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## TOP STORIES

### Kupchella to give "State of the University" address Wednesday, Oct. 18

President Charles Kupchella will deliver his annual "State of the University" address at the University Council Wednesday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

The University Council consists of the following who are employed primarily on the Grand Forks campus: the president, vice presidents, registrar, director of libraries, all deans, department chairs, full-time faculty (instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor); program directors, coordinators, assistant and associate deans who concurrently hold faculty rank; the director of the Counseling Center; professional librarians, and such other academic personnel and administrative officers as the council may designate. The quorum of the council necessary for the transaction of business is 25 percent of the council membership (or 154 of the current 617 members). Council meetings are normally co-chaired by the chair of the Senate and the president of the University. The registrar is ex officio secretary. Council meetings are open to the public, and students, staff, and the general public are invited to attend.

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## EVENTS TO NOTE

### Ramadan cultural event sponsored by Muslim Student Association

The Muslim Student Association will host a cultural event on the month of Ramadan and show a documentary that explores the cultural values, religious practices and socio-cultural significance of this holy month. This event is scheduled Tuesday, Oct 17, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave., and will be free for all. Iftar (fasting meals) and Ramadan dishes will be served. For more information please contact me at [ammar.naji@und.edu](mailto:ammar.naji@und.edu).

-- Ammar Naji, Graduate Student, Muslim Student Organization, [ammar.naji@und.edu](mailto:ammar.naji@und.edu), 777-2789

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### Theology for Lunch continues

Join Campus Ministry Association, representing Christus Rex, Newman Center, United Campus Ministry, and Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, for the fall Theology for Lunch series. The topic and presenters for the fall series follow: Oct. 18, Greg Gordon and Tom Lockney, justice within the legal system; and Oct. 25, Mark Buchhop, Biblical justice.

Each presentation will take place at noon at Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, 3120 Fifth Ave. N. A light lunch will be served, so bring your appetite, a friend, and an interest in sharing your thoughts and ideas. -- Lisa Burger (Student Academic Services), on behalf of Campus Ministry Association.

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### Community research program set for Oct. 18

What do neighborhoods and communities need to know to map their futures? Faculty and students interested in community research and community members and leaders looking for new ideas are invited to learn how five UND campus-community partnerships used research to find local assets for action. The projects involve faculty and students and the communities of Larimore, Hillsboro, New Town, and Hazen, N.D., as well as a Grand Forks neighborhood.

-- Lana Rakow, Director, Center for Community Engagement, [lanarakow@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:lanarakow@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2287

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## University Senate Library committee meets Oct. 19

The University Senate Library Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. at the Chester Fritz Library, Room 217D Conference Room.

-- Karen Cloud, Administrative Assistant, Chester Fritz Library, [karencloud@mail.und.edu](mailto:karencloud@mail.und.edu), 701-777-2618

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## North Valley Arts Council presents Lunch with the Arts

The North Valley Arts Council (NoVAC) presents Lunch with the Arts, featuring a discussion with Jan Webb, executive director of the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA), Thursday, Oct. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ina Mae Rude Center, 4200 James Ray Drive, Grand Forks.

Lunch with the Arts provides a forum in which arts supporters can visit with leading arts advocates. At the Oct. 19 event, Webb will discuss how to access resources available at the NDCA. These resources include grant programs, education services, artist-in-residence programming, and more.

Webb will also share strategies on effective arts advocacy at the state level. Advocating for the arts at the state level is especially important now, as Congress determines the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) allocation. The NEA makes grants to thousands of arts organizations across America that encourage artistic creativity and bring the arts to millions of Americans. The NEA is currently funded at \$124.4 million, well below the \$170 million-plus that it received prior to 1996. Sen. Byron Dorgan is a member of the sub-committee that funds the NEA. By advocating for the arts at the state level, you can help the NEA get the funding it deserves.

Webb has served as the executive director of the NDCA for over six years. She also serves as a board member for Arts Midwest, and was recently elected as a board member of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies.

