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TOP STORIES

UND sends second appeal to NCAA

The University has filed a new appeal to the NCAA regarding the Aug. 5 decision related to the use of American Indian nicknames by some colleges and universities during post-season play. The appeal was sent Nov. 4 to the NCAA executive committee. UND is following the appeals process outlined by the NCAA.

President Charles Kupchella characterized the appeal as “more analytical and legalistic,” and said the appeal is different from the first one in other ways, as well.

The appeal says the NCAA executive committee overstepped its authority, and that the NCAA has violated its own contract with its members, said Kupchella.

“We’re asking the executive committee to come here to see for themselves,” said Kupchella. He said the University is also asking that decision announced Aug. 5 “not be applied to us until we have exhausted the appeals process and for some time after that.”

Kupchella said the University continues to try to work with the tribes in the state on resolving issues related to UND’s nickname and logo.

“We do all that we do here with class. We do more here for American Indian students and American Indian people on reservations than all of the other institutions already exempted by the NCAA combined,” Kupchella said. You can find the full appeal at www.und.edu.

University formally opens National Suborbital Education and Research Center

The University, in partnership with NASA, formally opened the newly created National Suborbital Education and Research Center (NSERC) Nov. 7.

The opening included a tour of NASA’s McDonnell Douglas DC-8 Airborne Science Laboratory. Invited speakers were North Dakota Gov. John Hoeven, Sen. Byron Dorgan, Rep. Earl Pomeroy, NASA Assistant Associate Administrator for Science Paul Hertz, and U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Del Eulberg.

Under a cooperative agreement with NASA, the University will operate the space agency’s DC-8 flying science laboratory, which will carry international teams of scientists on global missions to conduct experiments and study changes in Earth’s surface and atmosphere.

The DC-8 was delivered to UND in September and will be housed at Grand Forks Air Force Base. The National Suborbital Education and Research Center is a unit of UND’s Northern Great Plains Center for People and the Environment.

“It’s a privilege to be entrusted with the operation of this national treasure,” said Center Director George Seielstad. “We intend to enable the nation’s best scientists to acquire new knowledge about Earth’s environment so that all of us will

learn how to be better stewards of the planet that nurtures us.”

“I can’t think of a better place in the country to base the DC-8 flying laboratory than UND and the Grand Forks Air Force Base,” said Sen. Dorgan, who first teamed UND with NASA and has earmarked more than \$10 million since 2000 for UND to work with the space agency. “We have formed a unique partnership here that builds on the excellent aerospace program at UND and the research needs of NASA. Basing NASA’s DC-8 is further evidence that the Red River Valley Research Corridor is thriving, and using federal funds to continue this growth is a wise investment for North Dakota and for the entire nation.”

“The partnership between UND and NASA provides excellent research opportunities for our students and brings new, high paying jobs to Grand Forks,” said Gov. Hoeven. “This is exactly what our Centers of Excellence program is about. We’re pleased and proud to be home to this remarkable mission and project.”

“I am ecstatic about the super partnership this project represents — between UND and both NASA and the world’s entire atmospheric science community,” said President Charles Kupchella. “Having my own academic roots in environmental science, I am even more proud than I would be otherwise in seeing my university involved in this direct way in stewardship of the global environment.”

The DC-8 is NASA’s premier research aircraft. The highly modified plane can carry 30,000 pounds of scientific instruments and equipment, and fly at altitudes from 1,000 to 42,000 feet for up to 12 hours. Data gathered by the DC-8 have been used for numerous scientific studies ranging from archaeology to atmospheric chemistry.

First fuel cell-powered ice resurfacer unveiled

The first-ever hydrogen fuel cell-powered ice resurfacer – a machine that smooths the surface of ice skating and hockey rinks – made its world debut at the Energy & Environmental Research Center Nov. 7. The unveiling was part of the Hydrogen Energy Action Summit sponsored by Sen. Byron Dorgan.

The ice resurfacer, called the eP-Ice Bear, is being developed by ePower Synergies, Inc., a Cordova, Ill.-based company that develops transportation systems utilizing clean, sustainable energy, and the Resurfice Corporation of Elmira, Ontario, manufacturer of Olympia and Ice Bear brand ice refinishers. The eP-Ice Bear ice resurfacer is ideal for indoor use because of its zero-emission powertrain that produces only water as a by-product.

The EERC’s National Center for Hydrogen Technology is supporting the development of the system and leading the initial demonstration of the technology.

“The EERC’s National Center for Hydrogen Technology is the cornerstone of our hydrogen efforts,” said Director Gerald Groenewold. “We currently have \$8 million in contracts funded through federal agencies and numerous private sector partners to support the development of technologies for hydrogen production and fuel cells. We anticipate up to \$50 million in contracts in the near term.”

“We think it is very appropriate to debut the EP-Ice Bear at this event, as it shows what Sen. Dorgan has been saying: that the hydrogen revolution is under way,” said Bruce Wood, president of ePower. “This development of a near-commercial ice refinisher underscores the fact that the technology is ready, the hydrogen is available, and companies are developing products for commercialization.”

