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Volunteers needed for Spring Commencement May 13

We invite you to serve as a "Green Vest Volunteer" at Spring Commencement Saturday, May 13, at the Alerus Center. Volunteers seat guests, help organize graduates in the assembly room, and greet visitors at the ceremony.

Commencement begins at 1:30 p.m., and all volunteers are asked to report to the Alerus Center Ballroom by noon. Most volunteers will be able to leave shortly after the ceremony begins, by approximately 2 p.m. We anticipate that commencement will conclude around 4 p.m.

Please contact ceremonies and special events office, part of the vice president for student and outreach services office, at 777-2724 or send an e-mail to Terri Machart at terrimachart@mail.und.edu if you will participate. Please feel free to call Terri if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your help.

– Fred Wittmann, vice president for student and outreach services office

Biology seminar focuses on cellular hypoxia

Wayne Zundel, director of radiation biology, University of Louisville, School of Medicine, James Graham Brown Cancer Center, will give a biology seminar at noon Friday, April 21, in 114 Witmer Hall. His tribal affiliation is Minneconjou Lakota, and his home reservation is Cheyenne River, S.D.

Dr. Zundel will discuss "Mapping Cellular Hypoxia and Reperfusion-Sensing Pathways in Mammals." His research program involves the role of tumor oxygenation in tumor metabolism, disease progression, and therapeutic efficacy. Because tumoral responses to fluctuating oxygen levels are relatively unique to solid tumors, targeting these responses therapeutically will lead to specific killing of those tumor areas which are most resistant to current therapeutic paradigms.

The seminar is hosted by Diane Darland.

— Biology

Geography seminar will consider GIS and wildlife management

The geography department will hold a seminar by Scott Ralston, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "GIS Applications in Wildlife Management" will take place in 157 O'Kelly-Ireland Hall Friday, April 21, at noon. All are welcome.

– Geography

Physics talk focuses on photocatalytic oxidation

The physics department will hold a colloquium at 4 p.m. in 209 Witmer Hall Friday, April 21, with Darrin Muggli (chemical engineering), who will present "Photocatalytic Oxidation on TiO₂: Reactions and Reactors."

Heterogeneous photocatalytic oxidation (PCO) removes effectively low concentrations of both gas- and liquid-phase organics at room temperature by oxidizing them to environmentally benign compounds, such as CO₂ and H₂O.

Although PCO successfully oxidizes many gas-phase organics, the reaction pathways are not fully understood and intermediates are often not identified. In order to develop improved photocatalysts, a more fundamental understanding of reaction pathways must be acquired. This, in turn, necessitates identifying surface species and active sites on the most promising photocatalyst, TiO₂.

Several methods of identifying and quantifying surface species and active sites will be discussed, such as transient reaction techniques, temperature-programmed desorption, isotope labeling, and diffuse reflectance infrared Fourier transform spectroscopy. Reactions of model compounds such as formic acid, methyl formate, and acetic acid will serve as examples. In addition, recent research on developing improved photocatalytic reactor designs will be presented.

Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall.

– Physics

Space studies holds Friday colloquium

Mark Sykes, director of the Planetary Science Institute in Tucson, Ariz., will be the guest speaker at the space studies colloquium series Friday, April 21, at 5 p.m. in 210 Clifford Hall. In his presentation, "The Origins and Evolution of the Interplanetary Dust Complex: New Insights from Spitzer Space Telescope," Sykes addresses the origin and evolution of dust in the solar system. He studies cometary dust trails and the collisional production of dust in the asteroid belt, primarily using spacebased infrared telescopes. He is also interested in the compositional gradient in the early solar system and the heating and dynamical processes by which that gradient evolved. Sykes is a member of the Dawn Science Team, which will orbit two of three surviving terrestrial protoplanets in the main asteroid belt: Vesta and Ceres. Sykes will study how the presence or absence of water shaped the early histories of those two bodies: Asteroid 4388 is named in honor of him.

Sykes received his Juris Doctor in 1998 and his Ph.D. in 1986 within the Department of Planetary Sciences from the University of Arizona where he is currently the director of planetary sciences. He is a member of the NASA-NSF Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee, chair of the NASA Planetary Data System Working Group, and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAS) Committee on Astronomy and Public Policy.

– Odegard School

Doctoral examinations set for five candidates

The final examination for Amy Watkin, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in English, is set for 2 p.m. Friday, April 21, in 305 Twamley Hall. The dissertation title is "Rewriting Rasselas: Mary Wollstonecraft, Ellis Cornelia Knight, Elizabeth Pope Whately, and Charlotte Bronte Intertextualize the Choice of Life." Sheryl O'Donnell (English) is the committee chair.

The final examination for Carol H. Olson, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in teaching and learning, is set for 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, in Room 206, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Impact of Assistive Technology Devices and Services for Students with Learning Disabilities and an Academic Need in Writing." Richard Landry (teaching and learning) is the committee chair.

The final examination for Rebecca Ulven, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in educational leadership, is set for 9 a.m. Monday, April 24, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is "Perceptions of Administrators Regarding English Language Learner Needs in Schools in North Dakota." Donald Lemon (educational leadership) is the committee chair.

