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TOP STORIES

President Kupchella names athletic director search committee

President Charles Kupchella has appointed a nine-member committee representing key constituencies to search for a new director of athletics. UND's current AD, Roger Thomas, will leave his post in mid February to become commissioner of the North Central Conference.

The search committee is charged with recommending three to five unranked candidates to Kupchella in or by the second week of March. Kupchella will choose from the list candidates to invite to UND for on-campus interviews. The University hopes to have a new director of athletics by April 1.

Phil Harmeson, senior associate to the president and faculty athletics representative, will chair the committee. Other members of the search committee, by the constituencies they represent, include:

s Alumni Association and Foundation/Fighting Sioux Club: Deanna Carlson-Zink, director of development, alumni relations and direct giving.

Letterwinners/athletic alumni: Ken Vein, president of the Letterwinners Association.

Boosters/public input: Gary Euren, president of UND Boosters.

Students: Adam Dever, treasurer, student government.

Student-athletes: Jamie Skadeland, captain of the volleyball team.

Athletic department/men's sports: Rich Glas, head coach, men's basketball.

Athletic department/women's sports: Shantel Rivard, head coach, women's hockey.

Institution/budget/finance: Bob Gallager, vice president for finance and operations.

Diane Nelson, director of human resources, will provide special assistance to the committee, and Sandy Rios, executive assistant to Harmeson, will staff the committee.

Final two candidates will interview for provost position

The remaining candidates will visit campus to interview for the position of vice president for academic affairs and provost. They are Kathleen Long, dean and professor of nursing, University of Florida at Gainesville, and Greg Weisenstein, dean of education, health and human development, Montana State University at Bozeman. The other candidates whose interviews are complete are Martha Potvin, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost, UND; and Robert Sheehan, senior vice provost for academic affairs, University of Toledo.

Long's interviews are set for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 14 and 15. Following are events to which members of the University community and public are invited. Though these events are open to anyone, most are tailored to particular audiences as noted below.

s 10 a.m. Monday, 305 Twamley Hall, staff members and Staff Senate.

s 4 p.m. Monday, North Dakota Museum of Art, candidate's talk, followed by questions from the campus community and general public.

s 10 a.m. Tuesday, 305 Twamley Hall, faculty and University Senate.

s 11 a.m. Tuesday, 305 Twamley Hall, students and Student Senate.

Kathleen Long earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1968; her master's in nursing with a concentration in child psychiatric nursing and nursing education from Wayne State University, Detroit, in 1970, and her doctorate in behavioral sciences from the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in 1980. She has worked as a public health nurse, staff nurse, head nurse, clinical nurse, and clinical specialist in hospitals, clinics, and in child psychiatric nursing. She has taught at Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, and Montana State University. She served as assistant dean and psychiatric nursing clinician at Husson College/Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, and has also worked as a consultant for them to develop a new baccalaureate nursing program and curriculum. She taught at Oregon Health Sciences University before returning to Montana State University in 1983, where she rose through the ranks to become dean. In 1995 she was named dean of nursing at University of Florida Gainesville.

Weisenstein's interviews are set for Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 22 and 23. Following are events to which members of the University community and public are invited. Though all events are open to anyone, most are tailored to particular audiences as noted below.

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Greg Weisenstein earned his bachelor's degree in U.S. history and geology from the University of Washington in 1969, management certification from the University of San Francisco in 1970, his master's in special education from the University of Washington in 1972, and his doctorate in administration and special education from the University of Kansas in 1975. He has worked as a land surveyor; high school teacher; for the U.S. Office of Education; taught at Peninsula College, University of Kansas and University of Oregon; served as visiting faculty at Oregon State University,

University of Puget Sound, and University of Hawaii. He served as coordinator of secondary special education and vocational education at the University of Washington at Seattle, where he moved through the professorial ranks as associate dean for research at Clemson University, and as dean of education at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. He was named dean of education, health and human development at Montana State University in 1999.

The provost search committee is chaired by Bruce Smith, dean, Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences

Provost candidate Martha Potvin shares vision for UND

Martha Potvin, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost and a candidate for the position, discussed her vision for UND at a public talk last week.

She opened with a discussion of her background at West Chester University in Pennsylvania, a unionized university enrolling 12,000 students and offering degrees up to the master's level. One of 50 institutions within a 50-mile radius, it was an extremely competitive environment, she said.