Anyone interested in arts advocacy is invited to join Lunch with the Arts. Admission is \$10 at the door, including lunch. Please visit [www.novac.org](http://www.novac.org) to register.

NoVAC supports arts and culture in Greater Grand Forks through service, advocacy and education.

-- Nicole Derenne, Executive Director, North Valley Arts Council, [nicolederenne@novac.org](mailto:nicolederenne@novac.org), 777-6120

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## Disability Support Services invites campus to awards reception

Disability Support Services invites the campus community to our annual awards reception Thursday, Oct. 19, at the East Asian Room, fourth floor, Chester Fritz Library. A brief program begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a reception at 4 p.m. Each year DSS recognizes faculty, staff and student access champions who have made contributions to equitable access. Access champions are nominated by students with disabilities and DSS staff for doing an exceptional job of providing access in the classroom and on campus. Please join us.

-- Debrah Glennen, Director, Disability Support Services, [dss@und.nodak.edu](mailto:dss@und.nodak.edu), 701 777-3425

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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, [rw@und.edu](mailto:rw@und.edu), 777-6391

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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, [connielarson@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:connielarson@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2248

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## Field trip to French Manitoba set for Oct. 20

A field trip to French Manitoba is set for Friday, Oct. 20. Students, faculty, UND staff and community members will visit the Winnipeg Art Gallery's exhibit of over sixty bronze pieces by the French sculptor Auguste Rodin (1840-1917), meet students at le Collège Universitaire de Saint-Boniface over lunch, and spend the last part of the day in the French language Métis community of Saint-Laurent on the southeast tip of Lake Manitoba. Everyone is welcome to join this field trip by bus to French Manitoba. Students will assist new participants in this intercultural one-day Canadian experience. For further information contact me.

-- Virgil Benoit, Languages, 777-4659, [virgil.benoit@und.nodak.edu](mailto:virgil.benoit@und.nodak.edu), or visit: [www.ifmidwest.org](http://www.ifmidwest.org) .

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## Communicators Days set for Oct. 20-21

Media and politics will highlight the Communicators Days, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21, at the Hilton Garden Inn. Representatives from the local government, media, academe, and nonprofit organizations will be on hand to discuss their roles in the world of media and politics.

North Dakota state and local candidates for office will kick off the event with discussion about current events and their campaigns. Friday's discussion on the upcoming election is free and open to the public. There is a \$30 registration fee for Saturday's events, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, panel discussions and a

chance to network. Students who pre-register will have the opportunity to assist with the event and attend the sessions free of charge.

UND President Charles Kupchella will host the reception at 6 p.m. Friday, which will be followed immediately by "Election 2006: a Political Discussion" with North Dakota politicians at 7 p.m. Confirmed participants in the discussion include Bill Brudvik, Democratic candidate for North Dakota attorney general; Dwight Grotberg, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate; Kristin Hedger, Democratic candidate for North Dakota secretary of state; North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger; and Matt Mechtel, Republican candidate for U.S. House of Representatives. Dave Thompson, news director for North Dakota Public Radio and Jack Zaleski, opinion page editor at The Forum, will moderate the discussion.

Three other panels will mark Saturday's activities. "FOI/OR/OM: Freedom of Information/Open Records/Open Meetings" will begin at 8:45 a.m. with a continental breakfast and discussion on open governance and democracy as it relates to the media's role as the societal freedom watchdog. There will be an emphasis on North Dakota interpretation and application of the law. Panelists will include Peggy Bellows, editor, The Forum; Mike Morken, news editor, KXJB TV; and Wayne Stenehjelm, North Dakota attorney general. Jack McDonald, attorney and legal counsel for Wheeler and Wolf, will moderate the discussion.