The vehicle is anticipated to be introduced to the public in the near future at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. After demonstrating the eP-Ice Bear and its fueling system in North Dakota, ePower Synergies will then exhibit the vehicle at the 2005 Electric Drive Transportation Association Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

In addition to ePower Synergies and the EERC, other project partners include Ontario-based HyMotion; Alberta-based Edynetek Corporation; Nuvera Fuel Cells, Cambridge, Mass.; and the U.S. Department of Energy National Energy Technology Laboratory.

– EERC

Kupchella proclaims International Education Week

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have jointly declared the week of November 18, 2005, to be International Education Week.

WHEREAS, International education and exchange serve to enhance global understanding, encourage critical thinking and promote broader exchange of ideas and innovations. It exposes faculty, staff and students to new people, cultures and

philosophies.

WHEREAS, Through its curriculum, its goals and the activities of its faculty, staff and students, the University of North Dakota increasingly recognizes the value of international education and exchange in all aspects of University life.

WHEREAS, The University of North Dakota serves over 740 international faculty, staff and students from 64 different countries.

WHEREAS, UND student participation in study abroad opportunities has increased from 95 students to almost 280 students in the past 5 years.

WHEREAS, UND faculty are actively participating in international education and exchange through leadership of study programs, internationally oriented research and collaborations, and by incorporating global themes in the classroom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, President Charles Kupchella, declare the week of November 14 to November 18, 2005, to be International Education Week at the University of North Dakota and encourage the UND community to find ways to recognize the importance of international education in their classes, in their departments and in events and activities across campus.

-- Charles Kupchella, president

EVENTS TO NOTE

North Dakota Museum of Art to hold live art auction

The North Dakota Museum of Art, the state's official art museum, will hold its seventh annual Autumn Art Auction Saturday, Nov. 12. This year's co-chairs are Carolyn and Lin Glimm. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with music by Jazz on Tap and appetizers donated by the Bronze Boot, Suite 49, Whitey's, the Museum Café, and the Blue Moose.

The live auction starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

According to Museum Director Laurel Reuter, "people don't come to the auction looking for bargains but to acquire works to hand down to their grandchildren and great grandchildren."

All of the work in the auction is personally selected by Reuter. Over the course of several months she visits studios throughout the region. "I am interested not only in selecting work by our best artists but the best piece I can find by each of those artists. This year we have increased the number of works in the auction, and we have extended the price range in both directions. There is a series of paintings by Ian August, a young Canadian painter, that could sell for as little as \$50 each. We also have several works in the \$5,000 range. "These include two outdoor stone garden sculptures by Zoran Mojsilov, an artist slated to have a solo exhibition in the North Dakota Museum of Art next year."

The 48 pieces of art are now on display at the Museum and online at www.ndmoa.com, or may be viewed in the catalog. They will be auctioned by Burton Onofrio, who has run art auctions for 26 years in Rochester, Minn.

Absentee bidding is possible by mail or telephone. Call the Museum at (701) 777-4195 to order tickets, receive an auction catalog, or register for absentee bidding. Ticket price includes wine and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6:30 pm.

Museum Director Laurel Reuter will preview the works and lead an informal discussion about them and their creators on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The auction is underwritten by High Plains Reader, KVLV and KXJB, Leighton Broadcasting, Merrill Lynch, North Dakota Public Radio, and WDAZ. The exhibition is funded in part by a general operating grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

The Museum is located on Centennial Drive in Grand Forks. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Call (701) 777-4195 for information on current exhibitions, the Museum Café, of the Museum Gift Shop.

– North Dakota Museum of Art

Medical school dean's hour to focus on spirituality in medical practice

"Faith, Prayer, and Miracles: The Role of Spirituality in the Modern Practice of Medicine" is the title of the next medical

school dean's hour lecture at noon Monday, Nov. 14. Kenneth L. Bakken will present the talk, which is free and open to the public, in the Reed Keller Auditorium at the medical school's Wold Center, 501 N. Columbia Rd. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Dr. Bakken is a nationally known and respected physician and theologian, international public health scientist, educator, speaker and health care consultant. He is the author of three critically acclaimed books; his most recent publication is *The Journey Into God: Healing and Christian Faith* (Augsburg Fortress, 2000). He is a preventive medicine and pain management specialist and has taught international health at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore. He is a founding diplomate of the American Board of Holistic Medicine and co-founder of Puget Sound Parish Nurse Ministries in Seattle. A medical consultant for the fibromyalgia syndrome treatment program at Bayview Medical Clinic in Tacoma, he was voted by his medical peers as one of Seattle's Best Physicians in 2004. Bakken also has served as shared-time pastor at Saint Andrew's parish (ELCA) in Bellevue, Wash., and is founder and president of Health Vision International, a nonprofit organization which provides programs promoting Christ-centered healing and transformation for the whole person.