The final examination for Kevin W. Harrison, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in engineering, is set for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in Room 166, dean's conference room, Upson II. The dissertation title is "Modeling, Integration and Control of Proton Exchange Membrane Electrolyzer for Wind Based Renewable Energy Applications." Hossein Salehfar (engineering) is the committee chair.

The final examination for Rebecca Leber-Gottberg, a candidate for the D.A. degree with a major in history, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in 217 Merrifield Hall. The dissertation title is "Problem-Based Learning: Methodology and Application in the History Survey Class." Barbara Handy-Marchello and Anne Kelsch (history) are the committee chairs.

The public is invited to attend.

– Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school

Opera workshop group stages *The Fairy Queen*

The music department will present *The Fairy Queen* by Henry Purcell, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, and Sunday, April 23, Josephine Campbell Recital Hall, Hughes Fine Arts Center.

UND's opera workshop group will stage the "semi-opera," a light-hearted look at the relationships between common persons and those we put on a pedestal.

Tickets are \$2 for students and senior citizens, \$5 for general admission, and \$10 for families.

For more information, please contact the music department at 777-2644 at tamara.mulske@und.nodak.edu.

— Music

Learning Fair, Super Science Saturday are April 22

The Hands-On Learning Fair and Super Science Saturday are set for Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Purpur and Gambucci Arenas, Grand Forks.

Both are fun, educational, and free. Art, science, water play, stories, playdough, construction, and many more learning activities will be available. Infants, preschoolers, elementary and middle school children, and their families can all join in the celebrations.

— Jan Orvik, editor, for Judy Milavetz, Learning Fair coordinator, 775-4473, judy_milavetz@und.edu, and Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center, 772-8207, lmunski@yahoo.com.

Greater Grand Forks Symphony plays final concert of season

The Greater Grand Forks Symphony will hold its final concert of the season Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. at the Empire Arts Center. Elizabeth Stoyanovich, candidate for the position of Greater Grand Forks Symphony director, will conduct.

Guest artist for the program is pianist Sergio Gallo, who will play Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 with the orchestra. Gallo received his degrees from the Conservatoire Européen de Musique in Paris (Diplôme d'Excellence), the Franz Liszt Academy of Budapest, Hungary, the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (master of music and artist diploma), and the University of California (DMA). He has performed with orchestras throughout the Americas and in Turkey, and has performed at Radio France and Radio Cultura (Brazil). Sergio Gallo has been appointed a Bosendorfer artist, and he is associate professor of piano at UND, where he teaches piano, piano pedagogy and keyboard literature.

Hailed as a charismatic and outstanding conductor, Elizabeth Stoyanovich is the fifth and final candidate for the position of permanent music director and conductor of the Greater Grand Forks Symphony. Her conducting has been described by the Los Angeles Times as "... extremely impressive...clean, emotional and translucent in performance," and by The Orange County Register as "a splendid talent, musical and with rock-solid technique...[she] made the New World Symphony sound new again...her musical passion [is] unflinchingly strong." Her formal education was at the University of Michigan with further studies at Academie des Americaines de Musique in Fontainebleau, France, under Leonard Bernstein and as an Augustus-Thorndike Fellow at The Tanglewood Music Center. She was born in Wisconsin and resides on Bainbridge Island, Wash., with her husband, Patrick, and their two daughters, Antonia Barbara and Sophia Isabelle.

Stoyanovich will conduct a musical program that she has titled "Of Color and Triumph," which, in addition to Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3, includes Respighi's Pines of Rome, Tchaikovsky's Fantasy Overture from Romeo and Juliet and a new work by her husband, composer Patrick Stoyanovich.

Tickets for the concert may be purchased by calling 777-4090. More information is available at www.ggfsso.org.

— Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra

Organist will play hymns April 23

The Northern Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents Christopher Anderson (music), organist, who will play hymns Sunday, April 23, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church, 528 10th St. NW, East Grand Forks. It is free and open to all. There will also be an open session on hymn playing; the public is invited and organists are welcome to bring a hymn for coaching.

– Music

PAC-W holds ombudsperson workshop

For our spring event, PAC-W presents “The Missing Link? What an Ombudsperson Could Do For UND.” We will start our workshop event Monday, April 24, with a panel sharing information about the current services available at UND and how to access them if someone has a workplace grievance. Joining us on the panel will be Carolyn Chalmers, ombudsperson from the University of Minnesota, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Memorial Union Ballroom. No pre-registration is necessary, just stop in. Our luncheon speaker is Carolyn Chalmers, who will explain the U of M’s “workplace disputes” approach, also April 24, in the Memorial Union Ballroom from noon to 1:30 p.m. Both events are free but you must pre-register for lunch. RSVP by April 20 to Patty McIntyre, Women’s Center, Stop 7122 or 777-4302. We hope to see you there.

– Wendelin Hume, chair, President’s Advisory Committee on Women, 777-4001

Honors students to participate in undergraduate research conference

The honors program will present the eighth annual Undergraduate Research Conference Monday, April 24, in the Memorial Union. The conference is free and open to the public.