"What is News?" at 9 a.m. will focus on questions such as: Does the media still produce news? Does it engage in synthesis and analysis? Do many journalists settle for simply recording and replaying? How do journalists determine what to cover? Panelists include Darrell Dorgan, director, North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame; Jerry Fiskum, Red River Farm Network; Bob Kerr, general manager, WDAZ TV; Jaime DeLage, assigning editor, Grand Forks Herald; and Jim Pumarlo, newspaper consultant/former editor of the Red Wing Republican Eagle. Susan Mickelson, SimmonsFlint, will be the moderator.

The panel on "The Effects of Covering Trauma on Journalists" follows at 1 p.m. and will look at how reporting traumatic events affects journalists and their media organizations. Panelists include 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. Rosanne McBride, clinical psychologist and assistant professor at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, will moderate the discussion.

Jacquelyn Lowman, coordinator of Communicators Days and UND School of Communication faculty member, said the event is meant to begin ongoing conversations among various publics on the state of the media in North Dakota and across the country. "The media will only be one segment of voices in these panel discussions. We want other voices, particularly those of the public and students, to be heard as well," Lowman said.

Media associations, such as the North Dakota Broadcast Association (NDBA) and the North Dakota Newspapers Association (NDNA), will set up table displays, as will communication student clubs.

For information, please contact Jacqui Lowman, 777-2581, [jacquelyn.lowman@und.nodak.edu](mailto:jacquelyn.lowman@und.nodak.edu). To register, please contact Jacqui Lowman or Missy Ryder, 701-740-6936, [melissa.ryder@und.edu](mailto:melissa.ryder@und.edu).

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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](mailto:diannestam@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-4406*

## Symphony, Master Chorale hold community auditions for Messiah

The Greater Grand Forks Symphony and the Grand Forks Master Chorale will hold open auditions for vocalists who wish to sing in a production of Handel's "Messiah" on Dec. 17 and 18. The audition date is Saturday, Oct. 21, beginning at 10 a.m. at UND's Hughes Fine Arts Center. Singers may sign up for audition times online by going to the Symphony's web site at [www.ggfs.org](http://www.ggfs.org). Master Chorale conductor Jon Nero will hear the auditions.

The performance will be a major community event, including choirs from East Grand Forks Senior High, Sacred Heart High School, Northland College and other local groups. The concert, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium Sunday, Dec. 17, and at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls Monday, Dec. 18, will be conducted by Symphony Music Director and Conductor James Hannon.

For additional information, please call the Greater Grand Forks Symphony at 777-3359 or e-mail [ggfso@und.edu](mailto:ggfso@und.edu).

## EERC to present workshops in Colorado

The Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC), the world's leading coal research facility, will present four presymposium workshops focused on the challenges and opportunities for utilizing western coal for future power generation.

The workshops will be held Monday, Oct. 23, at the Marriott Denver Tech Center in Denver, Colo., prior to the 20th Symposium on Western Fuels: International Conference on Lignite, Brown, and Subbituminous Coals. The workshop topics include mercury control for western coals, advancements in predicting ash behavior in western coal-fired power plants, fine-particulate control, and gasification and carbon sequestration.

"Western coals are among the most abundant resources in the world and offer the lowest fuel cost for fossil fuel-based power generation," said EERC senior research manager and workshop presenter, Steve Benson.

"We're looking for opportunities to take advantage of their key properties to produce electricity cleanly and efficiently."

Workshop presenters also include Deputy Associate Director for Research Michael Holmes, Senior Research Manager Stanley Miller, Senior Research Advisor and Director of the EERC's Center for Air Toxic Metals® (CATM®) John Pavlish, Research Scientist Nicholas Ralston, and Senior Research Advisor Ed Steadman.

The Symposium on Western Fuels begins Tuesday, Oct. 24, and runs through Oct. 26. The two-and-a-half-day event will provide comprehensive educational sessions on the role of western coals in meeting future energy demands.

The symposium will feature more than 80 program presenters from 10 countries: Australia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, and the United States; a panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities for western coals; and more than a dozen exhibitors representing the leading organizations in the power industry.

