center for Community Engagement, lanarakow@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2287

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Provost's General Education Task Force provides update

The Provost's General Education Task Force has been working hard this fall to finalize its proposal for a new general education program at UND. After a year of work investigating the strengths and weaknesses of our current general education program, as well as researching best practices in general education, the task force held a retreat on Aug. 17, where members decided to further investigate six possible features of a new general

education program. These include:

- Communications: Revising the current communications requirement to possibly include an advanced communication requirement or an oral communications requirement.
- Diversity: Changing the current goal of “familiarity with cultures other than your own” to include more focused study of both U.S. and global diversity.
- Quantitative Reasoning: Possibility of adding a new general education goal that would require students to recognize, evaluate, and use different forms of quantitative information in problem solving.
- UND Freshman Seminar: Possibility of a required course which would focus on reading, discussing and debating a “big idea” which would help freshmen students advance their academic skills in critical thinking and communication to the college level.
- Senior Capstone Seminar: Possibility of a required course, either in the major or interdisciplinary, which would draw on students’ advanced intellectual skills and work towards the advanced educational aims described in UND’s mission statement.
- Information Literacy: Possibility that gen ed courses be asked to teach students how to access, evaluate and apply information effectively, efficiently and ethically in a variety of contexts.

General Education Task Force members represent a wide variety of academic colleges and departments as well student services. The 2006-07 members include: Joey Benoit (dean of Graduate School), Donna Brown (Indian Studies), Lisa Burger (Student Services), Matthew Cavalli (Mechanical Engineering), Bruce Dearden (Mathematics), Jay Fisher (student representative), Joan Hawthorne (Assistant Provost) Art Jones (Art), Pam Kalbfleisch (Communications), Anne Kelsch (History), Kimberely Kenville (Aviation), Evguenii Kozliak (Chemistry), Ray Lagasse (International Programs), Steve Light (Political Science), Helen Melland (Nursing), Pat O’Neill (Economics), Martha Potvin (dean of Arts and Sciences), Sally Pyle (Honors), Libby Rankin (Instructional Development), Dan Rice (dean of Education and Human Development), Lori Robison (English), Ike Schlosser (Biology), Tom Steen (Physical Education and Exercise Science), Daphne Stevens (Sociology), and Anne Walker (Teaching and Learning).

If you have questions about the General Education Task Force, or want a task force member to speak to your department, please contact Anne Kelsch or Tom Steen, co-chairs of the General Education Task Force, at anne.kelsch@und.edu or tom.steen@und.edu. Comments on the proposed features of a new general education program should also be sent to the co-chairs. The Task Force’s next meeting is Oct. 20. Updated news from the Task Force will be published regularly in the University Letter.

-- Anne Walker, Associate Professor, Teaching & Learning, Provost General Education Task Force,
anne.walker@und.edu, 777-3162

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Student, faculty, staff directory available soon

The UND Directory of Faculty, Students, and Staff will be available the beginning of November, and will offer new features to make it more useful to users.

A new section at the front of the directory lists departments and offices with contact information in one easy-to-find location, rather than forcing users to flip back-and-forth. We also rearranged the contents to make information easier to find, and improved the table of contents. Emergency information will be immediately available, and a new section details offices and units in each building.

For the first time, courtesy of the Payroll Office, faculty and staff information will come from ConnectND information rather than being keyed by hand.

The directory will be available after Nov. 1, and we look forward to hearing your comments. You can purchase your copies at Barnes & Noble Bookstore as well as other areas on campus.

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

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<http://www.universityrelations.und.edu/resources/video.html>. They can be viewed on your computer or on a portable MP3 player. Look for more on UND's offerings soon.

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

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ACE Fellowship provides opportunity to gain high level experience

ACE (American Council on Education) Fellowships provide a unique opportunity for senior faculty or mid-level administrators to gain high-level experience working with senior administrators (usually the president and/or vice presidents) at another campus. Fellowships can be completed through placement at another institution for a semester or a year, or through periodic visits to the host institution. The Fellows program also includes attendance at special seminars and participation in the ACE annual meeting and any other meetings of particular relevance. The work completed through a Fellows project is targeted toward an issue of strategic relevance to the home institution, and the expectation is that the Fellow will bring that expertise back to campus at the conclusion of the Fellowship.

If you have an interest in this kind of program and would like to be considered as a possible Fellowship candidate, please contact me. An application process is required and there is a Nov. 1 deadline.

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

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International Programs seeks Thanksgiving volunteers

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 providing 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 seeking volunteers to help create a very special Thanksgiving for them. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barbara Royce by Thursday, Nov. 9.