Forty seniors will present the results of multi-semester, in-depth independent research projects. During their research, each student works closely with a faculty mentor who chairs the resulting senior thesis. The senior thesis process is overseen by the honors committee, whose membership consists of faculty appointed by the University Senate and students elected by the honors program.

The schedule follows:

- 9:15 a.m.: Sciences Session I, Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Whitney Warkentin, “Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations”; Tyler Kaye, “A Study of UND’s New Student Web-Based Computerized System.”
- 10 a.m.: Creative Writing Session I, Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Rose Ziegler, “Exploring Poetic Form”; Chris Johnson, “Stories in Response”; Loren Nieuwsma, “Thinking Back: Writing The Stone of Hermes.”
- 11 a.m.: Social Sciences Session I, Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Brittany Hanstad, “Selective Progress of Liberalization toward Civil Rights for Homosexuals”; Raymond Breitstein, “Evidence of Peak Shift in the Judgment of the Female Body”; Katie Ibach, “Encouraging Young Women to be Entrepreneurial.”
- Noon: Poster presentations, Memorial Union Badlands Room. Heather Downs, “Natural Family Planning: A Viable Option?”; Margaret Flaget, “Influences on Condom Use among College Students”; Amy Mahlum, “Effect of Excessive Exercise and Mood on Athletes vs. Non-Athletes”; Jennifer Teiken, “Renal Glomerular Podocyte Number in Diabetic Mice”; Ana Tobiasz, “Nursing Assistant Attitudes and Knowledge of Behavior Management”; Nicole Wilson, “Support of Breastfeeding among Neonatal Intensive Care Nurses”; Bridget Byrnes, “Personality and Student Withdrawal Behaviors”; Lisa Moen, “Achievement Motivation and Fear of Success among American and Norwegian College Students.”
- 1 p.m.: Humanities Session I, Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Rachael Schlegal, “Images of Women in Soviet and Cuban Political Posters”; Jessica Arvizu, “Expression and Religion: The Making of Mexico”; Kari Bentz, “Forming, Implementing, and Assessing a Church’s Mission Statement.”
Science Session II, Memorial Union River Valley Room. Kendra Siefken, “Automation of DNA Amplification and Data Collection”; Ashleigh Milbrath, “Food for Sight”; Steffany Ward, “The Effects of Pesticides on Neurological Function.”
- 2 p.m.: Humanities Session II, Memorial Lecture Bowl. Amanda Nagel, “The 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment and the Tuskegee Airmen”; Derek Swenson, “Franklin D. Roosevelt and Appeasement”; Aaron Wentz, “In the Shadow of the Collapse: 25th Hour as Collective Event.”
Humanities Session III, Memorial Union River Valley Room. Sarah Walker, “The Queen’s Stone: Becoming a Storyteller”; Michaela Schmidt, “The Maah Daah Hey Trail: Secret Adventure of Western North Dakota”; Linnea Barton, “Hermeneutics from Hebrew to Chinese: Effective Bible Translation.”
- 3 p.m.: Social Sciences Session III, Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Lisa Peterson, “Women’s Attitudes toward Social Issues”; Jennifer Beneke, “What Makes a Man: From Biology to Society.”
Humanities Session IV, Memorial Union River Valley Room. Elizabeth Blazek, “A Woman’s Place: An Authentically Feminist Zine”; Katherine Argenziano, “Something Borrowed, Something Blue: Old Traditions into a New Life”; Tiffany Stratton, “The Truth of Photographs.”
- 4 p.m.: Communications Session I, Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Tessa Sandstrom, “History of the Four Bears Bridge and Lost Communities of North Dakota”; Emily Hilleren, “The Dakota Purveyor: Creation of an Alternative Magazine”; Jeanne O’Neil, “Traditional Music and Dance In the Midwest: Fiddles and Communities.”
Sciences Session III, Memorial Union River Valley Room. Kristen Fried, “Brain, Body and Stress”; Tiffany Doering,

"An Analysis of Nurse-Patient Relationships in Selected Play Texts."

- 5 p.m.: Social Sciences Session IV, Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, Justin Hage, "Political Corruption and Economic Growth in China"; Ann Langseth, "Heart Work: Joyful Heart Art Auction."

— Jeanne Anderegg, honors coordinator

Keyser presents "Mozart As Dramatist" April 24

"Mozart as Dramatist," a talk by Dorothy Keyser (music) is Act I of a Grand Forks Master Chorale double feature to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The talk, which focuses on Mozart's music for stage, is Monday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. at Central High School Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Keyser teaches music appreciation, music history, and popular and classical world music. Her research interests include use of computer technology in higher education, gender roles in Baroque opera, orate and literate musical traditions, medieval music performance practice, and the 13th century French poet/composer Adam de la Halle. Keyser received her doctorate in musicology from the University of North Texas, her master's in voice performance and opera production from Northern Illinois University, her master's in playwriting from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and her bachelor's degree in theater from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Act II in the double feature is a Mozart-based Masterworks concert by the Grand Forks Master Chorale Sunday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church. Under the direction of Jon Nero with accompaniment from Sara Bloom, the 30-plus voice Master Chorale will be joined by a 18-member orchestra and guest soprano Virginia Sublett. She has appeared as soloist with orchestras, oratorio societies and chamber music ensembles throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico, including such ensembles as Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Diego Symphony, Illinois Symphony, Vancouver Chamber Choir, and San Francisco Symphony. She is co-founder and co-director of the San Diego-based professional choral ensemble, Cappella Gloriana, which made its second European concert tour in 2005. Sublett received her doctorate from the University of California, San Diego, in 1997, and has taught at both UCSD and the University of San Diego. She is now an associate professor of music (voice) at NDSU.

