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Provost will lead deans, administrators on tour of state

Provost Greg Weisenstein will lead a busload of UND deans, the University's top communications officer, and other senior administrators and support staff, for a three-day meet-and-greet tour across North Dakota Oct. 9-11.

Weisenstein, UND vice-president for academic affairs and provost, said such tours -- modeled after the UND president's annual New Faculty and Administrators Bus Tour -- are essential to keep the state's flagship university in close touch with the community that supports it. They also provide a vital opportunity for leaders and citizens alike to meet their higher ed leaders.

"The deans bus tour is a way for us to continue to connect with people throughout the state of North Dakota," said Weisenstein, a strong advocate of "being there" as a management philosophy. "It enables us to get out in the communities where they live and have conversations about what their needs and concerns are."

The tour's first stop Monday, Oct. 9, is at 11:30 a.m. at the Heritage Center on the Capitol grounds. Weisenstein will host a luncheon for local alumni, legislators and other political and education leaders, tribal college leaders, and the chancellor of the North Dakota University System, and members of the media, among others. Weisenstein will talk about what's new at the University and answer questions from the audience and the media.

Weisenstein and the deans meet with Gov. John Hoeven in his office at 2 p.m. Monday to discuss higher education issues. Other tour stops include a dinner at City Hall in Hazen, breakfast at Dickinson State University, lunch in Watford City and an ice cream social at Williston State University.

The group also is set for a town hall meeting Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Airport International Inn in Williston and meetings and a luncheon Wednesday, Oct. 11, with Fort Berthold Community College administrators, faculty, and students. Minot is the final tour stop, where the UND deans will meet at 3 p.m. for a "coffee with the deans" at Minot State University's Student Union. Weisenstein will host a dinner with alumni and community leaders at Minot's Grand International Hotel at 5 p.m.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Biomimicry talk focuses on innovation inspired by nature

Dayna Baumeister, education director of the Biomimicry Institute of Missoula, Mont., will be the featured speaker at series of Red River Valley Research Corridor lectures co-hosted by U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan, Northern Great Plains, Inc., North Dakota State University, the University of North Dakota, and the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Dr. Baumeister has introduced the idea of nature as a model and served as a mentor to thousands of designers, business managers, engineers, environmentalists, as well as grade school, high school and university students or the general public just curious about the natural world.

Biomimicry is a new science that studies nature's models and then imitates or takes inspiration from these designs and processes to solve human problems. Velcro, perhaps the most well-known biomimetic invention, is

modeled after barbs on weed seeds. Other applications include coatings, adhesives, lubricants, fabrication techniques, composite materials, intelligent fabrics, antibiotics and self-healing materials. Biomimicry is a hot topic in business as companies look for biologically inspired designs for their products and ways to reach new, potentially lucrative "green" markets.

Monday, Oct. 16

- 7 to 8:30 p.m., Fargo Ramada Plaza Hotel, Crystal 1 Room

Tuesday, Oct. 17

- 9 to 10:30 a.m., NDSU Century Theatre, Memorial Union
- 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., UND in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union
- 7 to 8:30 p.m., UMC in the Bede Ballroom

Students will learn about careers that utilize biomimicry design and production methods. Faculty with an interest in biomimicry research will have an opportunity to get engaged with a network of researchers in universities and industry. For more information call the Research Corridor Coordinating Center at 701-775-3354.

-- Gary Johnson, Assistant Vice President for Research, Division of Research,
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Cyber Security Awareness Day is Oct. 17

Security Awareness For Everyone (SAFE), a UND Cyber Security Awareness Day event, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union. The event will include numerous information security presentations, door prizes, giveaways, security awareness video screenings, and vendor tables. Presentations will be held in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Registration is not required, but you must be present to win the door prizes given away at each presentation.

