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TOP STORIES

ND EPSCoR awards \$415,000 for new faculty start-ups

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) has announced that five academic departments at the University will share in \$415,000 of National Science Foundation and State of North Dakota monies designated for new faculty start-up opportunities. These funds are made available to departments on a competitive basis and are designed to enhance the start-up packages offered to prospective research faculty during the hiring process.

Awards, which are of two years duration and begin in August 2006, were made to biochemistry and molecular biology, pathology, psychology, chemical engineering, and electrical engineering.

"The new faculty start-up awards constitute one of the most important components of the multi-faceted EPSCoR program," said Peter Alfonso, UND vice president for research and co-chair of the ND EPSCoR steering committee. He expressed appreciation to the National Science Foundation and the State of North Dakota for their support of research through this innovative program in which North Dakota's public research universities, UND and NDSU, have been partners since 1986.

The awards were recently announced by Gary Johnson, co-project director of ND EPSCoR and assistant vice president for research. Johnson added, "The overall goal of ND EPSCoR is to increase the competitiveness of North Dakota for merit-based grants and contracts in support of science and technology research from federal funding agencies."

Funded through federal-state sector partnerships, ND EPSCoR manages a comprehensive research development plan that involves infrastructure improvement programs, science outreach and recruitment programs, and technology transfer and commercialization programs.

ND EPSCoR's federal research partners include the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). ND EPSCoR also coordinates the state's EPSCoR activities with the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Agriculture.

Volunteers needed for winter commencement Dec. 16

Please consider serving as a green vest volunteer at one or both of the 2005 winter commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 16, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Volunteers seat guests, help organize our graduates, and greet campus visitors who attend the ceremonies.

This year, UND will hold two commencement ceremonies, one at 10 a.m. for graduate degrees and a second at 2 p.m. for undergraduate degrees. Volunteers are asked to report to the lower level of the Chester Fritz Auditorium 90 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony for a short briefing and to receive their assignments. We anticipate the ceremonies to be 90 minutes in length.

If you are able to volunteer for one or both ceremonies, please contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events in the vice president for student and outreach services office at 777-2724 or e-mail terri.machart@mail.und.nodak.edu by Friday, Dec. 9. Please feel free to call if you have any questions. – Fred Wittmann, vice president for student and outreach services office.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Film screening marks World AIDS Day

"A Closer Walk", the first feature film to address the global AIDS crisis, will be shown on World AIDS Day, Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Memorial Union Loading Dock at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. A post-show reaction panel of faculty and students will follow the 7 p.m. show. The documentary, narrated by Glenn Close and Will Smith, explores the underlying causes of the disease, the relationship between health, dignity, and human rights, and the universal need for action to counter the pandemic. The film includes profiles of more than 50 people touched by AIDS, as well as interviews with widely recognized figures such as the Dalai Lama and singer Bono. This event is sponsored by student health services, 10% Society, nursing, Memorial Union, and the Greater Grand Forks HIV/AIDS Network.

Biology holds Wheeler Lectures

Robert Zink from the University of Minnesota will present two George C. Wheeler Distinguished Lectures. At 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1, he will address "Species Concepts and Avian Classification" in 141 Starcher Hall with a reception to follow. On Friday, Dec. 2, he will discuss "Conservation Genetics Meets Politics and Economics: The Case of the California Gnatcatcher" in 141 Starcher Hall.

Dr. Zink is the Breckenridge Chair of Ornithology and curator of birds at the Bell Museum of Natural History and a professor of ecology, evolution and behavior at the University of Minnesota. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. His research has been supported by a variety of agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the National Science Foundation. His research has been featured on National Public Radio, the Los Angeles Times, and the New York Times. He is also the recipient of the 2001-2002 Stanley Dagley Kirkwood Undergraduate Education Award.

Dr. Zink has research interests in biogeography, the molecular systems of birds at the population and species level, and the implications of these fields on conservation policy. His research has examined the tempo of speciation during glacial cycles, species limits and species definitions. His research has taken him to the former Soviet Union, Hawaii, and Central America. – *Biology*.