Advance tickets for the Mozart Masterworks concert are \$5 for students, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$12 for general audience members. Tickets are available at the Chester Fritz Auditorium Box Office at 777-4090.

MSS lists Monday night movies for April

Multicultural student services will show movies every Monday at 6 p.m. (except holidays) in the Era Bell Thompson Cultural Center, 2800 University Avenue, across from Swanson Hall. The movies this month will represent three different Asian cultures in honor of Asian Awareness Month. A discussion will follow each movie.

Monday, April 24, we will show Hero starring Jet Li, Tony Leung Chiu Wai, Maggie Cheung, and Ziyi Zhang. In ancient China, before the reign of the first emperor, warring factions throughout the Six Kingdoms plot to assassinate the most powerful ruler, Qin. When a minor official defeats Qin's three principal enemies, he is summoned to the palace to tell Qin the story of his surprising victory. Plot summaries courtesy of www.imdb.com. Please join us.

- Jared Hilde, graduate student assistant, multicultural student services

Concert dates set

The Varsity Bards/Women's Choir spring concert will be held Monday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at United Lutheran Church, 324 Chestnut St. The Concert Choir spring concert, Monday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., also at United Lutheran Church, will feature the Red River High School Concert Choir.

— Music

Lecturer will focus on gender and cookbooks

The Department of English is pleased to announce that Karin Pagel-Meiners (languages) will present "The Gendered Politics of 18th Century German Cookbooks," Tuesday, April 25, at 4 p.m. in 116 Merrifield Hall.

Pagel-Meiners' paper comes from her forthcoming book, which examines the role cookbooks played in how ideas on

gender, class and national identity were articulated, disseminated and culturally accepted. She argues that the cookbook reflected a growing fear of the implications of Enlightenment ideals of individualism for women, as they attempted to redefine women's place in a rapidly changing society and economy of the late 18th century. All are welcome.

– English

Global Visions film series continues

The Global Visions film series continues through May. All films are located in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union, beginning at 7 p.m., and are free and open to the public.

Films are:

Primo, Tuesday, April 25. This film is a one-man National Theater production of Primo Levi, performed by Anthony Sher and directed by Richard Wilson. When Primo opened in September 2004, it was instantly recognized as a major theatrical event and every performance sold out. A work of astounding dramatic power, it brings to life Primo Levi's great testament to his year in Auschwitz. Antony Sher's towering performance is as controlled as Primo Levi's own lucid prose. This, quite simply, is masterpiece theater.

For more information, call 777-4718.

– Marcia Mikulak, anthropology

Grant writing workshop will be offered

The medical school research and program development office is sponsoring a grant writing workshop, "How Can I Write a Great Proposal When I Don't Have the Time?" Tuesday, April 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 16/18 Swanson Hall.

The workshop is presented by Robert A. Lucas, director of the Institute for Scholarly Productivity in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He has designed a full-day workshop to help faculty members break through writing blocks and accomplish more professional writing.

During this workshop, Dr. Lucas will discuss myths about writing, overcoming major obstacles to writing, varying patterns to sustain momentum, and managing a successful grant application.

This training session is free and open to all UND faculty. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, contact me.

– Corey Graves, grant and contract officer, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 777-2808 or

cgraves@medicine.nodak.edu

Theatre arts produces psychological thriller

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Medical school Dean's Hour to focus on healthy weight

"Can You be Healthy at Any Size?" is the title of the next Dean's Hour at noon Wednesday, April 26, at the Reed Keller Auditorium, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The panel discussion will include William Newman, chair of internal medicine; James Mitchell, chair of clinical neuroscience; and Michael Loewy, chair of counseling. The discussion is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

A contentious new approach to obesity treatment that includes improving self-image, normalizing eating behavior, and increasing physical activity independent of body weight is making its way through the general public and the medical community. Moderated by H. David Wilson, dean of the medical school, the panel will discuss the pros and cons of this approach.

The presentation will be broadcast at the following video conference sites: Southeast Campus room 219, Southwest Campus conference room B and Northwest Campus office. It can also be viewed on the medical school's web page at and through Internet video conferencing on desktop computers through the medical school's CRISTAL Recorder (call 701-777-2329 for details).

The Dean's Hour lecture series is a forum for the discussion of health care, medicine, research, education and related issues of the day. For more information, please contact the Office of the Dean, 777-2514.

– School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Seniors invited to Operation Graduation

Graduating UND seniors are invited to Operation Graduation, sponsored by Telesis and the UND Alumni Association and Foundation, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center, 3233 University Ave.