This presentation will be broadcast at the following video conference sites: Southeast Campus room 225, Southwest Campus conference room A and Northwest Campus office. It can also be viewed on the medical school's web page at <http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/mit/webcast/dean.html> 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. Bakken's lecture is supported in part by the Dr. Ralph Leigh Lectureship.

For additional information contact the dean's office at 777-2312.

– School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Speaker to discuss pharmacists, contraception, religion

Can pharmacists refuse to dispense birth control medication based on their religious beliefs? Rachel Vogelstein, Equal Justice Works Fellow from the National Women's Law Center, will address this topic in her lecture on "Religious Refusal Clauses and Women's Health: Pharmacist Refusals to Dispense Contraception."

The lecture will be held Monday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m. in the UND School of Law, Baker Courtroom. This event is presented by the Law Women's Caucus and is free and open to the public.

According to the National Women's Law Center, North Dakota has not recently addressed this issue; however, increasing reports of pharmacists refusals to fill birth control prescriptions, including the morning after pill, based on religious beliefs and not legitimate medical or professional concerns is increasing close to home. Pharmacist refusals have surfaced in Minnesota, and South Dakota has already passed a pharmacist refusal law allowing pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions because of their personal beliefs.

For additional information contact me.

– Nicole Bettendorf, Law Women's Caucus, Nicole.Bettendorf@students.law.und.nodak.edu, 218-791-7953

Meeting will discuss plans for "Big Event"

Interested in being a part of something big this year? The Big Event is back and wants you!

The Big Event is the largest student-run community service day at UND. It takes place at over 70 other schools across the U.S.

Last year was the first annual Big Event at UND. Over 500 students, faculty and staff participated on April 16 to make it a success.

Want to find out more? Come to an informational session Monday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., in 16/18 Swanson Hall.

Questions? Call Lisa Persuitti at 763-458-1825 or Aaron Flynn at 777-2583.

– Jan Orvik, editor, for Lisa Persuitti, director, Big Event

Web conference focuses on accessible student services

The affirmative action office and disability support services are co-sponsoring a web conference titled, "Best Practices in Developing Accessible Student Services," Tuesday, Nov. 15, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in 305 Twamley Hall. To register, contact University Within the University (U2), 777-2128, U2@mail.und.nodak.edu. This event will help any administrator better serve students of all ability levels. This includes both frontline service professionals and those responsible for planning accessible programs. There is no cost to attend.

– Phyllis Vold, affirmative action specialist

Theatre presents *Sylvia*, life from a dog's perspective

A dog is often considered "man's best friend." No more is this true than in A.R. Gurney's sweet and gentle comedy, *Sylvia*, the theatre department's second offering for the theatrical season. The play revolves around the title character, *Sylvia*, a homeless street-smart dog who is adopted by a middle-aged New Yorker, Greg. A mix of lab and poodle, *Sylvia*, supplies Greg with an escape from the doldrums and stress of his financial marketing job. The two gradually become inseparable, much to the consternation of Greg's wife, Kate, who views *Sylvia* as a threat to their marriage. The relationship between Greg and Kate becomes precarious until, after a series of hilarious mishaps and complications, *Sylvia* eventually becomes part of the family.

Sylvia originally premiered Off-Broadway at the Manhattan Theatre Club in 1995 with Sarah Jessica Parker (of "Sex and the City") as the title character, and was the most produced play in the country during the 1996-97 season. Directed by theatre chair Kathleen McLennan, *Sylvia* is a delightful, engaging, and ultimately heart-warming play for all ages.

Following *Sylvia* will be the musical, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, in late February, and wrapping up the season in early spring will be the psychological and gripping thriller, *Equus*.

Performances for *Sylvia* will begin in the Burtness Lab Theatre Tuesday, Nov. 15, and will run through Saturday, Nov. 19. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students with IDs. For ticket information and reservations call the box office at 777-2587. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Free reserved parking is available.

– Theatre

WAC session focuses on journal editing

The Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) noon discussion group Wednesday, Nov. 16, will address the topic, "Advice About Editing From Those Who've Been There." The session will feature panelists Sandy Donaldson, associate editor of *Victorian Literature and Culture*; Kim Porter, incoming editor of *Oral History Review*; and Ric Ferraro, executive editor for *Journal of Psychology* and *Journal of General Psychology*. Other faculty with editorial experience will also participate in the discussion. Panelists will address questions of specific interest to anyone who has been an editor or may want to be involved in editing at some point in the future. However, writers who'd like to know more about how editors view (and do) their work are also invited to be part of the conversation.

If you're an editor, a would-be-editor, or an interested writer, please sign up in advance to reserve your free lunch (provided by instructional development). Call Jana at 777-4998 or e-mail jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu.