The presentation schedule follows:

- * 9-10 a.m. -- "Trusted Platform Module (TPM) and Secure Data Sharing," Wave Systems
- * 10:30-11:30 a.m. -- "Law Enforcement Trends in Cyber Crime," Chris Lester, supervisor, Cyber Crimes Task Force - FBI
- * 10:30-11:30 a.m. (concurrent session in the River Valley Room) -- "Software Security in the Real World," Dean H. Saxe, managing consultant, Foundstone Professional Services (a Division of McAfee)
- * 12:30-1:30 p.m. -- "Identity Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name," Matt Schmitz, postal inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service
- * 2-3 p.m. -- "Introduction to Personal Internet Safety & Security," Dean H. Saxe, managing consultant, Foundstone Professional Services (a Division of McAfee)
- * 3:30-4:30 p.m. -- "Securing the Infrastructure," Steve John, systems engineer, Cisco Systems

For additional information, visit <http://safe.und.edu> or contact me.

-- Brad Miller, information technology security officer, 777-3587, or ITSecurityOfficer@und.edu.

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World Poetry Festival is Nov. 6

Do you have a passion for poetry? You are cordially invited to read/perform your favorite poem in the original language at the upcoming "World Poetry Celebration" on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave.

Let's share the vibrant beauty of as many languages as possible! If you want to add your voice to this

international poetry festival, please contact Olaf Berwald at the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures at your earliest convenience. I am also in search of people who would like to provide musical interludes. Add your voice, your instrument, and/or your ears to an evening of poetic global synergy and send me an e-mail at olaf.berwald@und.nodak.edu ; office phone 7-6435.

-- Dr. Olaf Berwald, Assistant Professor, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures,
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Indian taco sale is Thursday

The American Indian Science and Engineering (AISES) students will hold an Indian taco sale Thursday, Oct. 5, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the American Indian Center. Cost is \$5.

Funds raised will be used to attend the national AISES conference in Detroit. Stop in and pick up your taco to go or call 777-2321 or 701-477-

4156 for delivery.

-- AISES.

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Studio One lists features

Learn how new video surveillance systems may make air travel safer on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks.

After September 11, many aircraft manufacturers requested better security for cockpit doors. Now an advanced video system provides extra surveillance during flights. Brian Gora, President of the Goodrich Sensor Systems Division joins Studio One to discuss recent developments in airline security.

Also on the show this week, research suggests academic dishonesty is rising across the nation. Students are cheating more frequently to receive a better grade. Find out how some universities are working to reduce cheating through a new grading system.

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.

-- Studio One.

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Medical school holds Oct. 6 open house

Everyone is invited to the School of Medicine and Health Sciences for a community open house Friday, Oct. 6 on the UND campus in Grand Forks.

The free event for the entire family will take place from 2-4:30 p.m. Activities include:

- Have your posture and balance screened by students and faculty of the physical therapy department.
- Take a guided tour of the school
- Explore exhibits and displays on departments and programs within the UND medical school.
- Tour the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences, featuring the History of Medicine Reading Room with the Barger book collection and Harley E. French memorabilia and demonstrations of resources available to the public

- Snack on free popcorn and apples.

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

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Rodney Feldman to present LEEPS Lecture

In celebration of the Department of Geology & Geological Engineering's awarding the Arthur Gray Leonard Medal to Dr. John L. Carter, Dr. Rodney Feldmann, Kent State University will present a noon seminar Friday, Oct. 6, in 100 Leonard Hall (Lecture Bowl) titled: "A tale of three continents: Unanticipated discoveries from field studies in paleontology."

This seminar is part of the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science lecture program (LEEPS), which brings nationally and internationally known scientists to UND to give talks on cutting edge science and engineering.

The Leonard Award Banquet to honor Dr. John L. Carter will be held on Friday, Oct. 6, at the Holiday Inn, with social hour at 6 p.m. Contact Connie Larson, 777-2248 for tickets. For more information, contact Joseph Hartman at 777-5055.

-- Connie Larson, Admin Sec, Geology & Geological Engineering, connielarson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-2248

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Alum will discuss chronic health conditions in children

Kathleen J. Sawin, '68, will present "Predictors of Quality of Life in Children and Adolescents with Chronic Health Conditions" at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in the President's Room at the UND Memorial Union.