She was named dean of arts and sciences at UND in 2001, and said her vision of UND is aligned with her accomplishments in that college. While serving as dean, she managed enrollment growth, developed a new faculty evaluation process, increased salaries, addressed compression and market differences, created college-wide awards, increased efficiency, partnered with continuing education to pilot distance degrees, worked with the chief information officer to obtain central support for computer labs, oversaw new degree programs, relocated geography and integrated studies into remodeled space, secured \$500,000 to market community arts, developed a strategic plan, worked with deans to establish resource allocation models, reinitiated a lapsed process to evaluate deans, set expectations for assessing general education, and created a team to better manage classroom schedules and sizes. On the state level, she's served on the statewide academic affairs council, where she proposed changing the State Board of Higher Education's definition of a full-time graduate student from 12 to nine credit hours.

As interim provost, Potvin said she has set to work rather than "hold down the fort." She's worked with President Kupchella to change the fundraising paradigm and to hire a fundraiser for each college. She has a vision for UND of a nationally competitive university in programs, faculty, student success, and service to North Dakota.

UND is special, she said, because of its size, which is large enough to support a variety of degree programs and small enough to deal effectively with students. The strategic planning process, she said, bodes well for success. But she sees challenges. The state contributed just 22 percent of UND's budget this year, compared to 27 percent two years ago, and UND's funding is just 56 percent of peer institutions. And the ConnectND PeopleSoft implementation is stressing staff now, and soon will stress faculty. Academic departments need classrooms and offices. Resources, she said, are not on par with enrollment. Another challenge is the possibility of a national score card and national accreditation which could favor for-profit institutions.

If named provost, Potvin said she would work to achieve Carnegie status of a research extensive university with a national reputation. To do that, we need competitive salaries and to hire professors at higher ranks. Students, she said, should be well-prepared, the University should have a strong advising program, and students should find a stimulating academic environment in which they can become actively engaged. She advocates considering the entire student experience, both in and out of class, and working in cooperation with the vice president for student and outreach services.

We need to right-size the balance of teaching, service, and research, she said, and she hopes to provide the leadership to ensure excellence in all three areas. She would develop a plan to reallocate resources.

Her philosophy of leadership, Potvin said, is that shared governance is essential. She believes in sending consistent messages and expecting leaders to lead and make decisions, and to be accountable for the results. As a scientist, she says, she uses data and deliberation to make decisions.

She then took questions from the audience, the answers to which are summarized below.

One faculty member asked Potvin to tell, "without North Dakota modesty," why UND should offer her the provost position. Potvin said she has a track record of accomplishing progress on issues important to faculty, students, and staff, and has demonstrated success as interim provost. Her working relationships with the vice presidents are positive, and she brings skills in facilities planning, tenure and promotion review, and service activities to the position. She said she's a detail person who uses data to make decisions and then stands by them. She has a passion for UND, she said, that began when she was named dean, and the honeymoon hasn't stopped yet. She hopes to continue her success as provost.

To facilitate teaching and research balance, she said deans must work with each other and the vice president for

research to continue to build infrastructure. Funding has been shifted to support research, which is helpful.

Expectations have increased for tenure and promotion, Potvin said. To bring the University to the next level, we must convey those expectations to new people and continue taking it up a notch. If we expect faculty to increase research, we must give them the investment of time and resources so they can succeed.

Potvin said she continues to be committed to diversity. As arts and sciences dean, she worked with department search chairs to help them become more inclusive in recruitment and screening. Each search committee included a woman, and the committees performed telephone interviews with more candidates. She found money to bring in more diverse candidates. The percentage of women hired increased by 20 percent.

She plans to continue working to increase faculty salaries and address salary compression. There is no discretionary funding in the provost's office for this purpose, so resources must be reallocated, she said. She mentioned a proposal before the University Senate to create a UND professorship, an additional rank that would carry increased funding. It would be directly below a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorship and tied to merit.

A faculty member wondered if the focus on graduate students and research took attention from undergraduate education, which is experiencing higher enrollment and larger classes. Potvin said she has not forgotten about undergraduate education and it remains the core of our teaching mission. She wants to see an emphasis on marketing undergraduate education. Smaller classes equal better learning, and given resources, decreasing class size can be a challenge. Technology, she said, could help.