— Joan Hawthorne, University writing program

Healthy UND to address obesity issue

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in an exploration of overweight/obesity issues from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Memorial Union River Valley Room. The following panel presentations will kick off the discussion:

- "Health Implications of Obesity," James Brosseau, chair, community medicine and director, Altru Diabetes Center.
- "Peace: Ending the War on the Obese," Michael Loewy, associate professor and chair, counseling.
- "Healthy Environments=Healthy Lifestyles," Bev Benda Moe, dietitian, Wellness Center.

This event is sponsored by the Healthy UND Coalition as part of a series of discussions on Healthy People 2010 leading health indicators. The following questions will be addressed for each indicator:

- What do we know about behavior regarding this indicator?

- What current programs and activities are occurring on campus related to this indicator?
- What do best practices suggest can be done that would have a positive impact?
- What are some of the barriers?
- How does this indicator impact the seven dimensions of wellness?
- What could Healthy UND partners do to help encourage healthier choices related to this indicator?

A discussion on substance abuse is slated for the January Healthy UND meeting Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union River Valley Room.

– Healthy UND Coalition

Wal-Mart controversy explored in film, discussion

The Department of Educational Foundations and Research invites you to a screening and discussion of the documentary, Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price by Robert Greenwald (director of Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism and Uncovered: The War in Iraq), Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in 109 Education Building.

The film, according to its promotional material, "takes the viewer on a deeply personal journey into the everyday lives of families struggling to fight against a goliath. From a small business owner in Missouri to a preacher in California, from workers in Florida to a poet in Mexico, dozens of film crews on three continents bring the story of an assault of families and American values. Current and former employees, managers and executives will tell all about the corporation's inner-workings. Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price is based on individual human beings, all over the world, at all levels of society, telling their story in very personal terms."

A discussion of the film and the impact of Wal-Mart on our region and beyond will follow immediately after the screening.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Marcus Weaver-Hightower, mwh@und.nodak.edu.

— Marcus Weaver-Hightower, educational foundations and research, teaching and learning

General flu vaccinations available Nov. 16, 17

Each year, approximately 400 North Dakotans die from flu or pneumonia complications. The flu makes you feel miserable and can last for weeks. It affects all age groups and is extremely contagious. The best protection against influenza is the flu vaccine.

Student health services will hold general flu vaccination clinics for students, faculty and staff according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, Nov. 16: 9 to 11 a.m., Thompson Room, EERC; noon to 3 p.m., Student health promotion office, Memorial Union (nasal flu mist is also available at this site only).

Thursday, Nov. 17: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., 251A Odegard Hall; 11:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., 303 Twamley Hall.

The cost of the vaccination is \$20. You can pay by check, cash, or charge it to your UND account. Insurance will not be filed. For more information call us.

– Student health promotion office, 777-2097

U Great American Smokeout is Nov. 17

Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the Great American Smokeout Thursday, Nov. 17. Join thousands of people across the country who quit for the day and maybe for life. To help you prepare for the big day, free quit smoking kits will be available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Wilkerson Service Center or the Memorial Union outreach table. Stop by the student health promotion office in the Memorial Union Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a chance to win cool prizes in the 20-foot "Putt, Don't Puff" contest, which is designed as a friendly reminder of UND's policy prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of entrances. It is sponsored by Grand Forks Public Health, the College of Nursing, and the student health promotion office. Call 777-2097 for information.

– Student health promotion office

DreamWeaver users group meets Nov. 17

The DreamWeaver users group fall meeting is set for noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 371 Upson II Hall. Join us to meet the newest DW users on campus, plus share what you've done to your web site since last spring. Feel free to bring your lunch; everyone is welcome.

– Doris Bornhoeft, information technology systems and services

English lecture will focus on Lillian Lee's writing

The English department invites you to hear Colleen Berry, assistant professor of Chinese studies, present "Out of This World: Lillian Lee's Migrations through Time, Space, Text and the Body" at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in 116 Merrifield Hall.

This talk is an introduction to some of the recurring topics (the otherworldly, classical Chinese fiction, and Japan) in the works of Lillian Lee, a prolific Hong Kong writer popular throughout the Chinese-speaking world. The focus will be on "The Lychee Debt," a short story that deals with all of these topics.

– Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, assistant professor of English and postcolonial studies

Celebrate Israel Thursday night

The International Centre, 2908 University Ave., hosts cultural nights at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Join us Nov. 17 to celebrate the culture of Israel. Everyone is welcome.

– International programs, 777-6438

International singing artists will perform

Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m., international singing artists, Cynthia Lawrence, soprano, and Mark Calkins, tenor, will perform an evening of opera and art song in the Josephine Campbell Recital Hall, Hughes Fine Arts Center.

Lawrence and Calkins appear in leading roles with opera companies throughout North America and Europe. Lawrence, in particular, has sung at the Metropolitan Opera in the roles of Cio-Cio San (Madame Butterfly), Tosca, Dolly (Christopher Sly), and Rosalinda (Die Fledermaus). She also has toured as a guest artist with Luciano Pavarotti. Both artists perform in recital, orchestral appearances and master classes throughout the country. They make their home in Woodbury, Minn.