There will be free pizza as well as gifts and prizes available. Come and check out what will be available to you as a UND alum.

For more information, contact Tiffany at (763) 639-8598.

– Alumni Association and Foundation

Regional author Mark Vinz will sign books

Regional author, Mark Vinz will read from his new book of poetry, Long Distance, Wednesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the galleries of the North Dakota Museum of Art.

Vinz was born in Rugby, N.D., and grew up in Minneapolis and the Kansas City area. He attended the Universities of Kansas and New Mexico, and since 1968 has taught at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Long Distance is a collection of 84 poems he has written over the past 10 years.

This event is free and open to all. Call 777-4195 for more information. The Museum is located on Centennial Drive in Grand Forks.

– North Dakota Museum of Art

DEPSCoR program manager to visit UND, discuss research opportunities in DoD

Chris Cupp, program manager for the Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR), Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Laboratories and Basic Sciences, and project officer, International Technology Programs Office, Office of the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, will visit campus Wednesday, April 26.

UND faculty interested in research opportunities with DEPSCoR or other programs in the Department of Defense are invited to a presentation on "DEPSCoR and other DoD Research Opportunities " at 1 p.m. in 138 Abbott Hall. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

— Gary Johnson, co-project director, ND EPSCoR

Blast off stress at De-Stress Fest Wednesday

"Blast your Stress to the Past" at De-Stress Fest Wednesday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Loading Dock. Cool your jets and let loose with a taste of the 1950s! Enjoy free old-fashioned sodas, free massages, and activities such as twister, mini bowling, marbles, and jacks. You may also test your lung capacity at the bubble gum blowing contest! Come and relax, have fun and pick up some tips to help you cope with stress. De-Stress Fest is sponsored by student health services, University Program Council, ADAPT, counseling center, Volunteer Bridge, Psychological Services Center, University Learning Center, student health advisory committee, and the women's center. For information, contact the Student Health Promotion Office at 777-2097 or e-mail studenthealthpromotion@mail.und.edu.

Retiring Einar Einarson will give guest performance at April 27 concert

The Wind Ensemble and University Band, conducted by James Popejoy, will present a concert Thursday, April 27, at

7:30 p.m. Special guest for this concert is associate professor of music Einar Einarson, who is retiring after 42 years of service to music education in North Dakota. The performance will be held at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for general admission, \$2 for students and senior citizens, or \$10 per family.

A native of Upham, N.D., Einarson earned his bachelor's degree in education from Minot State Teacher's College in 1964, taught music for two years at Souris (N.D.) Public School and began his graduate study at UND in 1966. He received his Master of Education degree in 1968. A faculty member at UND since 1968, he has served as the applied instructor for all brass instruments; assistant director of bands; director of jazz bands; and has taught courses in music theory and ear training, as well as brass methods. He has appeared as a trumpet soloist with the Wind Ensemble, the Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra, and the International Music Camp Faculty Band. Einarson has been a frequent faculty member at IMC where he was also a member of the Faculty Brass Quintet. He will retire from teaching this summer.

For more information, please contact the band department at 777-2815.

– James Popejoy, director of bands

Janet Rex is April 27 Spotlight Scholar

Women studies is pleased to announce our second Spotlight Scholar for the 2005-2006 year: Janet Rex. Please join us as we celebrate her many contributions and listen to her presentation, "Features of a Feminist Librarian: Over 15 years at the Fritz."

Beverages and snacks are planned so bring your support and appetite to the East Asian Room on the fourth floor of the Chester Fritz Library, Thursday, April 27, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

– Wendelin Hume, director of women studies, 777-4115

Speaker will discuss Wounded Knee Massacre

The Department of English is pleased to announce that Susan Forsyth of the University of Essex will present "'A Terrible Thrasing': James Forsyth at Wounded Knee 1890" Thursday, April 27, at 4 p.m. in 300 Merrifield Hall.

James William Forsyth, if known at all, is remembered for his part in the Wounded Knee Massacre on Pine Ridge Reservation in December 1890. In this presentation, Forsyth will revisit the events of the Wounded Knee Massacre by considering the contentious issues highlighted in Oscar Howe's painting. She will use material from a newly discovered private collection of letters, which reveal James Forsyth's attitude to American Indians and provide insights into his actions at the Wounded Knee Massacre.

All are welcome.

– English

Law clinic education program to host conference for small business owners

A conference for small business owners will be held Friday, April 28, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Memorial Union. The cost is \$30 for general admission and \$15 for students, which includes lunch and printed materials. Early registration is encouraged.

The speakers include local attorneys John Foster and Tracy Kennedy (financing and collecting accounts), law professor Bradley Myers (tax concerns), Dean Mann with Grand Forks Air Force Base (government contracts), Fargo attorneys Pat Monson and Kristi Hourigan (employee relations), Andrew Gleich of the Small Business Development Center, and Eric Giltner of the Small Business Association.