Michele Tuttle presents LEEPS lectures

Michele Tuttle from the U.S. Geological Survey is presenting the next LEEPS lectures Friday, Dec. 2. At noon in 100 Leonard Hall she will discuss "Gas Cloud Kills Thousands at Lake Nyos, Africa: Identifying the Culprit and Saving Lives in the Future." At 3 p.m. she will consider "Weathering of Black Shale in Dry and Humid Climates: Environmental Consequences Past and Present," in 100 Leonard Hall.

The Department of Geology and Geological Engineering Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science lecture program (LEEPS) brings nationally and internationally known scientists and others to UND to give talks on cutting edge science and engineering. Lectures cover a wide range of topics, including academic science, applied engineering, and environmental issues of current significance.

For more information, contact Dexter Perkins at 777-2991. – *Geology and geological engineering*.

Bookstore hosts holiday open house

Join the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore at our annual holiday open house Friday, Dec. 2, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy 20 percent off hardcover trade titles and audio books, 25 percent off games, 25 percent off fleece, and 25 percent off boxed holiday cards.

Small Press Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tower Café. Take pictures with Santa from 4 to 7 p.m., and register to win a \$500 shopping spree. Free cider and cookies. – *Barnes & Noble University Bookstore*.

27th annual Holiday Art & Craft Fair is Dec. 2

Crafters from UND and the surrounding community will display items at the 27th annual Holiday Art & Craft Fair Friday, Dec. 2, in the Memorial Union Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Items to be found include jewelry, pottery, stained glass, wooden items, holiday decorations, photography, and more. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. The Annual Holiday Art & Craft Fair is sponsored by the University Craft Center and the UND Memorial Union.

Thursday Music Club presents 82nd Musicale

The Thursday Music Club will present its 82nd annual Christmas Musicale at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at United Lutheran Church, 320 Chestnut St.

The Thursday Music Club Chorus, directed by Clara Knoff and accompanied by Devera Warcup, will sing several selections.

Other groups participating will be soloists G. Paul Larson, vocalist (economics, retired); Anne Christopherson, vocalist (music); Einar Einarson, trumpet (music); and Hannah Due, vocalist. The Red River Concert Choir and a string quartet composed of Karen and Melanie Due, Mark Zastrow and Ross Kyle will also perform. Mary Jane Halverson, piano, will perform during the free will offering, which goes toward music scholarships. Kelly Loy, associate pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, will give the message.

Thursday Music Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to aid and encourage music education and promote American music and musicians. Anyone interested in music is welcome to join. – *Mavis Ness (University relations), Thursday Music Club*.

Christmas concert features Master Chorale, more

The Grand Forks Master Chorale, the Varsity Bards Men's Chorus and the Women's Chorus will present a special Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. The concert will feature classic holiday favorites as well as non-traditional works.

The Grand Forks Master Chorale is an 30-plus voice auditioned choir under the direction of Jon Peterson. The Varsity Bards Men's Chorus is a 20-plus choir under the direction of Daniel Peterson, and the Women's Chorus is a 40-plus voice choir under the direction of Shelley Bares.

Specially priced tickets are available at the Chester Fritz Auditorium box office, 777-4090, or you can purchase tickets at the door Sunday, Dec. 4.

Museum holds readers series

Poetry inspiring music will be the theme of the readers series Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m., North Dakota Museum of Art. Musical works of Franz Schubert and Alexander Scriabin will be performed by graduate student Thais Nicolaus. Works by Russian poet Alexander Blok and German poet Schmidt von Lubeck, which inspired both Schubert and Scriabin, will be read between musical pieces.

This event is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served. For more information call 777-4195 or visit www.ndmoa.com. — *North Dakota Museum of Art*.

Last film shown in Global Visions series

Anthropology's Global Visions film series ends Tuesday, Dec. 6, with *The Motorcycle Diaries*, 7 p.m., Memorial Union Lecture Bowl.

The series brings to students and community members films that celebrate the vastness of the human experience around the world. It is the only venue in Grand Forks that presents international films. — *Marcia Mikulak, anthropology*.