Ticket prices: general admission, \$10; seniors and college students, \$5; K-12 students, \$1 (only 110 of K-12 tickets remain – must reserve in advance and pay at the door).

For more information, contact the Department of Music office at 777-2644 or visit www.undmusic.org.

— Music

Regional arts conference set for Nov. 18, 19

The Regional Arts Conference is set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, at the Skalicky Tech Incubator. It provides professional development for staff, board members and volunteers of arts groups. The schedule follows.

Friday, Nov. 18:

- 10 a.m. to noon, "Matchmakers for Magic: Nurturing Relationships with Audiences," by Julie Dagleish, author of *Waiting in the Wings*. Interactive activities and discussion on audience development techniques.
- Noon to 1 p.m., lunch.
- 1 to 5 p.m., "Matchmakers for Magic: Nurturing Relationships with Audiences," continued.
- 5 to 6 p.m., dinner.
- 6 to 9 p.m., "So You Want to Start a 501 c3," by Laura Zabel, executive director of Springboard for the Arts. Discussion on the processes of and alternatives to incorporating as a nonprofit organization.

Saturday, Nov. 19:

- 10 a.m. to noon, "Taking Your Arts Organization to the Next Level," by Laura Zabel. Discussion on board development, strategic planning and fundraising.
- Noon to 1 p.m., lunch featuring a presentation by Jan Webb, executive director of the North Dakota Council on the Arts.
- 1 to 2:30 p.m., "Creative Conversation," a discussion on building communities through the arts, organized by Americans for the Arts.
- 2:30 to 5 p.m. or 7 to 8:15 p.m., "One-on-One Grant Writing Consultations" (optional), with Laura Zabel. For applicants to NoVAC's 2006 Re-grant Program (pre-registration required).

Register at 777-6120; payment accepted at the door. Cost is \$25 for NoVAC members, \$35 for non-members and includes all meals. A \$75 travel stipend is available for the first 15 registrants outside Grand Forks County.

The Regional Arts Conference is made possible by grants to the North Valley Arts Council from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

– Nicole Derenne, executive director, North Valley Arts Council

Pro Musica concert set for Nov. 20

Grand Forks Pro Musica Invites you to a world of art song with the music of Poulenc, Rodrigo, Schubert, Rachmaninov and poetry of Nabokov and more. Anne Christopherson (music), soprano, and Laura Loewen (University of Manitoba), pianist, will perform Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 5555 S. Washington St.

Tickets are 10 for general admission, \$5 for students and \$20 for families at the door. Subscribe to six concerts for \$50 or \$25 for students. A limited number of free UND student tickets are available, first come first served.

Grand Forks Pro Musica concerts, produced to raise awareness and funding for North Dakota's Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, are held at First Presbyterian. 5555 South Washington Street, 775-5545.

— Christopher Anderson (music)

U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for November 21-30. Visit our web site for more. The winter U2 newsletter, containing workshops for December through January, will arrive soon. 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.

- Word XP, Beginning: Nov. 21, 22, and 23, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., 361 Upson II (nine hours total). Learn basic features of the program, create a document, edit and format text, format paragraphs, add tables, use templates and wizards, proof a document, set display and print options, mail merge wizard. Presenter: Heidi Strande.
- Blood-borne Pathogens: Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to noon, conference room, auxiliary services. Because of the increase in hepatitis and HIV cases in the past decade, it is important that persons who work around potentially infectious materials know how to protect themselves. This workshop will provide information on what blood-borne pathogens are, and how risks of exposure can be reduced. Presenter: Claire Moen.
- GroupWise 6.5, Beginning: Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to noon, 361 Upson II. Students 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.
- GroupWise 6.5, Intermediate: Nov. 30, 1 to 4 p.m., 361 Upson II. Students 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.

— Julie Sturges, U2 program

Hosts sought for International Centre Thanksgiving dinner

The International Centre will hold their annual Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 24. We invite faculty and staff to host this event by setting out food, serving guests, and if you wish, acquainting our international students with a brief history of an American Thanksgiving.

We invite you to partake in this event. All food will be prepared and warm, a list of last-minute instructions will be available, and the room will be set up and ready.

If you or someone you know would be willing to spend a few hours (noon to perhaps 3 p.m.) to help host this event, which is greatly appreciated by the international students who are unable to go home for the holiday, please contact Neva at 777-6438. Your spouse, significant other, and/or family is encouraged to join in this event.

– International programs

Agenda items due for Dec. 1 U Senate meeting

The University senate will meet Thursday, Dec. 1, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Agenda items for this meeting are due in the registrar's office by noon Thursday, Nov. 17. They may be submitted electronically to: lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu. It is recommended that some detail be included in the agenda items submitted.