The lecture, held in conjunction with the College of Nursing's Homecoming activities, is free and open to the public.

Dr. Sawin is currently professor and research chair in the nursing of children, a joint position of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Nursing and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. She is highly regarded as an outstanding clinician, leader and scholar in rehabilitation nursing and admired for her ability to integrate her scholarship with the practice of nursing. In particular, she is known for her work in furthering the knowledge of adaptation in adolescents with disabilities and chronic mental illness, particularly Spina Bifida.

Her contributions in advancing science to improve the lives of adolescents with disabilities have earned her national and international recognition as an expert in the area of adolescent health. She has also served as a member of the Rehabilitation Nursing Foundation task force charged with identifying the research priorities in the field of rehabilitation nursing.

Dr. Sawin is a 1968 BSN graduate of the UND College of Nursing. In 1975 she received a MS in public health, nurse practitioner/educator from the University of Minnesota and an MS in sociology (social psychology) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1989. In 1987 she earned a DNS from Indiana University in nursing syntheses, nursing research.

-- Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Coordinator, College of Nursing, beckycournia@mail.und.edu, 777-4526

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Law School panel to discuss death penalty issues

A panel discussion on problems with the death penalty will be held Monday, Oct. 9, at 4:30 p.m. in the Baker Court Room, School of Law. The event, "The Ultimate Mistake: Problems of Proof and Inequality with the Death

Penalty," will feature Aundré Herron, a nationally-recognized death penalty expert and attorney, and Tim Schuetzle, warden of the North Dakota State Penitentiary. The program, hosted by the UND Public Interest Law Student Association (PILSA), is free and open to the public.

Aundré Herron is a staff attorney with the California Appellate Project in San Francisco. She has worked for the last 15 years on behalf of death row clients in California who are appealing their sentence. Herron will discuss the work of her agency, the legal and political issues involved in capital cases, and day-to-day capital appellate practice. She has broad perspective on capital punishment, having begun her legal career as a state prosecutor, and is a surviving family member of a murder victim. Herron has won a national award for her commitment and work surrounding the death penalty.

Tim Schuetzle is the director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Prison Division and is the warden of the North Dakota State Penitentiary in Bismarck. He will discuss the history and current status of the death penalty in North Dakota. Schuetzle has worked in the prison system for 30 years and has received national recognition as warden of the year.

The event is PILSA's annual First Monday event, which it hosts near the first Monday of October each year in recognition of the U.S. Supreme Court's new term. PILSA chose the death penalty as this year's topic because of its importance and timeliness in light of the Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. trial and current discussion of death penalty cases throughout the state. PILSA is a student-run organization aimed at informing law students and the community on important legal issues and encouraging the legal representation of underserved communities.

-- Rob Carolin, Director of Alumni and Public Relations, Law School, carolin@law.und.edu, 7-2856

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Creating effective writing assignments is topic of next Box Lunch discussion

The On Teaching Box Lunch discussion series continues Wednesday, Oct. 11, with a session on "Creating Effective Writing Assignments" from noon to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Room, Memorial Union. Led by Writing Center Director Kim Crowley, the discussion will center on creating writing assignments that help students understand what's expected in their papers, which can also help ease some of the pressure on instructors when it comes to grading those projects.

Student writers generally like having some freedom in their assignments, but they get nervous when they're not sure of the guidelines and expectations. Too many questions on an assignment can seem like a list that needs to be followed. Not enough information can leave writers -- especially inexperienced ones -- feeling frustrated. Providing details about things like page length, documentation styles, and crucial elements of a successful paper can help lessen students' anxiety about a writing assignment.

Attendees are welcome to bring writing assignments they're working on or successful assignments they'd like to share with the group. To register and reserve a free box lunch, call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 by noon Monday, Oct. 9.