Melt away stress at de-stress feste

Stop by De-Stress Fest at the Memorial Union Loading Dock anytime between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7. Melt your stress away with games and activities, free chair massages, cookie decorating, snacks, winter crafts, and more. Enjoy relaxing activities and pick up stress relieving tips, test taking kits, and information on campus services. De-Stress Fest is sponsored by student health services, University counseling center, Magna Iota, University learning center, natural high/wellness center, psychological services center, craft center, conflict resolution center, University program council, ADAPT, SHAC, Lotus Meditation, volunteer bridges, and the women's center. For information contact the student health promotion office at 777-2097. You are also invited to take advantage of online mental health screenings available through the counseling center at <http://www.und.edu/dept/counsel/help-assessment.htm>.

Reception will honor new nursing dean

The College of Nursing will host a welcome reception for new dean Chandice Covington, Thursday, Dec. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center. A brief program will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Prior to coming to UND, Dr. Covington was a professor and chair of primary care at the UCLA School of Nursing. We are excited to have Dr. Covington join us in our mission of educating tomorrow's healthcare professionals. We hope you will be able to attend this reception and welcome her to UND. The event is open to the public and everyone is invited. — *College of Nursing*.

Charter members to be inducted into public administration honorary organization

The department of political science and public administration has been awarded a chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha, the national public administration honorary organization. Thirteen charter members will be inducted at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in 283 Gamble Hall. Grand Forks city administrator Rick Duquette (BSPA '94; MPA '96) will discuss "Fundamentals of Good Public Service." A reception to honor the new inductees will follow. Charter members will be inducted from faculty, alumni, and current students. Faculty members to be inducted are Dana Harsell, Mark Jendrysik, Jason Jensen, Mary Grisez Kweit, Robert Kweit, and Steven Light. Alumni inductees are Jeffrey Burgess, Rick Duquette, Christina Lehnertz, Shannon Sauer and Rodger Wetzell. Students to be inducted are Marissa Champion and Daniel El-Dweek. The public is invited to join in the celebration. — Robert Kweit, political science and public administration, 777-3541.

Saturday art workshops for children available at Museum

Saturday art workshops will be held at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

Enjoy bead-dazzled Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. Using the Museum as our inspiration, we will make our own outrageous art. Supplies will be furnished, but you can bring trinkets and toys or things from your junk drawers to add to your art.

Crazy self portraits will be Jan. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Take a look at the Onofrio and Jennings exhibits, then see what you can do with buttons and beads. Supplies are furnished but you can bring things from home to include in your awesome creation that is all about you.

Workshop fees are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Classes are limited to 20 children ages 6 to 13. Parents are invited to attend for free. For information or to register, call 777-4195. – *North Dakota Museum of Art.*

U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Dec. 7-15. Visit our web site for more. 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 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.

Generations in the Workplace: Dec. 7 and 14, 1 to 3 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. Learn about the four generations that are presently employed in the UND workforce. Participants will study and learn about the unique characteristics of each. Instruction will also include how to adapt your communications and supervisory techniques, based on the tendencies of each generation. Presenter: Laura Lowe, workforce development coordinator.

Entering Final Grades on PeopleSoft: Dec. 14, 8 to 9 a.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator, or Dec. 15, 4 to 5 p.m., Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. This session will provide training on entering final grades online in PeopleSoft. Although open to anyone, it is intended for any faculty who has not already entered mid-term grades on PeopleSoft. Presenter: Registrar's office.

— *Julie Sturges, U2 program.*

Nordic Initiative presents play

Nordic Initiative presents North Dakota native Ellen Snortland's one-woman play, "Now That She's Gone," at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 12 and 13, Empire Arts Center.

The play explores Snortland's often wacky, irreverent and sometimes torturous relationship with her Norwegian-American mother. "Her funny and tragic, particular and universal story sends us home with a better understanding of our own."

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for seniors, students and children. – Shelle Michaels, Empire Arts Center.

Museum is open over the holidays

The North Dakota Museum of Art will be open every day over the holiday season except Christmas and New Year's Days. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. The current exhibition will be on display through Jan. 15.