– Carmen Williams (interim registrar), secretary, University senate

Doctoral examination set for Eduard Tyapochkin

The final examination for Eduard Tyapochkin, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree, with a major in chemistry, is set for noon Friday, Dec. 9, in 138 Abbott Hall. The dissertation title is "Kinetics and Mechanism of the Reaction of Cobalt Tetrasulfophthalocyanine with Thiolates in the Merox Process." Evguenii Kozliak (chemistry) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

– Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school

NSF regional grants conference will be held in Boulder

The second National Science Foundation regional grants conference of fiscal year 2006 will be hosted by the University of Colorado at Boulder March 13 and 14. Optional FastLane workshops will be held Sunday, March 12. Key representatives from the NSF as well as your colleagues – faculty, researchers and grant administrators – from colleges and universities from throughout the U.S. will participate.

This conference is a must, especially for new faculty, researchers and administrators who want to gain key insight into a wide range of current issues at NSF including the state of current funding, new and current policies and procedures, and pertinent administrative issues. NSF program officers representing each NSF directorate will provide current information about specific funding opportunities and answer your questions.

Highlights include new programs and initiatives, future directions and strategies for national science policy, proposal preparation, NSF's merit review process, crosscutting and special interest programs, grant policy, compliance and accountability, conflict of interest policies, breakout sessions by discipline, and FastLane workshops.

For additional information regarding program content, contact the policy office in the Division of Institution & Award Support at (703) 292-8243, or via e-mail at policy@nsf.gov.

For logistical information, including conference registration, lodging, etc., please visit the conference web site at the University of Colorado at Boulder or contact the University's Office of Contracts and Grants at (303) 492-6221 or chandra.tjandrasa@colorado.edu.

— Barry Milavetz, associate vice president for research

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Atmospheric science receives \$300,000 grant

Patrick Haertel, atmospheric sciences, has been awarded a three-year grant for \$304,067 from the National Science Foundation to study tropical waves. The work will involve analyzing observations of the waves, simulating them with

computer models and studying their impacts on ocean circulations. The grant includes funding for graduate and undergraduate students. The work will be completed in collaboration with scientists at NOAA's Aeronomy Laboratory in Boulder, Colo., and at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa.

– Atmospheric sciences

Scholarly activities committee makes awards

The Senate scholarly activities committee received five research/creative activity grant applications, requesting \$11,286, and eight publication applications requesting \$5,075, in response to the October call for proposals. The following awards were made at the committee meeting Oct. 27.

Research/creative activity awards

Naunanong Bunjaroonsilp (family and community nursing), \$2,199.04, "Exploration of Family Physical Activity Patterns of Overweight Preschool Children: A Pilot Study"; Frank Cuozzo (anthropology), \$2,221.25, "A Study of Tooth Wear and Food Properties Among the Wild Ring-Tailed Lemurs (Lemur catta) at Tsimanampetsotsa National Park, Madagascar: The Ecological Context of Primate Dental Attrition"; Richard Josephs (geology and geological engineering), \$1,901.39, "Development of a GIS-Based Predictive Model for Locating Prehistoric Archaeological Sites in Western Interior Labrador"; Edward Kolodka (chemical engineering), \$1,777, "Impact Modified Biodegradable Polymers for Food Handling Applications"; Wendy Loya (Earth system science and policy), \$1,928.93, "Biogeochemical Feedbacks Associated with Burning and Grazing in Savanna Grasslands."

Publication Awards

Abdallah Badahdah (sociology), \$292.32; Heidi Czerwiec (English), \$634.39; Wen-Chen Hu (computer science), \$155.49; Scott Korom (geology and geological engineering), \$710.80; Evguenii Kozliak (chemistry), \$699.25; Patrick O'Neill (economics), 266.55; Min Wu (biochemistry and molecular biology), \$537.54; Timothy Young (physics), \$550.87.

— B.P. Bandyopadhyay (mechanical engineering), vice chair, Senate scholarly activities committee

All employees required to complete harassment training

All new employees and all current employees who previously have not completed the mandatory harassment training program are required to do so as a condition of employment. This training is to be completed within the first month of employment.

Benefited faculty and staff, graduate teaching and research assistants who teach or supervise, and part-time faculty who teach at least one class each semester are required to take the online harassment training. The module you take depends on job responsibilities. Deans and department heads take und-fm; administrators and managers take und-m; faculty and graduate students take und-f; and staff take und-e. Instructions are on the affirmative action web site at <http://www.und.edu/dept/aao/newharassmentinstructions.htm>.

All temporary and part-time, non-benefited staff, graduate service assistants and graduate assistants who do not teach or supervise are required to read the harassment training information and acknowledge their understanding. After reading the information, send your signed acknowledgement to the affirmative action office at Box 7097. If you have not received a packet yet, obtain one by downloading from the affirmative action web site or call 777-4171.

Please note that work study students or institutionally employed students are not required to take either training.

Thank you for your cooperation.