Symposium sponsors include the EERC, the U.S. Department of Energy National Energy Technology Laboratory, and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

The symposium and workshops are open to the public. For more information about the presymposium

workshops or to register, visit the EERC Web site at [www.undeerc.org/WFS](http://www.undeerc.org/WFS).

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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](mailto:heathermartin@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2117

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## Threatre Arts presents musical comedy Oct. 24-28

"Dames At Sea," a musical comedy that spoofs film musicals of the 1930s, will play at Burtness Theatre Oct. 24-28. A young girl, Ruby (played by Ellery Tofte), arrives in New York City fresh off the bus from Utah hoping to make it big on Broadway. But what is Ruby to do when she is so far from home without money or a job, with only a suitcase of clothes and a pair of tap dancing shoes?

When Ruby faints from exhaustion and excitement she is rescued by the handsome sailor Dick (David Barta). They instantly fall in love. However, when Ruby is cast in a show she loses her newfound love to the leading actress, Mona (Deborah Berger). Adding hardship, the theater is suddenly demolished by bulldozers and wrecking balls. The show must go on, but where? Will Ruby get her man back? How will they save the show?

"Dames At Sea" is a whimsical musical that parodies the Busby Berkeley films of the 1930s. A renowned choreographer and movie director, Berkeley's trademark was impressive kaleidoscope dance routines performed by a large number of chorus girls.

All performances for "Dames At Sea" begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and \$6 with a student I.D. For more information and ticket reservations call the Burtness Theater Box Office at 777-2587.

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## Theatre Arts announces play schedule

Theatre Arts will produce four plays for the 2006-2007 season. The first will be a musical, "Dames At Sea." This engaging, tap-dancing musical comedy satire will be performed in the Burtness Theatre Oct. 24-28.

Commemorating the centennial death of Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen, the department will present his classic play, "A Doll's House." In this celebrated play, Ibsen presents a searing view of middle class values in the conflict a young woman feels between her own sense of dignity and the roles society has imposed on her. Performances will be Nov. 14-18 in the Burtness Lab Theatre.

"True West" by Sam Shepard will be performed in the Burtness Lab Theatre. A suspenseful and sometimes humorous tale about two brothers whose manners and occupations are at polar opposites, "True West" examines sibling rivalry and duality. This production will be directed by graduating senior Sam Ivory and will be presented Feb. 27 through March 3.

The final offering of the season will be William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," a farcical and playful romp about mistaken identities, illusions, deceptions, lost loves and, of course, a happy ending. Accessible for the entire family, this fast-paced slapstick comedy is a circus-arena of gags, acrobats and high jinks – a post-modern cross between The Simpsons and Laugh-in. "The Comedy of Errors" will perform in the Burtness Theatre April 17-21.

In addition to the four main stage productions, showcase presentations directed and performed by students are free and open to the public. Graduating senior Heidi Stenseth will perform her one-woman production at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13 and 14 in the Burtness Lab Theatre. Student Tyler Sheeley is the director. The graduating BFA-acting students will present their senior projects at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in the Burtness Lab Theatre. Also in the Lab Theatre on Dec. 5-6, directing and acting students will present their final showcase projects beginning at 6 p.m. Spring semester final showcase projects will be May 1 and 2.

All main stage performances begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information and reservations please call the Burtness Theatre box office at 777-2587. All tickets are \$12 or \$6 with a student ID. Student showcase productions are free of charge, but donations will be gladly accepted. Free reserved parking is available on campus.

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## Doctoral examination set for Glenn Elliott Cockerline

The final examination for Glenn Elliott Cockerline, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in teaching and learning, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Cognitive Styles in Student Use, Perception, and Satisfaction with Online Learning." David Yearwood (teaching and learning) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, [joseph.benoit@und.edu](mailto:joseph.benoit@und.edu), 777-2786

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## Geoffrey Mills speaks on scholarship of teaching Oct. 25

Geoffrey Mills, dean of the School of Education at Southern Oregon University, will present the keynote address, "Action Research and the Scholarship of Teaching," at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the North Dakota Museum of Art. A reception will follow.