When asked how to make the campus more environmentally "green," Potvin answered that UND can do better by requiring more use of recycled paper and other initiatives. The University has won an energy savings award and we need to continue to work with more efficient buildings, a focus on the environment, planting trees as teaching tools, using environmentally friendly cleaning products, etc.

Potvin said that as the campus expands and she works to secure more classroom space, she hopes to preserve what makes the campus so beautiful and to be involved in that planning. She advocates not "cheap boxes," but to integrate spaces to encourage faculty and student interaction. There is, however, she said, no need to house English faculty and courses in four buildings. We need to develop an academic space plan.

In answer to a question regarding an open door policy for students, Potvin said she asks students with complaints to follow established channels, though she or the associate provost sees students who stop in. In the case of compliments, they ask the student to put it in writing and share it with the individual.

Potvin said the issues she has passion for include developing a way to allow faculty time off for scholarship, having candid talks about the tenure/promotion process, and working with resource allocation models.

In closing, Potvin reiterated that she's passionate about UND, and would like to continue progress as the University's provost. "Administration isn't a burden," she said. "I enjoy it." She then wished the University luck in finding the best person for the job.

– Jan Orvik, editor

Sheehan identifies contributions he could make as provost

Robert Sheehan, senior vice provost for academic affairs, University of Toledo, discussed at a public talk Jan. 25 the contributions he could make to UND if named our next provost.

Sheehan began his talk with some background information about the University of Toledo, an institution with 20,000 students, the same Carnegie classification as UND (doctoral/research-intensive), and Division I in athletics, but with a focus on football rather than hockey. It is, in many ways, like UND, and faces the same issues of balancing liberal arts and the science/professional school approach. At Toledo, Sheehan says he serves as chief-of-staff in the provost's office, where he coordinates communication with the deans. Toledo has a strong provost model, he says, and academic affairs is an integral part of planning for space, enrollment, recruiting, academic, and other issues. His office coordinates student recruiting with academic departments, oversees the quality and integrity of academic programs, and has input into facility planning, including space allocation. This strong provost model is consistent with what is and could happen at UND. Sheehan said he is willing to articulate a rationale for academic affairs to be part of facilities planning.

Sheehan said there shouldn't be any conflict with UND seeking to double research grants and contracts and establish itself as a premier liberal arts institution. Faculty engaged in the research agenda need strong, competent students, which requires a strong academic foundation and a retention plan to keep high-quality students. UND, Sheehan said, does not have a well-articulated first-year experience, which he recommends. At Toledo, his office is responsible for the

quality of instruction delivered to first-year students, and the university offers supplemental instruction in courses with high failure rates, "intrusive" advising, midterm grading, and more. Students today, he said, have a transaction in mind when they enter a university, and have something of a consumer mindset. He wants students to perceive the university experience as transformational rather than transactional. He hopes that whoever becomes provost will encourage a strong program.

His second contribution, Sheehan said, would be to revisit the strategic plan, which should be integrated with resource allocation. The Toledo strategic plan, he said, guides the university every day through difficult decisions. For example, his university raised tuition to ensure that first-year students are taught by full faculty, rather than part-time lecturers, and to offer new students the opportunity to collaborate on research. The goal is to increase faculty numbers by 150. To pay for that, they will also have to reallocate resources, and it won't be easy. "What makes the strategic plan important is that it is implemented during tough times as well as easy times," he said.

His third contribution, Sheehan said, would be an examination of enrollment. There is enrollment growth now at UND, he said, but he's not sure it's sustainable, given the decreasing high school population in the state. Now is the time, he said, to put together a desired mix of undergraduate students and examine the impact of increased enrollment. First impacted, he said, will be the College of Arts and Sciences, and other colleges will be impacted as students move through the "bubble." UND, Sheehan said, has impressive strengths. With around 14,000 students to Toledo's 20,000, UND offers 180 degree programs to Toledo's 390. UND is more focused, he said, while Toledo offers too many degree programs. North Dakota, he said, recognizes that higher education is for the public good. This is not true in Ohio, he said, where many people believe that education is for the good of the students, and the cost should be increasingly borne by students. North Dakota attracts him with the highest high school graduation rate in the nation and the highest rate of high school graduates going on to college. He's impressed with UND's strong research productivity and comfortable with the goal of increasing external research dollars, which he said needn't be at the expense of liberal arts. He said he's excited about the possibility of coming to a university that wants to pull all its services into a seamless whole.