Judy Onofrio's object-filled work constructs a world of fond memories, humor and stories of life and art. Her work has always been geared toward creating imagined journeys, unattainable adventures and longed-for lands. In the 1990s she began this pursuit of a land of delight. Heavily influenced by the circus, the Day of the Dead, the snake charmer and the fortune teller's den, Onofrio began to give form and existence to the magically filled land known simply as Come One, Come All – the circus of a childhood imagination, not the smelly, gritty, often tawdry circus of real life.

Come One, Come All resonates with exaggeration and extravagance, glistens with color, and embellishes childhood fantasies. Ultimately Onofrio succeeds in creating a sculptural installation that is a cornucopia of joy.

Judy Jennings gave up nursing to concentrate on glass. "I began working with glass years ago," she said. "I have cut it, leaded it, melted it, fused it, torched it, painted it, and even blown it. Glass is an endlessly fascinating medium that keeps challenging me to learn new ways of using it in my designs." She has pursued the study of both historical and contemporary glass and has traveled extensively exploring stained glass, glass painting, kiln-fired glass, architectural glass design, mold making, sand casting, sandblasting and relief carving.

The North Dakota Museum of Art is located on Centennial Drive, Grand Forks. For more information please call 777-4195 or visit www.ndmoa.com. Admission is free; there is a \$5 suggested donation for adults, change from children. – *North Dakota Museum of Art.*

Tickets available for MLK Jr. awards luncheon

The ninth annual Martin Luther King Jr. awards luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Tickets are now available. The cost is \$7 for general admission, \$5 for students and children over 12, and free to children 12 and under.

You may purchase tickets at the Memorial Union info center, Era Bell Thompson Cultural Center, 2800 University Ave., or the apartment community center (housing office). The deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 16. – Farouk Aregbe, multicultural student services.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty, student fellowships available

In partnership with NASA, the University has created a National Suborbital Education and Research Center (NSERC) as part of UND's Northern Great Plains Center for People and the Environment. The initial research facility of the NSERC is a DC-8 flying laboratory. The laboratory supports major scientific missions anywhere in the world. Missions typically fit into three major categories: development and prototyping of new sensors, verification of sensors on satellites, and basic research studies of the Earth's surface and atmosphere. Basic research studies in the past have spanned archaeology, ecology, geography, hydrology, meteorology, oceanography, volcanology, atmospheric chemistry, soil science, and biology. Scientists from universities, research laboratories, and occasionally private businesses compete to be included in major missions.

A major reason NASA moved operation of its airborne research laboratory to the University from a NASA center was to maximize the education and public engagement value of the aircraft. The true purposes of the aircraft are to advance knowledge of the global environment and to see that new knowledge is communicated widely and across generations, thereby helping us all become better stewards of the planet. These purposes span the full dimensions of human practices, as well as the natural and physical sciences and engineering.

The privilege of operating this national treasure dedicated to creating a better natural and social future creates new opportunities for faculty and students at UND. To initiate activities that could evolve into full-fledged research programs and to introduce faculty and students to the DC-8's potential, the Center for People and the Environment is offering NSERC faculty fellowships and graduate research assistantships. Up to five faculty stipends worth \$10,000 each and five half-time GRAs may be available, initially for a single year but with the possibility of renewal.

Applications are not restricted to particular disciplines. Opportunities exist in fields as diverse as mission planning, instrument development or integration to the aircraft system, communications of scientific information to non-scientists, information technologies, the scientific disciplines included in Earth System Science, and the interconnections between the ecological systems of the planet and human health, the economy, social justice, and national security. Proposals should fit under the mission of the Center for People and the Environment: acquiring more comprehensive information, understanding, and technologies for moving society toward a sustainable biosphere, one which is ecologically sound, economically robust, and socially just. Interested UND faculty are encouraged to submit applications to George Seielstad, director, Northern Great Plains Center for People and the Environment, Box 9011, or e-mail gseielst@aero.und.edu by Saturday, Dec. 31. The applications can request funding for UND graduate students, or graduate students may submit applications of their own by the same deadline, provided they identify a faculty advisor. Length of a proposal is flexible, but five to 10 pages should be adequate. Proposers should explain how their proposal relates to, and strengthens, the uses of the DC-8 airborne research laboratory, and/or how the results from the DC-8 relate to, and strengthen, public and student understanding of the planetary system. The committee that judges proposals will place a premium on relevance, innovation, and potential for success after the seed money expires. For more information contact me. – *George Seielstad, Center for People and the Environment, 777-4755.*

Nominations sought for outstanding faculty academic advisor

The academic advising committee is now accepting nominations for the outstanding faculty academic advisor award to be presented at Founders Day 2006. To access the nomination form online, go to <http://sas.und.edu/forms/nomination.php>.