JoHanna Cox, a third year law student at UND, along with VOICES, the law school's clinical education program, the Small Business Development Center of North Dakota, and the Small Business Association, will host the conference for current and prospective small business owners. Cox, who is exploring small business issues as part of a special project at the law school, says the goal of her project is to help expand the range of issues addressed by the clinical education program and the law school into small business concerns.

Small business owners may have limited access to professional resources. For example, the Small Business Association and the Small Business Development Centers are not permitted to have attorneys, either paid or volunteer, at their facilities. Further, in rural parts of North Dakota and Minnesota, access to professionals is limited due to geography.

For additional information or questions, contact JoHanna Cox at johannaccc@yahoo.com or the Law School's Clinical Education Program at 777-2932.

– Law school

Lecturer will discuss stream seepage, fluid flow

Andrew Fisher from University of California, Santa Cruz, will present the next LEEPS lectures Friday, April 28. At noon in 100 Leonard Hall he will discuss "Quantifying Stream Seepage Dynamics and Impacts: Methods and Application to the Pajaro River, coastal Central California." At 3 p.m. in 109 Leonard Hall, he will consider "Large-scale Lateral Fluid Flow Within Oceanic Crust and the Global Importance of Seamounts in Driving Hydrothermal Circulation."

The 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.

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

– Geology and geological engineering

Please announce student loan info session

Student Loans of North Dakota will conduct a student loan consolidation information session Monday, May 1, at 3 p.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Law changes and interest rate increases effective July 1, 2006 make this session critically important. After this date students will no longer be allowed to consolidate their loans while in school. Time is running out. Please help us pass the word to students so they benefit from consolidating their current student loans. The information that will be presented will be general in nature and apply to all students regardless of lender.

Consolidation combines a student's education loans into one new loan with a fixed rate, lower monthly payments, and more time to repay, depending on the balance. There is no fee to consolidate and students save money while combining multiple loans.

– Robin Holden, director, student financial aid

U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for May 2-9. Visit our web site for more.

- Basic Windows: May 2, 2 to 4 p.m., 361 Upson II. Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers, mouse and file saving/retrieving skills. Introduces very basic Windows features; keeping your desktop tidy, change desktop color, create a desktop shortcut, change or set the date/time, Windows XP start menu, change themes, menu features, Windows XP taskbar overview, organize files, work with windows, create an efficient work environment, and find information. Presenter: Heidi Strande.
- Basic Word: May 4, 2 to 4 p.m., 361 Upson II. Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers, mouse and file saving/retrieving skills. Learn very basic Word features, 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. Presenter: Heidi Strande.
- Power Point XP: Beginning (limited seating): May 8, 10, and 12, 1 to 4 p.m., 361 Upson II (nine hours total). Prerequisite: Basic understanding of computers, mouse and file saving/retrieving skills. Learn to create presentations, add graphics and objects to slides, add tables and charts to slides, prepare a presentation, sort slides, add slide transitions, and animate text. Presenter: Heidi Strande.
- Legal Issues in Employment: May 9, 9 to 11 a.m., 305 Twamley Hall. Participants will identify the federal and state statutes that impact their roles, discuss UND policies and procedures in relation to federal and state law, and look at situations that may require legal consultation. Presenters: Joy Johnson and Desi Sporbert.
- Facilities Discoverer Reports Training: May 9, 10 to 11 a.m., 130 Ryan Hall. The billing charges from facilities will be posted to PeopleSoft in a summarized format. To access the detailed information, each department will need access to Discoverer reports and to be trained to access detail and summary information. These reports will break down the charges by individual work orders and/or projects. Presenter: Laura Thoreson.

Reserve your seat by registering with U2 at 777-2128; U2@mail.und.edu; or www.conted.und.edu/U2/. Please include workshop title and date, name, department, position, box number, phone number, e-mail address, and how you first learned of the workshop. Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.

— Julie Sturges, U2 program assistant

Enjoy jewelry party at the North Dakota Museum of Art

Antique to Chic, a jewelry party, will be held Sunday, May 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the North Dakota Museum of Art. Everyone is welcome, and all proceeds will benefit children via scholarships, art supplies, and programming. The event will be centered around a costume jewelry sale. Inexpensive everyday fun costume jewelry will be offered for sale and more valuable items will be available for raffle and silent auction. Live music will be performed by Project 24 and refreshments will be served.

There is no admission for this casual Sunday afternoon event.

To kick off this first-time event, Classic Jewelers has donated a 14 karat gold, ¼ carat diamond pendant, valued at \$500, as one of the main raffle items. Plaza Jewelers, Riverside Jewelers and artisans will also donate pieces for silent auction or raffle.

The North Dakota Museum of Art is still collecting jewelry. We ask your help by donating costume jewelry which can be very inexpensive to fine old pieces that you no longer want. Local jewelers have offered to appraise, clean and make minor repairs if needed. Pieces can be delivered to the Museum or we can arrange to pick them up. The sooner we receive the items, the easier it will be to clean, repair and price as needed.

If you would like to be involved by selling dollar raffle tickets in advance, collecting jewelry, setting up, or selling tickets at the event, please contact Sue or Brian at 777-4195.