Regarding diversity, Sheehan said he's worked in Fargo, Bismarck, Alaska, Virginia, and other states. Every university and UND must affirm its commitment to diversity, which is not easy. He's impressed, he said, by our strong commitment to American Indian students. As the convener of diversity at Toledo, he is responsible for helping create their diversity plan. He said he believes in a quote, "A society is judged not by how it treats the majority, but in how it treats its minority." At Toledo, he said, his office moved commencement from Saturday to Sunday in alternate years to accommodate people of different faiths or values. "Whether students are Latino, African American, American Indian, or of different sexual orientation," he said, "they all have a place on campus, and we will find a way in academic affairs to accommodate them."

He then took questions from the audience, the answers to which are summarized below.

Regarding Toledo's plan to hire new faculty, he said they plan to continue hiring additional faculty even though the university expects a budget cut from the Capitol. The strategic goal is too important, so they will reallocate money internally. First-year students he said, should know his institution is hiring faculty to engage them in research. Toledo made a promise to students, he said, to teach with full faculty and reduce the number of part-time adjunct faculty.

Sheehan said he defines research and scholarship to include art, theatre, creative activities, empirical research, and historical research. We needn't twist in academic knots over science versus liberal arts, he said. They're not inconsistent with each other.

Regarding salary issues, he said he'd like to do a salary equity study at the discipline level rather than the University level, which can mask inequities. Toledo is unionized, so they must negotiate with a faculty union even without a firm state budget. At UND, he said, concern over faculty salaries should involve everyone, including the president and provost. To address the issue at Toledo, he said they would reallocate funds and find efficiencies that wouldn't cut into the academic mission. When it comes to salaries, he said, increasing funding should be tied to the strategic plan. He advocates a transparent, public process to guide reallocation that involves the whole campus.

Dual missions of increasing enrollment and research dollars appear at odds, Sheehan said, but it's important for the provost to build consensus. He recommends focusing on areas with increased likelihood for research funding, and finding ways to increase enrollment and service, directing money to where increased numbers of students will impact the institution.

Sheehan said consensus building is part of his management style. For example, he was asked to develop a performancereport for all Ohio's universities, which was a success. He believes in listening deeply and not rejecting ideas out of hand. He doesn't believe in pitting people against each other. Nothing is gained from a fractious administration, he said, and he believes people can disagree with respect. He said he hopes UND is seeking a provost who can make decisions. The hardest thing about academic affairs, he said, is long periods of ambiguity. Part of his

leadership style is to make decisions and live with the consequences. He believes that communication can be the primary problem in an academic affairs office, and advocates asking for input and communicating decisions quickly. He's willing to apologize when he's made an error, he said, and is not a "control freak." He encourages humor in the office.

Regarding career paths, Sheehan said he left Cleveland State because he wanted university system experience, and his stints in the system were of increasing responsibility. He left the Board of Regents once he felt he understood those issues well enough to return to campus life. He hopes to finish his career as a chief academic officer, and has no desire to become a president.

He said UND attracts him because of its variety and complexity, and that in North Dakota higher education is perceived as a public good. He said he has a passion for "connecting the dots," and tries to be consistent in his values. If asked, he said people would say that he delivers on commitments he's made, his board of trustees supports him, and his administration values him.

— Jan Orvik, editor, *University Letter*

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Entrepreneur Center will be dedicated Thursday

The UND Center for Innovation Foundation and Center for Innovation invite you to the opening and dedication ceremony for the Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center, a North Dakota Center of Excellence, 4200 Dartmouth Drive, Thursday, Jan. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. Program begins at 5 p.m. with talks by Gov. John Hoeven and officials from UND and the foundation. Reception and tours will follow the program.

The Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center features:

Five office suites for 60 entrepreneurs, interns, and staff.

James C. Ray idea lab for the entrepreneur, innovator, and investor communities.

Wet lab for scientists, engineers and researchers.

Server farm for IT and communication entrepreneurs.

Emergency generator for 24/7 operations.

Gene Dahl/Roger Melroe board room for investor and company board meetings.

Redundant phone systems and Internet connections for 24/7 operations.

Complements the Skalicky Tech Incubator and doubles entrepreneur space.