Dr. Mills' professional interests and teaching responsibilities include action research, anthropology and education, educational change and qualitative research methods. He 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.

His talk is sponsored by the College of Education and Human Development. Questions regarding his visit can be referred to Margaret Zidon, associate professor of teaching and learning, 777-3614 or [margaret\\_zidon@und.edu](mailto:margaret_zidon@und.edu).

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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](mailto:U2@mail.und.nodak.edu), or online [www.conted.und.edu/U2/](http://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.edu](mailto:U2@mail.und.edu), 777-2128

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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](mailto:joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu), 7-4684

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### Mini-grants available for summer courses, programs

Are you planning an event at UND next summer but lack funding? Do you plan to develop a new summer course but need financial resources? Consider applying for a mini-grant through the Summer Programs and Events Council (SPEC).

SPEC's Start-Up Mini-Grant Program will fund deserving proposals for:

1. The expansion of existing 2007 credit or non-credit summer courses/programs.
2. Or the redesign of existing 2007 credit or non-credit summer courses/programs.
3. Or the development of new 2007 credit or non-credit summer courses/programs.

Through the Mini-Grant Program, the council wants to create positive learning experiences for the citizens of the Red River Valley Region and beyond by extending the resources of the University. The Mini-Grant funds will help cover the development, marketing and start-up costs for courses and programs held at UND during the summer months. Examples include camps for kids, academic classes that can be completed in the summer months, or any special event designed for the community. Quality, creativity and "out of the box" ideas are encouraged when developing new programs.

All interested UND faculty and staff are encouraged to submit proposals. Information can be found at [www.summer.und.edu](http://www.summer.und.edu). The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17. Recipients will be announced Dec. 19.

For more information on the Mini-Grant program contact: Diane Hadden, director of Summer Sessions (credit activities), 777-6284, [dianehadden@mail.und.edu](mailto:dianehadden@mail.und.edu) or Kerry Kerber, associate dean, Continuing Education (non-credit activities), 777-4264, [kerrykerber@mail.und.edu](mailto:kerrykerber@mail.und.edu). For operational questions, contact the Summer Events Office at 777-0841.

-- Julie Bean, Summer Events Program Specialist, Division of Continuing Education, [juliebean@mail.und.edu](mailto:juliebean@mail.und.edu), 701-777-0441

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### UND professor speaks of North Korea's nuclear goal

The North Koreans may not be threatening to launch anything at anyone right now. However, Albert Berger,

historian and nuclear weapons strategy scholar, says the latest member of the global “nuclear club” has stirred a hornet’s nest of political and military threats that pose serious challenges to U.S. defense policy. But, Berger, who studies, teaches, and writes about the history of nuclear weapons, says that, although North Korea’s latest nuclear weapons development is worrisome, Washington has at least one, more pressing atomic threat: Iran.

“Iran with nuclear weapons seems to scare people more than North Korea with nuclear weapons,” said Berger, who was quoted during North Korea’s failed ballistic missile tests earlier this year and during the destruction by the U.S. Department of Defense of many North Dakota-based nuclear missile silos.

“Both Iran and North Korea are perceived by Americans as irrational,” Berger said. “However, I’d say that Iran seems irrational in an expansionist, destructive-to-its-neighbors mode. And while there’s always the potential for that with North Korea, it’s always been more reserved.”

Berger sees some method in North Korea’s apparent madness: “My suspicion, without any real evidence, is that North Korea doesn’t want nuclear weapons to use them, they want them to sell, which could be more dangerous than if they wanted them to use.” Moreover, Berger says, the United States must recognize the inherent problem in thinking that the original nuclear club must maintain a monopoly over the technology.

“Why is it,” he said, “that we get bothered by someone else having the atomic bomb while at the same time we refuse to admit that others are bothered by the fact that we have the atomic bomb?”