— North Dakota Museum of Art

Staff recognition luncheon tickets on sale now

The 2006 Recognition Ceremony for Staff Personnel will be held Tuesday, May 9, at the Memorial Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m. Employees will be recognized for years of service in five-year increments, 10 Meritorious Service Award winners will be presented, and the winner of the Ken and Toby Baker UND Proud Award will be announced. Tickets may be purchased in human resources, 313 Twamley Hall, for \$4 each or from the human resources manager in your department. Tickets must be purchased no later than Wednesday, May 3. All members of the University community are invited.

Anyone wishing to participate in the luncheon who may require an accommodation should contact Joy Johnson in human resources at 777-4367 or e-mail joyjohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu.

— Joy Johnson, human resources

Computer science will hold summer Lego Robotic Camp

Ronald Marsh and Tom, both from computer science, will head up a Lego Robotic Camp from 1 to 4 p.m. in Streibel Hall July 31-Aug. 4 for youth ages 9-14. The goal is to introduce students to science and engineering and convey the importance of critical thinking as applied to problem solving and algorithmic design.

Lego Mindstorms have several different programming interfaces, with each successive interface giving the students more power and control over the robot. The initial point-and-click style interface is designed to work with the youngest, most inexperienced users, while the most advanced is powerful enough to allow the Mindstorms to be used in collegiate robotic competitions. We can adjust the level of complexity and challenge to match the skill level of each participant.

Campers will use the Lego Mindstorm Robotics kit to build several computer controlled robots. The campers can build cars, tanks, boats or their own creation. Campers will learn to control the robot to avoid obstacles, pick up and carry objects, or even compete in a Sumo-style robot competition.

Lego robots are easy and fun to program. The software used to program the robots was designed for grade-school children, so everyone will be able to get started right away. There are several means of creating control programs to operate the robot, each with more power and complexity.

The cost for this camp is \$50. Payment can be made by check or money order (made payable to UND) or credit card along with your registration application. If the camp is filled when your application is received, the payment will be returned to you.

Ronald Marsh teaches operating systems, computer architecture, scientific computing, and computer graphics. His research includes image processing and webcasting solar eclipses from around the world.

Tom Stokke teaches a variety of computer science classes. His research interests include computer science education and user interfaces.

For additional information, or if you have questions, please contact Tom Stokke, 777-3337, tstokke@cs.und.edu.

— Computer science

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Astronomers point to dying comet as great sky show through May

The breakup of a comet is a spectacular outer space event, but rarely visible from Earth. So it's especially interesting for amateur sky watchers and professional astronomers that the biggest fragments of Comet Schwassmann-Wachmann 3 are clearly visible in the night sky now through mid-May, according to planetary scientist Vishnu Reddy.

"This comet's ice-packed nucleus broke up into 40 pieces in 1995, but the two biggest fragments are just now coming close enough that they are faintly visible to the naked eye," says Reddy, a veteran sky watcher who has discovered 24 asteroids. "At their brightest, on May 13, the two biggest fragments—B and C—will be about 0.0735 astronomical units away from us."

That's about 6.8 million miles distant, or 30 times farther away than the moon but about five times closer than Mars, our nearest planetary neighbor, Reddy notes. For the next few weeks, the biggest of Comet Schwassmann-Wachmann 3's 40 fragments—once part of a comet that measured about 1,000 yards across — are best viewed around midnight, just about overhead, in this part of the country. On May 13, they'll be clearly visible in the eastern sky, in the constellation Pegasus, just before dawn at about 3:30 a.m.

"This is a rare opportunity to see a really exciting astronomical event," says Reddy, who conducts research on asteroids and comets. The last time that a bright comet came this close to Earth was in 1983. The last breakup we could see from Earth was Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9, which slammed into Jupiter in 1993.

The best way to observe the Comet Schwassmann-Wachmann 3 fragments is through 10x50-power binoculars or any good pair of hunting binoculars, says Reddy, who also is president of the Northern Skies Astronomical Society (NSAS), the local astronomy club. The space studies department along with NSAS will conduct regular Friday night "star parties" at the UND astronomical observatory starting May 12 (see www.und.edu/org/nsas for more information). The star parties are free and open to the public and provide an excellent opportunity for unobstructed views of the night sky, including—if the weather is good—exceptional views of Comet Schwassmann-Wachmann 3's fragmentary remains.

— Space studies

All nurse anesthesia, FNP grads pass licensing exams

All nurse anesthesia and family nurse practitioner graduates passed their licensing exams on the first attempt last year.

"We commend the College of Nursing faculty, preceptors and adjunct faculty across the region who dedicate their time to the preparation of these fine professionals. We are extremely proud of this continuing 100 percent pass rate, which is well above the national average," said Chandice Covington, dean.

The nurse anesthesia master's program is the only one in North Dakota, admitting 12 students per year. For the past six years, UND nurse anesthesia graduates have achieved a 100 percent passage rate on their licensing exams. The family nurse practitioner national pass rate was 86 percent in 2005. This is the sixth consecutive year of 100 percent pass rates for the FNP program at UND. Graduates of the program are employed as nurse practitioners throughout North America from Arizona to Nova Scotia, and mostly in North Dakota and Minnesota.