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

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Benediktson Lecture focuses on science in a troubled world

Science is an integral part of the culture of all developed countries and many developing ones. It is one of our most creative activities. Two trends are worrisome: science has come under assault in the United States; and a partial cause for the assault could be a low level of science literacy. In a democracy, where citizens have the

responsibility to decide major issues, and in a culture where nearly every issue has a scientific component, these trends need to be reversed.

George Seielstad, Director of Northern Great Plains Center for People and the Environment at the University, will discuss what science is and how it is conducted on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 4 p.m., in Clifford Hall Auditorium, room 210. The presentation will be webcast live at www.umac.org.

Dr. Seielstad will also present how science's core values have universal applicability that every modern society should accept. In particular, the process by which science advances, if used in other arenas of society, might offer an alternative means of dispute resolution than forced coercion. Some changes in the ways of science will be suggested. A major question is what will science do? Will it alleviate global humanitarian concerns, or will it deliver more and more, better and better, to fewer and fewer wealthy people?

The presentation is part of the Benediktson Lecture Series, named for Oliver Benediktson, a UND alumnus who generously endowed a Chair of Astrophysics. Dr. Seielstad is the first recipient of the Benediktson Chair. In appreciation, he is presenting public lectures on the wonders of science.

The talk is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served prior to the presentation at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact me.

-- Karen Katrinak at 777.2482, or, katrinak@aero.und.edu.

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"Pretty in Pink" celebrates breast cancer awareness

Pretty in Pink! A Celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will be held Wednesday, October 11, from 5-7 p.m. at Parkwood Place (lower level) 749 S. 30 St., Grand Forks. The schedule follows.

5-6 p.m., social hour and pampering: Enjoy music, refreshments, and door prizes. Wear pink and be entered to win a grand prize. There will also be free hand massages by area massage therapists and free pink nail polish from local cosmetologists.

6 p.m., "Early Detection is the Best Prevention" by Dr. Marshall Winchester, Radiation Oncology, Altru Cancer Center.

6:30 p.m., special guest speaker, Heidi Heitkamp, breast cancer survivor.

7 p.m., door prize drawing.

-- Karen Grabanski, Advisor/Instructor, TRIO, karengabanski@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-3426

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Gordon Henry to present at Leadership Series

The Memorial Union Leadership Series continues with Gordon Henry, vice president emeritus of student affairs, who will present "The Art of Caring Leadership," Wednesday, October 11, at 3 p.m. in the River Valley Room, Second floor, Memorial Union. Henry is invited back time and time again to bring his essential message about leadership. His charismatic and enriching approach to presenting leaves every audience thirsting for more information regarding caring leadership. His point of recognizing the power of caring is a message that should be heard by everyone who refers to themselves as a leader.

The presentation is part of the Leadership Series sponsored by the Memorial Union. Faculty, please announce this event to students. This presentation is free and open to the University community. For more information, call 7-3665/3667 or email leadership@und.nodak.edu

Put next week's Leadership Series event on your calendar. A panel from the Center for Community Involvement will present "Resources, Tools, and Practical Advice" Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl, second floor,

Memorial Union.

-- Josh Wosepka, Project Coordinator of Leadership Development, Memorial Union, leadershp@und.edu, 7-3665/4200

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Carolyn Williams to give lecture on "Orientalist" art

The departments of English and art are pleased to announce a lecture on art history by Caroline Williams, visiting professor from The College of William and Mary. The talk, which will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in 300 Merrifield Hall, is titled "From Description to Fantasy: 19th Century Painters in Cairo, Egypt."

The European artists who flocked to Egypt during the 19th century came at different times and responded to different aspects of the culture. Viewed collectively, their work provides evidence of varying "Orientalist" points of view, moving at the beginning of the century from portraying "the reality" of a new encounter to "fantasy" at the end of the century which artists painted from recollection and for demand from new patrons. The lecture will focus principally on the work of David Roberts, Jean-Léon Gérôme, John Frederick Lewis and Ludwig Deutsch.