– Affirmative action office and general counsel office

Campus Connection demo available for faculty/staff

Are your students uncertain how to register for classes in the new student portal, Campus Connection? Do they have questions about navigating through the financial aid information? Did they forget their ID or password? Or are you curious to learn more about the student portal to better assist the students with whom you work?

We have a new tool to help! A student-led demo of the registration and financial aid features of Campus Connection is available on the student academic services web site, <http://sas.und.edu/>. Click on Campus Connection Information, and on the Student Financial Aid Office web site, www.financialaid.und.edu under the Campus Connection logo.

Each demo is packed with valuable information to help you and your students navigate Campus Connection.

– Lisa Burger, student academic services

Nominations sought for honorary degrees

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

2006 Founders Day honorees sought

The 2006 Founders Day banquet and ceremony will be held Thursday, Feb. 23. The celebration in 2006 will mark the 123rd anniversary of the founding of the University.

Employees with 25 years of service and retiring faculty and staff employees will be honored at the banquet as guests of the University. We request the assistance of all administrators, vice presidents, deans, department chairs, office heads and other supervisors in identifying eligible employees.

To prepare for Founders Day 2006, we request the following information:

1. Names of faculty and staff members who have completed 25 years of service to UND. To be honored, individuals must have completed 25 years of service since July 1, 2005 or will complete it by June 30, 2006. (In most cases, these people would have begun their employment at UND between July 1, 1980, and June 30, 1981.) Please note that individuals eligible for 25-year recognition whose service at UND has not been continuous may have begun their employment prior to July 1, 1980. In those cases, documentation of years of service is requested.
Recognition for 25 years of service is given to all benefitted employees, even though they may not be employed on a full-time basis. Please include names of benefitted, part-time employees who will complete 25 years of service between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.
2. Names of retired and retiring faculty and staff. To be honored, individuals must:
 - a. have retired since July 1, 2005 or will retire by June 30, 2006;
 - b. have a minimum of 15 years of service to the university;
 - c. be (or have been) full-time employees or in a benefitted, part-time position at the time of retirement (or be completing an approved "phased" retirement); and
 - d. be making application for or receiving benefits through a UND-related retirement plan.

It is important that your list of eligible employees includes the following information:

- name of the employee
- position/faculty rank currently held
- department or unit
- initial appointment date
- mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the employee
- dates of any breaks in service (please identify whether these breaks in service were compensated such as a developmental leave or a leave of absence without compensation)
- date of retirement (if applicable)

Please submit the names of eligible individuals and supporting information to Terri Machart in the office of the vice president, student and outreach services, Box 7140, (terri.machart@mail.und.nodak.edu) by Friday, Nov. 18. Please call 777-2724 with any questions about employee eligibility or about the Founders Day banquet.

— Fred Wittmann, director of ceremonies and special events, vice president for student and outreach services office

Nominations sought for outstanding faculty academic adviser

The academic advising committee is now accepting nominations for the outstanding faculty academic adviser 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 adviser 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

Nominations sought for Martin Luther King Jr. awards

The Office of Multicultural Student Services is accepting nominations for the ninth annual Martin Luther King Jr. awards. Students, faculty, and staff are eligible to make nominations and receive the awards, as are all Grand Forks and Grand Forks Air Force Base community members. Nomination forms are available at the Era Bell Thompson Cultural Center and the student government office. All nominations must be received by Monday, Dec. 5, at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Linda at 777-4259, or stop by the Center at 2800 University Ave. (across from the Memorial Union).

— Multicultural student services

Submit library orders by Nov. 15

Campus departments served by the Chester Fritz Library are reminded to turn in their first set of library book orders by

Tuesday, Nov. 15. Prompt submission of orders will help processing and receipt of the library resources needed for classrooms and research. Thank you for your help.

– Wilbur Stolt, director of libraries

UND directory/phone book available

The new 2005-06 UND directory/phone book is now available. Department copies may be purchased through the charge system or with cash at the University Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Locations at which cash purchases may be made are the Memorial Union, Wilkerson, Squires, and Walsh Convenience Stores. Cost is \$1.25.

The book lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of faculty and staff, and names, phone numbers, and addresses of students. The book also contains administrative, academic, and student governance personnel; residence hall and fraternity and sorority housing information; an overview and capsule history of the University; research and service agency information; the campus map; city map; events calendars; organization chart; emergency and disaster reaction procedures; campus and city bus schedules; political divisions and voting sites for Grand Forks; and campus mailing procedures.

– University relations

Directory addition

Please add the following telephone numbers to the UND directory:

Karin Pagel-Meiners, assistant professor of German (temporary), modern and classical languages and literatures, 23A Merrifield Hall, main office number, 777-4655; personal extension number, 777-3813, e-mail, Karin.pagelmeiners@und.nodak.edu.

Individuals may receive vendor registration letter

The North Dakota vendor registry office is sending letters to vendors asking them to go to the North Dakota vendor registry web site to complete and return a vendor application. These letters are periodically sent so information in the state database can be verified. Vendors will continue to receive these letters until they complete and return the application.