Creative workers deserve creative space. Regional artists featured include Katie McCleery, Adam Kemp, Nancy Friese, Dave Badman, John Postovit, Kathryn Lipke Vigesaa, Gretchen Kottke, Ross Rolshoven, Barton Benes, and more.

North Dakota's first Center of Excellence in Economic Development.

For more information, visit www.innovators.net.

— *Center for Innovation*

Higher ed board meets Jan. 27-28

The State Board of Higher Education will meet Thursday and Friday, Jan. 27-28, at Bismarck State College. An agenda is posted several days before the meeting at www.ndus.edu under State Board of Higher Education.

– Jan Orvik, editor

Seminar will focus on selenium metabolism

A seminar, "Considerations from Selenium Metabolism: Towards Informed Assessment of Selenium Status" will be presented by Gerald Combs Jr., director, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, Friday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. at 3933 School of Medicine. The seminar is sponsored by the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence Pathophysiology of Neurodegenerative Disease and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics. Everyone is welcome.

– *Pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics*

PPT holds Friday seminar series

The pharmacology, physiology, and therapeutics department will hold a Friday afternoon seminar series at 3 p.m. in Room 3933, Medical Science. The schedule follows.

Jan. 28, Gerald F. Combs Jr., director, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, "Considerations from Selenium Metabolism: Towards Informed Assessment of Selenium Status."

Feb. 4, Holly Brown-Borg, UND, "Stress Resistance and Aging: Lessons from the Ames Dwarf Mouse."

— *Pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics*

University will host Lego tournament

The School of Engineering and Mines will host North Dakota's second annual Lego tournament Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Teams of 9 to 14 year-old children from Bismarck, Grand Forks, Cando, Midway (Inkster), Plaza, Beulah, Fairmount, Karlstad, Thompson, and Surrey will take part. The action will begin with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. and competition from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., with the awards ceremony scheduled for 1:30 p.m. This event is open to the public.

This year's challenge, "no limits," uses creative thinking and robotics technology to invent solutions to some of the barriers faced by people with varying levels of physical abilities. Teams must build and program a robot that addresses the specific needs of people who face physical challenges in their everyday lives. Missions include serving a meal, picking a CD off the floor, and climbing stairs.

In addition to building robots, every challenge also requires that teams research and present information on the theme. This year, students will study how robotic solutions can help people with varying levels of ability perform the activities of daily living that many people take for granted. Several awards in robot design, robot performance, teamwork, research, and team spirit will be presented. The highest honor will go to the team that best exemplifies the spirit and values of the program. The team winning this award will represent North Dakota at the international tournament in Atlanta in April.

Sponsors of this year's North Dakota tournament are UND, School of Engineering and Mines, Basin Electric Power Cooperative of Bismarck, Gremada Industries, Inc. of Fargo, and Ralph Engelstad Arena.

For more information about the first Lego League program, visit <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/default.aspx?pid=70> or contact me.

– Cheryl Osowski, School of Engineering, 777-3390

Museum Gala Benefit Dinner and Art Auction set for Jan. 29

The 14th annual North Dakota Museum of Art Gala Benefit Dinner and Silent Art Auction has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The benefit dinner, which has been both a successful social event and major fundraiser, will be held in the elegant galleries of the North Dakota Museum of Art. Kim Holmes of Sanders 1907 is the master chef for the seven-course meal. Dress is black tie optional, and valet service is provided. Reservations are \$85 per person. The tables seat eight with a maximum of 256 guests.

Dennis and Juli Reinsour, with Charlie and Julie Jeske, co-chair the planning committee. Along with a dedicated volunteer committee, numerous sponsors make this evening possible. Over 50 private and corporate sponsors are

committed to supporting the benefit dinner this year.

As with each of the previous benefits, a silent art auction will be held throughout the evening. Gretchen Kottke, an artist from Cooperstown, N.D., curated this year's auction. About 65 pieces from regional and national artists are for sale. The works include paintings, prints, ceramics, glass, photographs, woodcraft, metal sculpture and mixed media, all with starting bids of \$100 or less. The artists' reserve bid is the beginning bid for their art. The Museum and artist both benefit from the sales. Several artists have donated their work to the auction as they have in the past. The artwork will be on the mezzanine and ready for preview by Sunday, Jan. 23.