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

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Insight meditation retreat is Oct. 13-15

A non-residential insight meditation retreat will be held Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 13-15, at the Lotus Meditation Center. The teacher is Ajahn Sudanto, a Buddhist monk in the Thai Theravada Forest tradition. Instruction in sitting and walking meditation will be offered. Registration is required and a fee will be charged. Scholarships are available.

For more information contact me at 787-8839.

-- Lora Sloan, Lotus Meditation Center.

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Buddhist monk will discuss meditation

Ajahn Sudanto, a visiting Buddhist Monk in the Theravada Forest Tradition, will give a talk on insight meditation Friday, Oct. 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lotus Meditation Center. It is free of charge and open to all.

-- Lora Sloan, Lotus Meditation Center, 787-8839.

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U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Oct. 17-20. Visit our web site for more.

Mindfulness Goes Mainstream, What it is; What it is not; and How it can Enhance Creativity, Productivity, Ethics, and Relationships at Work: Oct. 17, 9 to 11 a.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. Fee is \$20. "Mindfulness" is an ancient practice that has existed since time immemorial. It is also a practice of "new agers" and taught in many large, small, and Fortune 500 businesses around the globe. It is multigenerational, multidisciplinary, and multifaceted. It is not a spiritual or religious practice, though it can be; it is not "one-size-fits-all" but allows for many forms of practice to fit individual needs; it is not about ignoring the power of the intellect, but in fact harnessing and enhancing the intellect, as well as the mind-body connection. Join us and get acquainted with the practice of mindfulness and how it can be useful in organizations of all kinds. Try some simple, comfortable, and safe exercises to increase your ability to use your mind and other senses. Gain understanding of how mindfulness can slow down a fast-paced world and yet increase productivity, reduce conflict and improve communication and relationships. Presenter: Kristin Paranica.

Defensive Driving: Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. 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: Mike Holmes.

GroupWise 6.5, Beginning: Oct. 18, 1 to 4 p.m., 361 Upson II. Participants will navigate through the GroupWise environment, create and send messages, reply to and forward messages, use the address book, create a personal address book, create a mail group, work with calendar, schedule posted appointments and recurring events, work with junk mail folder and other mail handling features. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

Safe Online Practices - Protecting Your Identity and Securing Your Computer: Oct. 19, 1 to 3 p.m., 361 Upson II. The Internet can provide a wealth of information and give access to valuable financial, business, educational, and entertainment services. However, when connected to the Internet, you and your computer become vulnerable to scammers, identity thieves, viruses, spyware and more. This workshop will provide the information needed to help you protect your identity and computer while online. Presenter: Brad Miller, IT security officer.

The Basics of IRB Review: Oct. 19, 1 to 4 p.m., 16-18 Swanson Hall. All researchers planning to conduct human subject research are required to complete training. The workshop covers research ethics, federal regulations, and UND policies regarding human subject research. It will also review the Institutional Review Board forms and procedures. The workshop will include two case studies, a quiz, with time for questions. Presenter: Renee Carlson.

GroupWise 6.5, Intermediate: Oct. 20, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., 361 Upson II. Participants will work with advanced message options, set mail properties, customize message headers, use Web Access interface, create and use rules to automate e-mail responses, and set access rights. Work in depth with junk mail folder and archive feature. Presenter: Heidi Strande.

Please reserve your seat by registering with U2 by: phone, 777-2128, 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.edu, 777-2128

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Winter Grad Expo Set for October 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, October 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Loading Dock at the Memorial Union. The UND Bookstore & 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, the Alumni Association and the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events. This is an opportunity to ask questions and gather information about the December 15th 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, Vice President for Student and Outreach Services,
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Christus Rex book study will focus on Elie Wiesel's

"Night"

Please join us for conversation and study surrounding the book "Night" by Elie Wiesel, Fridays at noon Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and 17, in Christus Rex Lounge.

Books are available in the Christus Rex office at a discounted rate of \$5. Stop in or e-mail christusrex@und.edu to reserve a book. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch if you like.

-- Christus Rex.