— Nursing

2006 Merrifield Award deadline approaches

Faculty are asked to remind students that all papers to be considered for the annual Merrifield Competition Award must be submitted to the special collections department, Chester Fritz Library, no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 28. The \$1,500 UND scholarship, provided by the Alumni Association and Foundation, is awarded annually based upon a competitive review of original research papers that utilize primary resource materials held in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections, Chester Fritz Library. More information concerning research criteria and paper guidelines is available in special collections, located on the library's fourth floor.

Papers this year will be juried by Sandy Slater, head of special collections, and the following faculty members: William Caraher, history; Adam Kitzes, English; Steven Light, political science and public administration; and Margaret Zidon, teaching and learning. Brochures that outline the competition guidelines are also available from these faculty members.

– Sandy Slater, Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections, Chester Fritz Library

Please submit textbook orders now

Barnes and Noble at UND has already received over half of the fall textbook orders. Imagine how much more money we could give back to UND students if we have 100 percent of the book orders in prior to buyback.

If you are using the same title this fall, we need to hear from you this week so we can pay your students up to half price for their used textbooks.

Please call us at 777-4980 or visit us online to submit your book order requests at <http://und.bkstore.com>. This allows us to order your textbooks early to avoid potential problems.

– Barnes and Noble at UND, a partnership in education

Union Ballroom will be renovated

The Memorial Union Ballroom will undergo renovation July 17 – Sept. 30. Reservations for the Ballroom will resume on Oct. 1. If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 777-2953. Thank you.

– Marsha Nelson, assistant director of facility operations, Memorial Union

Purchasing lists policies, procedures

The following policies and procedures are in effect.

- The manual, "Equipment/Supplies-Transfer/Sale Procedures for Departing Faculty" is available from the purchasing office. Request a copy at 777-2681 or at www.und.nodak.edu/dept/purchase/html/Policies%20&%20Procedures.html#equipment. Any concerns or questions can be directed to Scott Schreiner, 777-2681.
- When a purchase for personal computers exceeds \$5,000, use a purchase requisition to place the order. Do not purchase one at a time using more than one voucher or make repeat purchases on the Visa purchasing card. You may receive a discount for ordering greater quantities. When obtaining quotes for Dell, please go to the ITSS (Information Technology Systems & Services) web site at www.und.edu/dept/itss.
- A contract has been established jointly between NDUS and the State of North Dakota with Cole Papers Inc. Use of this contract is mandatory for all paper purchases. View the contract at www.state.nd.us/csd/spo/contracts/Html/002.htm or call Cole Papers Inc. at 746-4531.
- Cellular phone service for University use should be purchased via the state contract with Cellular One. The UND Cellular One representative, Ken Hoffman, can be reached at 772-4201. Departments are charged monthly using a journal import from telecommunications. If cellular phone service is to be purchased outside of the state contract, prior approval must be obtained from telecommunications. Submit the phone service agreement and a purchase requisition to the purchasing office for the creation of a blanket purchase order.

The UND conflict of interest policy requires all employees who currently have a business interest in a business entity, or whose spouse, child, sibling, parent, or relative-in-law has a business interest in a business entity that currently does business with the University, or could potentially do business with the University, must complete the "Notification of Business Interest" form and submit it to the purchasing office.

– Purchasing

University Letter will become twice-weekly online publication

On May 15, the weekly University Letter and the daily (or more) mass e-mails will be combined into a twice-weekly e-mail and online news service sent to every e-mail holder on campus. This will actually increase the number of people who receive University Letter, make access to news more convenient and timely, and reduce duplication. It will also eliminate confusion between University Letter and the daily mass mails, as well as reduce e-mail clutter. You will receive an e-mail detailing University Letter contents, with each story linked to the online edition of University Letter. Just click on the title of an article that interests you to be taken to that story. You'll also have the option to print just one story or the entire issue.

Information providers will submit their information via an online form. This will increase consistency and allow information to appear online in a searchable format.

Studio One lists features

Hear how one rancher is giving old tires another go-round on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. Cory Christofferson has turned more than 300,000 tires into 15 miles of fencing for his ranch. He says the tire fences keep his sheep warm and are easy to build and maintain. Hear more about Christofferson's unique recycling plan on Studio One.

Also on the show this week, learn how the rising number of female firefighters is creating changes in fire departments. A recent court ruling in St. Louis requires stations to provide gear that fits female staff. Hear why women say the ruling is important to their profession.

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

Donated leave sought for Ann Graham

Ann Graham, writing mentor with the RAIN program, nursing, is in need of donated leave. If you are interested in donating sick or vacation leave, please download the form at the payroll office web site and send it to Suzanne Gandrud at the College of Nursing, Box 9025, for processing. Thank you for your generosity.

– College of Nursing

Denim Day is April 26

The last Wednesday of the month is April 26, so dig out your button, pay your dollar, and enjoy going casual while you know that all proceeds go to charity. Tired of watching other offices and buildings have all the fun? Call me and I'll set you up with buttons and posters for your area.

– Patsy Nies, enrollment services, 777-3791, for the Denim Day committee



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