Accounting services would like to point out that the state vendor registry office considers individuals to be “vendors” also. So individuals may receive letters if they have received a reimbursement from UND or any other state agency. If you get calls about these letters (some vendors/individuals may contact your department since you initiated their payments), please refer them to the e-mail address or phone number that is listed in the vendor registry letter.

– Carl Iseminger, accounting services

Volunteers sought for Vagina Monologues

The Vagina Monologues have been cast for Feb. 2-4. The group needs several volunteers to assist with all aspects of this year’s production, from ushering to stage assistance, helping with the information fair to assisting with the V-Quilt auction. If you would like to further your community involvement, please contact victory_over_violence@msn.com.

Tickets for the Vagina Monologues will go on sale in December at the Chester Fritz Auditorium box office.

– Shelle Michaels (Alumni Association), Vagina Monologues producer

UND license plates feature choice of logos

Drive with UND pride and support the University of North Dakota by signing up for your North Dakota/UND license plate now for just \$25. Your vehicle plates will feature your choice of the UND logo or the Fighting Sioux logo, and have five alpha numeric digits. Vanity plates are also available. Your vehicle plates will be sent to you and the state will return \$15 from each plate sold to the UND Foundation to support the University. A minimum of 400 paid registrants are needed or your payment will be refunded in full.

For more information or to sign up, log on to www.undalumni.org, or call Nancy at 777-3678. Get ready to Drive with

Pride today!

– Alumni Association and Foundation

Studio One lists features

Find out why consumers could see Christmas sales earlier than normal on the next edition of Studio One. Industry analysts say consumers may spend as much as 50 percent more to heat their homes this winter. Retailers fear this could reduce the amount consumers spend on Christmas gifts. Some stores are rolling out holiday items now, hoping to encourage spending before temperatures drop and heating costs rise.

Also on Studio One this week, teacher and public education author Dennis Fermoye will discuss his recently published book, *In the Trenches: In Defense of Public Education*. Fermoye will share his views on the lack of support for public schools.

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 requested for Phyllis Trelfa

Annual leave donations are sought for Phyllis Trelfa, administrative secretary, School of Law, to care for a family member. She and her family thank you for your generosity.

Please send a donated sick leave form to Marsha Brossart (law), Box 9003, if you are interested in donating leave.

For a form, go to www.und.edu/dept/payroll, then click on forms.

– Marsha Brossart, School of Law

Calling cards sought for hurricane survivors

Staff senate is collecting calling cards for the University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf Coast campus until Nov. 23; collection points are in the Memorial Union, facilities and Twamley Hall, or give calling cards, no checks or cash, to a staff senate member. Calling cards are available at UND convenience stores.

– Dennis Stangl (TRIO programs), publicity chair for Staff Senate

Fleece on sale at UND Bookstore

Barnes & Noble at UND is featuring all Champion fleece and hats at 25 percent off. The sale runs through Monday, Nov. 21. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Shop early for best selection.

– UND Bookstore

Holiday hours listed for Veterans Day

- Veterans Day is holiday

In accordance with State Board of Higher Education directives, Friday, Nov. 11, will be observed as Veterans Day by faculty and staff members of the University. Only those employees designated by their department heads will be required to work on this holiday.

– Greg Weisenstein, vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Diane Nelson, director, human services

- Chester Fritz Library:

The Chester Fritz Library hours of operation for Veterans Day are: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), noon to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m. to

midnight.

– Karen Cloud, Chester Fritz Library

- Health sciences library:

Library of the Health Sciences Veterans Day hours are: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m. to midnight.

– Library of the Health Sciences

- Law library:

Veterans Day hours for the Thormodsgard Law Library are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11.

– Jane Oakland, Thormodsgard Law Library

- ITSS:

Information technology systems and services will close for the Veterans Day holiday at midnight Thursday, Nov. 10, and will reopen at 5 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.

– ITSS

- Memorial Union:

- Veterans Day hours for the Memorial Union are:

- Administrative office: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Athletic ticket office: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Barber shop: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Computer labs: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 11, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, noon to 2 a.m.

- Craft center: Thursday, Nov. 10, noon to 4:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Credit union: Thursday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Dining center – Terrace: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Food court – Old Main Marketplace: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, noon to 8 p.m.

- Great Clips: Thursday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Info center: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 11, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, noon to 9 p.m.

- Health promotion office: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Internet Café and pub area: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 11, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

- Lifetime sports center: Thursday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 11, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, noon to 11 p.m.

- Parking office: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Post office: Thursday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Service center/copy stop: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 11, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, noon to 9 p.m.

- Sign and design: Thursday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Stomping Grounds: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Student academic services: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- U card office: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- U Turn C Store: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- University learning center: Thursday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, Nov. 11-13, closed.

- Building hours: Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Regular operating hours resume Sunday, Nov. 13.

– Marsha Nelson, Memorial Union



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