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Summer Aerospace Camp dates set

The John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences is sponsoring the 24th International Aerospace Camp with sessions offered June 17-24 and July 8-15. Students from across the United States will visit UND to experience real-life aviation in conjunction with a taste of college.

This unique camp is open to teenagers (ages 16-17) and offers aviation enthusiasts a chance to attend ground school, log flight time, and learn about the various careers within the aviation industry. The amount of actual flight training makes this summer adventure unique—the sky becomes a college classroom where students fly and log time with flight instructors with six different launches—simulator session, Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flight, Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight, cross-country flight, night flight, and an aerobatic flight. They also study flight planning in accordance to a structured college curriculum. They reside in UND residence halls and eat with current UND students at Wilkerson Hall. "This "seminar" really gives the students a realistic taste of the aviation industry and a university," said Ken Polovitz, Assistant Dean at the Odegard School. "While flying and classroom activities will remain the focus of the curriculum, the campers will be able to experience what our aviation students experience on a daily basis. The campers will be getting a true taste of college."

For more information about the 24th annual UND International Aerospace Camps, contact Ken Polovitz at 701-777-3561, 800-258-1525, or polovitz@aero.und.edu.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty sought to lead spring student faculty reading groups

We are recruiting faculty who are interested in co-leading a one-credit "Student Faculty Reading Group" mini-course during the Spring 2007 semester. These mini-courses, which have been offered for the last two years, are co-led by two faculty on a topic outside the expertise of either, with the overall goal of creating a community in which faculty and students work together as co-learners.

So far, two such mini courses have been identified for the upcoming semester. One is on the topic of culture clash, with course participants reading "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down" by Anne Fadiman, a story of Hmong immigrants in California, and "Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America" by Stephen G. Bloom, a story of a Hasidic Jewish community in rural Iowa.

The second course is on the topic of challenging the conventional wisdom. In that course, participants will read and discuss Malcolm Gladwell's "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking," which argues that intuitive judgments can be as effective as carefully researched ones, and Steven Levitt's "Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything," which explores the hidden incentives behind various kinds of human behavior.

We are seeking faculty to co-lead either of these courses or to propose a mini-course on another interesting topic outside their areas of expertise. If you are interested, contact either Libby Rankin (libby.rankin@und.nodak.edu) or Jim Antes (james.antes@und.nodak.edu).

The project is funded by the Bush Foundation, and faculty will receive a \$500 stipend for their efforts.

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

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UND joins global consortium for irrigated area mapping and assessment

Santhosh Seelan, Professor, Space Studies and Bethany Kurz, a Space Studies student attended the International Workshop on Global Irrigated Area Mapping 2006 at Colombo, Sri Lanka from Sept 25 to 27. The workshop, organized by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and attended by participants from around the globe, focused on remote sensing based approach to mapping irrigated cropland globally on a regular basis.

During the workshop, a Consortium for Irrigated Area Mapping and Assessment (CIAMA) was formed and the University of North Dakota became a founding member of the consortium. The relationship between UND and IWMI has been nurtured over the past few years which has resulted in research collaboration and student exchanges and this consortium effort further strengthens this initiative.

Bethany Kurz presented a paper on "Evaluation of Temporal Trends in Irrigated Agriculture Overlying the Ogallala aquifer, United States" authored by Bethany Kurz, Santhosh Seelan and Tanya Justham. The research was initiated by Dr. Seelan and is part of Bethany's thesis work, which is in progress. The paper evaluates the accuracy of IWMI estimates of irrigated cropland in the Great Plains, based on the field work carried out last summer by Tanya Justham, a graduate student of UND's Geology department.

Irrigation, which was primarily responsible for increased food output in the past few decades to meet the growing population's needs, has shown signs of decline in major food producing areas of the world in recent years, causing alarm. The decrease is attributed to decline in water availability and competing uses for water. Mapping and monitoring irrigated cropland on a regular basis has therefore gained importance in the recent years. IWMI, a World Bank funded organization headquartered in Colombo, is the lead agency for this effort. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization is a key partner.