Paper nomination forms are available at the following locations: Union info center, student academic services,

undergraduate departments, and deans' offices. All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are eligible to nominate an undergraduate faculty academic advisor for this award. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 13. For more information, please contact student academic services, 201 Memorial Union, 777-2117. – *Lisa Burger, director, student academic services, on behalf of the academic advising committee.*

Honorary degree nominations sought

Members of the University Council are invited to nominate outstanding individuals for an honorary degree. The deadline for submitting nominations is Monday, Dec. 5. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, the following State Board of Higher Education criteria (see SBHE, Policy 430.1):

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

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

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

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

Procedures:

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

On behalf of the honorary degrees committee, nominations and all supporting materials may be sent to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, 302 Twamley Hall. The dateline for submitting nominations is Monday, Dec. 5. — *Greg Weisenstein, provost.*

Applications sought for honors program director

The University invites applications for director of the undergraduate honors program. The director will provide leadership in coordinating all honors initiatives across campus, teach courses in the honors program, and report directly to the vice president for academic affairs and provost.

Administrative responsibilities include: recruit, retain, and advise students, develop curriculum in coordination with academic departments, administer the program budget, appoint and supervise instructional and office staff, foster the development of an active learning community within the honors program including on the honors residence hall wings, coordinate undergraduate honors research and senior honors thesis programs, and coordinate annual program review, assessment of student learning, and strategic planning.

Desired qualifications: earned doctorate or terminal professional degree, teaching experience in a four-year college or university, record of creative scholarship, excellent oral and written communication skills, strong commitment to interdisciplinary undergraduate education, ability to work with diverse faculty, staff, students, and administrators, excellent organizational skills, demonstrated team leadership, experience in teaching honors courses, and/or in directing an honors program or a program for highly motivated students is preferred, record of academic administrative and leadership experience in a college or university, and knowledge of current pedagogical trends in undergraduate and

honors education.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, and contact information for at least three references to: Ellen Erickson, assistant provost, University of North Dakota, PO Box 8176, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8176. Review of applications will begin Jan. 15, and continue until the position is filled. UND is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. – *Vice president for academic affairs and provost.*

Nominations invited for departmental research award

Nominations for the Fellows of the University Award for Departmental Excellence in Research, recognizing research, scholarly, and creative productivity, are due at research development and compliance office (RD&C), Tuesday, Jan. 3. The winning department will receive a \$1,500 award and a plaque at the Founders Day Banquet Feb. 23.

Nominations should include information that will allow the selection committee to judge the quantity and quality of the research, scholarly, and creative activities of the department. At a minimum, such nominations should include a listing of published research or other creative or scholarly activities during 2000-2005. Additional information for those years, such as a brief synopsis of ongoing research activities, the number and type of active sponsored projects, dissertations or other research papers presented by students, performances or scholarly presentations by faculty, etc., should be included if they contribute to the overall picture of a department's research, scholarly, and creative activities. A statement of support from the dean is required. To expedite the review process, nine copies of the nomination and supporting documentation should be submitted to RD&C.

The awardee will be selected by the same committee that selects the Thomas J. Clifford Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Research. This committee includes the associate vice president for research (chair), the chair of the Senate scholarly activities committee, one faculty member from the Senate scholarly activities committee, three faculty members from the University research council, the chair of the faculty research seed money council, and one member of the faculty research seed money council.

Since previous awardees are ineligible for nomination until five years have passed, the departments of chemical engineering, microbiology and immunology, English, atmospheric sciences, biology and neuroscience may not be nominated this year.