For the entire interview, visit Faculty Q&A at [www.und.edu](http://www.und.edu)

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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](mailto:anne.kelsch@und.edu) or [tom.steen@und.edu](mailto: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](mailto:anne.walker@und.edu), 777-3162

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## Faculty can receive feedback on teaching

It's not too late to make plans to use the SGID (Small Group Instructional Diagnosis) method for receiving midterm feedback from students in your classes. The SGID process, facilitated by a trained faculty colleague, is a method of soliciting student perceptions about the progress of their learning. Since it is conducted by an outsider to your class, students are free to be direct, but since it is normally done around mid-semester, you receive the feedback at a time when there is still ample opportunity for you to consider any changes that might improve student learning. The SGID process is flexible enough to be used with both large and small classes, and yields information likely to be useful to both beginning and experienced faculty.

For more information about the SGID process, contact Joan Hawthorne at 777-4684 or [joan\\_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu](mailto:joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu). If you would like to request an SGID, contact Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or [jana\\_hollands@und.nodak.edu](mailto:jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu).

-- Libby Rankin, Director, Office of Instructional Development, [libby.rankin@und.edu](mailto:libby.rankin@und.edu), 7-4233

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## Senate Scholarly Activities committee announces travel awards

The Senate Scholarly Activities Committee received 42 requests for funds to travel to domestic or Canadian destinations (a total of \$38,396.36); and 18 requests for funds to travel to Alaska, Hawaii, or foreign destinations (a total of \$27,811.27), in response to the September call for proposals. The following awards were made at the Committee meeting Sept. 29.

### Foreign Travel:

Diez, Clayton R. (Technology), \$765.07; Kallio, Brenda R. (Educational Leadership), \$415.60; Lindseth, Paul D. (Aviation), \$490.09; Meyer, Michael E. (Criminal Justice), \$696.15; Mialon, Sue H. (Economics), \$556.92; Zikmund, Julie A. (Nutrition and Dietetics), \$490.09.

### Domestic Travel:

Bateman, Connie R. (Marketing), \$370.35; Broedel, Hans Peter (History), \$375.92; Burin, Eric A. (History), \$306.31; Cavalli, Matthew N. (Mechanical Engineering), \$274.98; Crossley, Dane A. (Biology), \$320.23; Dennis, Steven A. (Finance), \$267.74; Dumova, Tatyana (School of Communication), \$288.69; Forsman, Nels F. (Geology and Geological Engineering), \$308.53; Ganje, Lucy A. (Art), \$294.47; Kraft, Steven (Social Work),

\$383.52; Liu, Jun (Computer Science), \$274.28; Miller, Charles W. (Philosophy and Religion), \$294.82; Moser, Steven B. (Management), \$280.55; Picklo, Matthew J., Sr. (Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics), \$256.88; Quinn, Andrew S. (Social Work), \$309.09; Robison, Lori A. (English), \$237.51; Routon, Claudia J. (Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures), \$274.98; Schultz, Patrick L. (Management), \$332.76; Swinney, Lori A. (Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies), \$332.76; UND Department of Art faculty, \$122.52; Vaughan, Jefferson A. (Biology), \$295.86.

-- B. P. Bandyopadhyay, Chair, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, Mechanical Engineering,  
[bishubandyo@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:bishubandyo@mail.und.nodak.edu), 701/777-3844

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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](mailto:ddrake@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-4028

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## Classroom, meeting space available at Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Barnes and Noble at UND has a new classroom meeting space available to faculty, staff, and students. Your department can reserve this space for campus meetings or classroom lectures free of charge. We have the ability to arrange a large conference table that seats 10 or multiple tables to accommodate smaller breakout groups.

Our Tower Cafe' serving Starbucks coffee, fresh baked goods, and light lunches is also available to cater your event.

Contact us at 777-2746 to reserve.