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Student technology fee proposals sought

The Student Technology Fee Committee is calling for proposals for spring 2007 Technology Fee dollars.

The committee will make recommendations for proposals based on the following:

Descriptive Criteria:

- Dean's ranking
- Innovation
- Student benefit
- Impact on the curriculum and/or on research
- How does this project address your unit's strategic plan?

Demographic Criteria

- Number of students served
- Number of disciplines served

Unit Support

- Access to equipment
- Technical support
- Matching funds from the department/unit
- Technology available for redeployment

PLEASE NOTE: All proposals must be submitted using the spring 2007 (073) STF request form at www.und.edu/org/stf/forms.html or via e-mail from Carol Hjelmstad at carolhjelmstad@mail.und.edu.

Departments/units should submit the proposals to their deans or directors for review and prioritization. Units which answer directly to vice presidents should submit proposals to them for review and prioritization. Vice presidents, deans and directors may have earlier deadlines.

The deadline to submit proposals to the Student Technology Committee at Stop 9041 is Friday, Nov. 3.

Proposal writers must consult with the various support offices on campus for costs associated with installation of equipment, accessibility issues, security concerns and adaptive technology. Unless departments are prepared to pay for these out of their own budgets, proposal writers should obtain estimates and include them as a part of the budget for the proposal. In addition, proposal writers must consult with Disability Support Services regarding adaptive technology needed for the proposal and with the Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies regarding the equipment requested for compatibility, installation issues, and ensuing issues.

The STF Committee will hold an open meeting to address questions for those writing proposals for spring 2007 funding Friday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union, River Valley Room. Presentations will begin at 11 a.m. and again at noon; please feel free to drop by anytime during the two hours as your schedule allows.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposal process, please contact Carol at 777-3171.

-- Carol Hjelmstad, ITSS.

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

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Student referrals requested for Student Ambassador Program

Enrollment Services is currently accepting applications for student ambassadors for the 2006-2007 academic year. As an integral part of the orientation process, ambassadors work with new students to prepare them for university life. Student ambassadors also talk about UND with students at their high schools, help with recruitment and retention projects, and represent the University at various campus events. The qualities of a good student ambassador include a strong academic background, involvement in campus and community activities, and effective leadership and communication skills. Students reflecting a positive outlook on campus life and displaying a caring attitude toward their fellow students will best serve this program.

I would appreciate your assistance in recruiting qualified leaders. Please submit the names of students you feel would be an asset to the program to: Heather Kasowski / Box 8135 or e-mail your referrals to:

heatherkasowski@mail.und.nodak.edu by Oct. 9. I will send these students information about the program.

If you have any questions about the program, please call 777-6468.

-- Heather Kasowski, Special Projects Coordinator, Enrollment Services,
heatherkasowski@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777.6468

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Students eligible for \$1,000 service learning grant

Applications are now being accepted from UND students for a \$1,000 grant to be used on a service learning project. The Center for Community Engagement announced that the grant from the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation will be awarded to a student whose application indicates the most innovative and promising use of the grant to establish or significantly further a partnership between a UND student and a community non-profit organization.

Applications, which must be received by 4 p.m. Oct. 6 for the Carter Academic-Service Entrepreneur grant (CASE), are available online at www.communityengagement.und.edu and the Volunteer Bridge office in the Memorial Union. The winning applicant will be announced at an awards luncheon Wednesday, Oct. 18, sponsored by the Center. For more information, contact the director, Lana Rakow, at 777-0675.

The award is made possible by The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation and The W.K. Kellogg Foundation. In providing the grant, The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation noted that high standards used in the selection recognizes the best programs and inspires others to achieve the status of a Carter Certified Partnership. More information about the Foundation is available at www.jrcpf.org. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 "to help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations." More information about the Kellogg Foundation is available at www.wkkf.org.