-- Barbara Royce, Programming Assistant, Office of International Programs,

barbararoyce@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701.777.2590

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Next Wednesday is Denim Day

Oct. 25 is the last Wednesday of the month -- so it's Denim Day. Pay your dollar and enjoy wearing your denim.

If you need more buttons or don't know who your Denim Day coordinator is, give me a call.

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

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Studio One features ethical wills, growing shortage of family doctors

Learn how to write an ethical will on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. Many people leave a will regarding their material possessions. Some people also leave ethical wills about their values and beliefs. Ethical will coach Faith Finney explains the importance of this tradition on Studio One.

Also on the show this week, the need for family doctors is expected to increase dramatically by the year 2020. Learn how one university has designed a program encouraging medical students to become involved in family practice.

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, Studio One, meghan.flaagan@und.edu, 777-3818

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Contractors urge caution near work sites

Here's an update on some ongoing work. Contractors are beginning to excavate for the Spiritual Center soon. The dirt will be stripped from the site and they will begin bringing in fill material to build up the site. This will create some disruption in the English Coulee area as there will be more equipment and trucks moving about. Access into the site is through the Gustafson parking lot so exercise caution around the route. It will impact those around Twamley Hall, North Dakota Museum of Art, Gustafson Hall, and Hughes Fine Arts Center.

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Patients sought for medical students

The Office of Medical Education is seeking people to hire as patients for our medical students. We are looking for people who would like to help students learn and practice history taking and physical exam skills. You will be paid \$10 an hour for your participation. The students learn a lot from this experience, and your willingness to help out would be greatly appreciated!

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

- a flexible schedule
- transportation to and from the University
- limited number of health problems

We need you for one of the following Tuesday afternoons from 12:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sorry, you can't come more than once. The afternoons are Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 and 14. During this time, you will be interviewed and examined by three different student physicians. The experience would be much the same as a visit to your own doctor's office. You will be asked to share your personal medical history and allow the student to do a physical exam. This does not require shots, blood tests or other invasive procedures. Students are observed by physicians, and all information given would be confidential. If there is medical or personal information you do not wish to share, you don't have to.

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

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

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Men's hockey tickets remain for weekend games

Single-game tickets are still available for the Friday and Saturday UND men's hockey games against 2006 NCAA Frozen Four participant Maine. Game times for the series between the third-ranked Fighting Sioux and fourth-ranked Black Bears are 7:37 p.m. on Friday and 7:07 p.m. Saturday.

Several festivities will highlight the weekend series:

- * Friday, former Sioux forward Tony Hrkac, the 1987 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner, will receive his official Hobey Baker Award ring from the Hobey Baker Award Committee in an on-ice ceremony. Hrkac is the only UND player ever to win the Hobey Baker Award.
- * Saturday, Hrkac and former Sioux defenseman Alan Hangsleben, along with the 1982 UND national championship team, will be honored and introduced at the game. Hrkac, Hangsleben and the 1982 Sioux will be inducted into the UND Athletic Hall of Fame this weekend.

To purchase tickets, visit the UND box office, any Ticketmaster location, or call 772-5151 in Grand Forks. Or buy tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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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: Research Coordinator, Nursing, #07-118

DEADLINE: (I) 10/25/2006

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

POSITION: Assistant Chief/Course Manager, Aerospace, #07-116

DEADLINE: (I) 10/23/2006

SALARY: \$42,500 - \$52,500

POSITION: First Year Student Programs Coordinator, Student Academic Services, #07-115

DEADLINE: (I) 10/23/2006

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

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: Records Associate, Office of the Registrar, #07-114

DEADLINE: (I) 10/20/06

SALARY: \$25,000 - \$28,000

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Administrative Secretary (20/week, benefitted), School of Engineering & Mines, #07-117

DEADLINE: (I) 10/25/2006

SALARY: \$11.54 - \$11.99

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: UTILITY COORDINATOR (variable schedule), Dining Services, #07-119

DEADLINE: (I) 10/25/2006

SALARY: \$9.56 - \$10.20

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UND flying team soars to victory

The UND Flying Team blasted past its competitors for the championship title in the Region V National Intercollegiate Flying Association's (NIFA's) Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) held Oct. 12-14. UND's winning score of 278 points was followed by St. Cloud State University's 106 points. The University of Dubuque took third with 89 points, followed by a fourth-place finish of 52 by Minnesota State University-Mankato.

"The team performed very well, considering the challenging weather conditions of this past week," said Mark (Monty) Johnson, faculty advisor of the Flying Team. "It was a great opportunity to give new team members a chance to experience competition. The dedication and balance of our team was evident as every single team member scored points to help the team win. The entire team is looking forward to representing the University at the national competition in Ohio next year."

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