For more information, please call research development and compliance at 777-4278. – *Barry Milavetz, associate vice president for research.*

Nominations invited for faculty research award

Nominations/applications are invited for the UND Foundation Thomas J. Clifford Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Research. The winner of this award will receive a plaque and a check for \$2,000 at the Founders Day Banquet Feb. 23. The following information should be provided:

1. A listing of publications of significant, original and high-quality research, scholarly, and creative contributions in nationally recognized professional journals that are refereed by peer reviewers and/or a listing of juried competitions and invited performances/exhibitions.
2. Overall scholarly activities, such as service as a reviewer of research proposals for federal agencies or other funding sources, service as a referee or editor for professional journals, and contributions to training students in research, scholarly, and creative endeavors;
3. Potential for significant contributions to enhancing the effectiveness of the subject matter taught in the classroom.

Faculty, staff and students may make nominations, and faculty are invited to nominate themselves. Since the committee will not engage in the gathering of documentation, each nomination or application must be accompanied by thorough evidence of the nominee's qualifications for the award.

Nine copies of each nomination and supporting documentation should be received at research development and compliance (RD&C) no later than Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The awardee will be selected by the same committee that selects the Fellows of the University Award for Departmental Excellence in Research. This committee includes the associate vice president for research (chair), the chair of the Senate scholarly activities committee, one faculty member from the Senate scholarly activities committee, three faculty members from the University research council, the chair of the faculty research seed money committee, and one member of the faculty research seed money committee.

Since previous awardees are ineligible for nomination until five years have passed, F. Richard Ferraro (2005), Manuchair Ebadi (2004), Jody Rada and Jay Meek (2003), Joyce Coleman and Jeffrey Lang (2002), and Leon Osborne (2001) may not be nominated this year. If further information is desired, please call research development and compliance office at 777-4278. – *Barry Milavetz, associate vice president for research.*

Register for MCAT review course

Do you have students worried about the MCAT? There is help for them! The MCAT review course reviews the four

subjects covered on the MCAT (biology, chemistry, organic chemistry and physics) and focuses on test taking skills (such as subject knowledge application and pacing the test). One session covers how to write the personal statement, letters of recommendation, application procedures and AMCAS-e. A practice MCAT is given at the beginning and at the end of the course, with practice sections at the end of each subject.

Dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 10 through April 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. Fee is \$400. Registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 2.

For more information, visit www.conted.und.edu/certificates or contact certificate programs, UND continuing education, at 777-4269. – *Jennifer Swangler, marketing coordinator, continuing education.*

Studio One lists features

Learn why a new Medicare program has many senior citizens frustrated on the next edition of Studio One. The new drug coverage program, Part D, has more than 40 plans to choose from. Hear from senior citizens dealing with this problem on Studio One.

Also on the show, learn the importance of cleaning and maintaining fireplaces. High heating costs have many homeowners choosing wood for their heating source. But fire safety experts are concerned they may not take the necessary precautions.

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.*

Exam and intersession hours listed

Chester Fritz Library:

Chester Fritz Library hours of operation for final exams are: Friday, Dec. 9 (Reading and Review Day), 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m. to midnight; Monday through Thursday, Dec. 12-15, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, Dec. 16, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – *Karen Cloud, Chester Fritz Library.*

Health sciences library:

Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences hours for Dec. 12 through Jan. 10 are: Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 12-14, regular hours; Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 17, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 18, closed; Monday through Friday, Dec. 19-23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday through Monday, Dec. 24-26, closed; Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 27-30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday through Monday, Dec. 31-Jan. 2, closed; Tuesday through Friday, Jan. 3-6, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 9, regular hours resume. – *Health Sciences library.*

Law library:

Thormodsgard Law Library exam hours are: Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, 10 a.m. to midnight; Monday through Friday, Dec. 5-9, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Saturday, Dec. 10, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. to midnight; Monday through Thursday, Dec. 12-15, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday, Dec. 16 (last day of exams), 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – *Jane Oakland, circulation manager, Thormodsgard Law Library.*

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Campus Ministry hosts St. Nicholas celebration

The Campus Ministry Association invites you to celebrate the holiday season in the spirit of St. Nicholas.

Join us for St. Nicholas Day Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Christus Rex Lutheran Campus Center for a free lunch buffet and holiday music. Please bring a friend to join in the celebration. -- *Lisa Burger (student academic services), on behalf of Campus Ministry Association.*

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