-- Lana Rakow, Director, Center for Community Engagement, lanarakow@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-2287

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International Programs newsletter now available

The Office of International Programs monthly newsletter, "Building Bridges," is now available. Information in this month's newsletter includes faculty-directed education abroad, semester-at-sea with Desmond Tutu, new study abroad programs, hiring international employees, and International Education Week. "Building Bridges" can be found at www.und.edu/dept/oip/documents/9-29-06.pdf or accessed from the OIP web page, www.und.edu/dept/oip/index.htm.

-- Ray Lagasse, Director, International Programs, International Programs, raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu, 777-2938

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Sioux fan luncheons begin

Sioux Boosters welcome all Sioux fans to attend Sioux fan luncheons at noon in the Alerus Center. The buffet lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. for \$8.50 per person, which includes beverage and dessert. Speakers start at noon. Luncheons are held before home games for football, basketball and hockey. Hear the athletes and coaches express their pride of being part of Fighting Sioux athletics. A complete schedule may be found at www.undalumni.org/FSC-letterwinners/sioux-boostersSchedule Come join the fun!

-- Laura Eider, Booster Board Member, CFL, lauraeider@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2189

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Students can design brochures, posters, web sites, and more

Do you need a brochure, poster, or other print document designed but don't have the time or ability to do it yourself? Maybe you want photographs taken, a web site developed or improved, or Power Point slides created. If so, you might consider hiring students affiliated with UND's Graphics and Photography Society (GaPS).

GaPS is a student organization established in 2003. The purposes are to provide students with opportunities for professional growth, to develop technical skills, and to encourage visual communication. One way we accomplish this is by creating designs and photographs (both print and electronic) for clients. All services are faculty supervised.

For more information, please contact me.

-- Lynda Kenney, Assistant Professor, Technology, lynda.kenney@und.edu, 777-2197

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North Dakota Museum of Art lists Cafe specials

October 5 – Entrée: Indian Lamb Curry or Eggplant Wrap, Soup: Cretan Vegetable

October 6 – Entrée: Caprese Panini or Greek Salad, Soup: Udon Noodle

October 9 – Entrée: Pan Bagnat or Chicken Basil. Soup: Tomato Basil

October 10 – Entrée: Jamaican Jerk Chicken or Spicy Calamari, Soup: Shrimp and Corn

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

Take-out available, UND billing accepted, conference room available for luncheons. We also cater weekend and evening events, 777-4195

Visit the Museum Cafe online at <http://www.ndmoa.com/cafe.html>

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

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IN THE NEWS

Medical school book named "most notable document"

The book that captures the 100-year history of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences has been selected by state librarians as the most notable document published in North Dakota in 2005-2006.

"North Dakota, Heal Thyself," by Dr. John Vennes, professor emeritus of microbiology at the UND medical school, Grand Forks, and freelance writer Patrick McGuire of Baltimore, received the Notable North Dakota Documents Award from the Government Documents Roundtable of the North Dakota Library Association. The award was announced recently at the group's annual meeting in Fargo.

Publications issued by agencies of North Dakota state government and intended for public distribution are considered each year for the award. This year, eight documents were nominated in North Dakota, with "North Dakota, Heal Thyself," receiving the highest recognition.

The book will be submitted to the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association to be considered for its Notable Document list. The list recognizes individuals and agencies involved in producing these excellent sources of information and inspiration, according to Lila Pedersen, library director at the UND medical school.

The national list of 2006 Notable Documents will be published in May 15, 2007 issue of the Library Journal. Over the past 25 years the list has been published, 30 North Dakota state documents have been included.

The book "is another recognition of the activities of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences and its extraordinary impact on the state and region," Vennes said.

"North Dakota, Heal Thyself," published in 2005 as part of the 100-year celebration of the founding of the medical school, is available at Barnes and Noble bookstore on the UND campus or by contacting Wendy Opsahl, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 701-777-2003 or wopsahl@medicine.nodak.edu , or go on-line to: www.med.und.edu/alumni/merchandise.html

-- *Shelley Pohlman, Assitant to the Director, Public Affairs, spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-7305*

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