This fundraiser will also raffle an art piece, which is a set of 10 unframed prints by 10 different artists who have exhibited at the Museum. The raffle item is valued at \$1,000, and 100 chances will be sold at \$25 each prior to and during the dinner. The raffle drawing will be held at the end of the evening.

The meal is a seven-course feast supervised by Master Chef Kim Holmes of Sanders 1907 and prepared and served in cooperation with dining services. The menu this year features tomato basil soup, vegetable tureen, an entrée of sliced filet with a portobello demi-glaze, five-cheese potatoes with baby carrots, topped off with banana split cheesecake. Vegetarian meals are provided with prior request. Fine wines chosen by wine connoisseur Mike McCullough accompany the meal. Jan Heitmann of All Seasons and artist Adam Kemp are the designers for the centerpieces at each of the 32 tables and the special gallery decorations. A drawing for each centerpiece takes place at the end of the evening.

Proceeds from dinner reservations and art and raffle sales are used for programming and exhibitions at the Museum. Exhibitions would not be possible without funds collected at this and other fundraisers, and generous contributions from sponsors – both corporate and individual.

For information about making a reservation or volunteering, call 777-4195.

The Museum is located on Centennial Drive in Grand Forks. The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

– *North Dakota Museum of Art*

Enrollment Services plans Jan. 29 open house

The Office of Enrollment Services will hold an open house for prospective UND students (transfer students and local high school juniors) on Saturday, Jan. 29. Students will arrive at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Union. Staff and faculty are encouraged to inform their family and friends of this opportunity to participate in this campus visitation opportunity.

– *Kenton Pauls, director, Enrollment Services*

Enjoy Bach and rock at Empire

It will be an evening of contrasts when the Greater Grand Forks Symphony presents its first concert of the new year this weekend, Jan. 29-30, at the Empire Arts Center. The first half of "Bach and Rock" features the warm rich sound of baroque including Bach's familiar Brandenburg Concerto No. 2. Symphony principals Mark Nelson (trumpet), Kathryn Frost (oboe) and Kristin Buckley (flute), join the strings. Concertmaster Eric Lawson is the featured musician in Vivaldi's lesser known Storm at Sea (Op. 8., no. 5), and Anne Christopherson (music) sings Bach's Wedding Cantata.

Guitarist Christopher Kachian, who frequently performs with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Minnesota Orchestra, will be showing off his skill on the mandolin, performing Antonio Vivaldi's Mandolin Concerto (Op. 20, no.4) with the Symphony. He returns in the second half of the program for an altogether different instrument and style of music. Trading in his mandolin for an electric guitar, Kachian will join part of the orchestra to play Cary John Franklin's Fantasy for Electric Guitar and Wind Ensemble. The orchestration for this exciting commission, written for the guitarist by Franklin, is a little different from the Symphony's standard orchestral fare, and UND saxophonists Michelle Fendt, Joe Kapla and Eric Reinhardt will make a rare appearance with the symphony.

The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night and repeated Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. This season, children 12 and under are free on Sundays (although tickets must be reserved in advance), and a limited number of free tickets are available through Operation Enduring Friendship for the families of active duty military personnel. For general ticket information, call the box office at 777-4090. For information about the concert or artist availability, contact the Symphony office at 777-3359 or visit the web site at www.grandforkssymphony.org.

– *Greater Grand Forks Symphony*

Graduate committee meets Jan. 31

The graduate committee will meet Monday, Jan. 31, from 3:05 to 5 p.m. in 305 Twamley Hall. The agenda will include:

1. Approval of minutes from Jan. 24.
2. Application by physics to offer graduate credit for an undergraduate course.
3. Request for new course, Political Science 503: Government and Business.
4. Request for new course, Economics 503: Government and Business.
5. Request for change in program requirements in communication sciences and disorders including the following course changes.
 - a. CSD 532, change from 3 credits to 4 credits.
 - b. Delete CSD 535.
 - c. CSD 552, change in course description.
 - d. CSD 553, request for new course.
 - e. CSD 562, change from 3 credits to 2 credits.
 - f. CSD 583, change in course title and course description.
6. Consent agenda items:
 - a. Change in program requirements for the M.Ed. and the M.S. in educational leadership (EDL M.Ed. changes: Adding EDL 511, 519, 520, 521, 522 and EFR 509 to program requirements; changing EDL 513 from 4 credits to 3 and EDL 514 from 4 credits to 3; and changing EDL 520, 521, and 522 from 2 credits to 1. EDL 519 is a new course). In addition EDL 502 will no longer be a required course in the program.)
EDL MS with a K-12 emphasis: Adding 511 and 509 to program requirements; changing EDL 513 and 514 from 4 credits to 3. EDL 502 will no longer be a required course in the program.
 - b. Change in course description for Math 512.
 - c. Change in course description for Math 513.
 - d. Change in prerequisite for Math 542 from Math 422 to Math 541.
 - e. Change in course information regarding Communication 591 (change in number of credits students are allowed to take each semester (from 1-3 to 3 credits and a change in the number of credits the course can be repeated (from 6 to 12)).
7. Matters arising.
8. Graduate committee hearing procedures at 4 p.m.: Chuck Evans, associate general counsel.