-- Michelle Abernathy, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND,  
[michelle\\_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:michelle_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2103

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## Applications available for Holiday Art and Craft Fair

Applications are now being accepted for exhibitors in the 28th Annual Holiday Art and Craft Fair to be held Friday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Memorial Union Ballroom. It is sponsored by the Memorial Union. Original hand-crafted work is eligible. Students are encouraged to participate. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 3, or until spaces are filled. For an application form and further information, please call 777-2898 or e-mail [bonnie.solberg@und.edu](mailto:bonnie.solberg@und.edu). The application form and information is also available online at [www.union.und.edu](http://www.union.und.edu)

-- Bonnie Solberg, Associate Director, Memorial Union, [bonniesolberg@mail.und.edu](mailto:bonniesolberg@mail.und.edu), 7-2898

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## Academic apparel package on sale at Barnes & Noble at UND

Barnes & Noble at UND is pleased to offer academic apparel to faculty and staff at a reduced price. Collegiate apparel package prices are valid through Dec. 31 from Collegiate Apparel: right now receive over 25 percent off. Please contact Deanna Baker, general merchandise manager, at 777-2747 to learn how to order yours today.

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

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## Wellness Center schedules Xpress workout

It may take you all day to talk yourself into getting here, but the class is only 30 minutes. In this Xpress workout, Marion Gallagher (along with her friends Jill and Cody) will lead members in heart healthy exercises that can also help rejuvenate squeaky joints and revive tired muscles. Don't want to come by yourself? Bring your friends and make it a social time. They'll be begging you to bring them back for more. You'll get an energy boost that will keep you moving for the rest of the day, and you might even lose weight and build muscles in the process. Check out the class times below and then call 777-3417 to let them know that you and your friends on are your way. Xpress workouts are Monday and Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. or Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m.

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## Staff Senate selling raffle tickets

Staff Senate is selling "31 Days of Glory" raffle tickets for \$20 each. Drawings are held daily in December with cash prizes awarded as follows: \$100 (Monday-Saturday) and \$500 (Sunday). If your name is drawn it will be put back in, so you can win more than once. Proceeds go to the Staff Senate scholarship fund to provide support to dependents of UND staff. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, contact any Staff Senator; a list of senators is located online at [www.und.edu/org/undss/](http://www.und.edu/org/undss/). Only 500 tickets are sold so purchase yours early before they are gone. Good Luck! - Becky Reid, Staff Senate.

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## North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists lunch specials

- \* Oct. 17 – Entrée: Spicy Walleye or Cobb Salad, Soup: Chicken and Chinese Dumpling
- \* Oct. 18 – Entrée: Eggplant Parmesan or Pan Bagnat, Soup: Spanish Fish with Orange
- \* Oct. 19 – Entrée: Stuffed Peppers or Caribbean Lamb, Soup: South American Chicken
- \* Oct. 20 – Entrée: Chicken Marsala or Gnocchi, Soup: Thai Pork Squash

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, 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](mailto: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: 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: Systems Analyst, Aerospace Sciences, #07-113

DEADLINE: (I) 10/18/2006

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

POSITION: Student Services Officer, Dean of Student's Office, #07-110

DEADLINE: (I) 10/17/2006

SALARY: \$37,000 - \$43,620

POSITION: Senior Programmer Analyst, NDUS HECN, #07-109

DEADLINE: (I) 10/17/2006

SALARY: \$48,000 - \$58,000

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

POSITION: Aircraft Technician (variable schedule), Aerospace Sciences, #07-112

DEADLINE: (I) 10/18/2006

SALARY: \$24,000 - \$26,641

POSITION: Account Technician/Customer Service, Parking Office, #07-111

DEADLINE: (I) 10/18/2006

SALARY: \$19,000 - \$22,000

POSITION: Web & Video Services Technician (variable schedule), #07-106

DEADLINE: (I) 10/17/2006

SALARY: \$26,000 - \$30,000

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current openings.

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician (Custodial, Sun -Fri 11 p.m. - 7 a.m.) Facilities #07-108

DEADLINE: (I) 10/17/2006

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

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## IN THE NEWS

### Medical school professor receives national grant

Donald Sens, professor of pathology at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, has received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for a four-year study of bladder cancer.

The \$1.4 million grant, awarded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a division of NIH, will fund the cancer research to be conducted in partnership with MeritCare Health System in Fargo.

"The short-term goal of the research is to improve the diagnosis of bladder cancer," said Sens. "The long-term goal is to develop a rapid, inexpensive and non-invasive screening test for early bladder cancer in the general population." The screening test would be a new tool to determine the reoccurrence of bladder cancer in patients who previously have been diagnosed and treated for the disease, Sens said. Bladder cancer is the fifth most common cancer in North Dakota.

"We want to develop a test that's more sensitive than what's currently being used," he said. Such a test "will help us spot recurrence (of cancer) earlier so it can be successfully treated. Pretty much, with cancer, the smaller the better." The test would detect early bladder cancer by determining the presence or absence of metallothionein isoform 3 (MT-3) in cells from a urine sample, Sens said. The collaborative research his team will work on is aimed at determining if MT-3 can be used as an early warning sign, or "biomarker," for the diagnosis of bladder cancer in new patients and the reoccurrence of bladder cancer in patients previously diagnosed and treated for the disease.

Those involved in the grant project, "Metallothionein Isoform 3 (MT-3) as Urinary Marker for Bladder Cancer," will investigate the role of arsenic and cadmium, known heavy metal environmental pollutants, in causing bladder cancer. Exposure to arsenic is known to increase the risk of developing bladder cancer, Sens said. Both arsenic and cadmium are known to increase the level of MT-3 in bladder cells. Seema Somji, a researcher in Sens' lab, has shown that both arsenic and cadmium can cause normal bladder cells to turn into cancer cells in

the laboratory setting. "Our goal is to find out how arsenic and cadmium can turn normal cells into bladder cancer cells and the role of MT-3 in this process," he said.

"Like many other states, North Dakota has areas with increased levels of arsenic and cadmium," Sens said. "This initiative should lead to earlier detection, screening and understanding of basic biologic behavior in bladder cancer."

The grant reflects the recent NIH initiative to improve human health by increasing teamwork and partnerships in the research enterprise, Sens said. The new initiative supports interdisciplinary, translational research collaborations between scientists with basic and clinical expertise to advance understanding of the causes, prevention and treatment of environmentally induced human diseases.

"The idea is to get the basic scientists and the environmental scientists working with physicians and other health professionals who deal with patient cases," he said. The federal government is encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to research that is believed to hold greater promise in unraveling the questions still posed by diseases.

This is one of the first grants that links the UND medical school and MeritCare Health System for the purpose of clinical research at the NIH level, he noted. "This is really a new collaboration." The project requires the active participation and cooperation of seven key clinical and basic science researchers at two independent institutions. At the UND medical school, faculty members involved in the project, in addition to Sens, are: Seema Somji, assistant professor; Mary Ann Sens, chair and professor; Lucy Zheng, assistant professor, and Xu Dong Zhou, postdoctoral research fellow, all of pathology. The lead clinical investigator of the research is Conrad Toni of the Department of Urology, MeritCare Health System and clinical associate professor of surgery at the UND medical school.

The clinical sample preparation, correlation with pathology specimen and the analysis of the MT-3 in the urine sample are under the direction of Jerry Baldwin, clinical assistant professor of pathology with the UND medical school and executive partner of pathology and laboratories at MeritCare Health System, Fargo.

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## Dickson receives national service award

Lynette Dickson, project director at the Center for Rural Health, received the Distinguished Service Award at the annual National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) meeting recently. Dickson received the award for making outstanding contributions to NOSORH and for being actively involved in a state office of rural health. She was also re-elected as treasurer to the board of directors of the organization.

Dickson directs North Dakota's State Office of Rural Health (SORH) program, a division of the Center for Rural Health. SORH is a federal-state partnership to help rural communities build their health care services through public and private partnerships and initiatives in rural health development.

-- Amanda Scurry, public information specialist, UND SMHS, [ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-0871

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