— *Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school*

Lotus Center lists spring schedule

The Lotus Meditation Center, 2908 University Ave., spring semester schedule of events follows.

Insight meditation (also called vipassana) cultivates both concentration and relaxation. It is a practice that helps to free the mind from distortions and offers the possibility of living each moment fully with compassion and freedom. The practice of insight meditation requires no belief commitments.

Mondays, Jan. 31 to Feb. 28, beginning meditation, five-week course in the basics of insight meditation, 6 to 7 p.m.;

sitting group (ongoing), 30 minute silent meditation sitting followed by discussion, 7 to 8:15 p.m.; book study began Jan. 24, with *Radical Acceptance: Embracing your Life with the Heart of a Buddha*, by Tara Brach. Classes are facilitated by Lora Sloan, LMC director and clinical psychologist, and Patrick Anderson, a former Buddhist monk in the Thai Theravada Forest tradition. Classes are free of charge and open to all.

Chanting, metta, and yoga retreat: *The Heart of Kindness*, March 4-6 (non-residential), Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. The practices of loving-kindness meditation, heart-opening chanting, and gentle yoga will be taught. The teachers are Ginny Morgan, Melinda Staley, and Patrick Anderson. Registration is required and a fee will be charged. Scholarships are available.

Insight meditation retreat: April 8-10 (non-residential), Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. The teacher is Matthew Flickstein, author of *Journey to the Center* and *Swallowing the River Ganges*. Registration is required and a fee will be charged. Scholarships are available.

Sunday Special Events

Intro to meditation: Jan. 30, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Participate in a series of exercises that demonstrate basic concepts and benefits of meditation.

Understanding love and improving relationships, Feb. 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m. How to increase your capacity for love in any relationship through understanding and meditation practice.

Music for Meditation

Feb. 20, 3 to 4 p.m., Original and classical compositions performed by UND faculty member and Greater Grand Forks Symphony concert master, Eric Lawson, violin, with Joao Paulo Casaroti, clavinova. Tea from 4 to 5 p.m. Free of charge and open to all.

April 3, 3 to 4 p.m., Dhamma talk with Patrick Anderson.

April 24, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., extended practice session: walking, sitting, and loving-kindness meditation.

For more information about the events above, contact either Lora Sloan at 787-8839, e-mail lorasloan@gra.midco.net or Patrick Anderson at (218) 779-9997, e-mail pat@curtanderson.com.

Other events:

Yoga arts with Dyan Rey: second session is March 22 through May 12. Beginners and mixed, Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.; intermediate, Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Fee is \$65 per session. Single drop-in class, \$10. Private sessions available. For more information, contact Dyan Rey at 772-8840 or e-mail dyanre@aol.com.

Yoga classes with Patrick Anderson, Practice and Transform: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. A mix of Ashtanga yoga, Hatha yoga, and Yogic arts. A progression of poses will be taught. Fee is \$5 for students, \$7 for non-students. Contact Patrick Anderson at (218) 779-9997 or pat@curtanderson.com for details.

Islamic prayers: Fridays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Starting time varies. Contact the International Centre at 777-4231 for more information.

Multifaith devotional gathering: second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and first Tuesday of each month from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Unity gathering open to all groups, peoples, and religions, and sponsored by the Baha'is of Grand Forks. For more information, contact Fay Anvary at 775-0009.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lloyd Blackwell at 746-6312 or 777-3357.

The Lotus Meditation Center is open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. The center is open to individuals for meditation except when groups are scheduled. If you require general information about the center, call the office of international programs at 777-4231. A prior request is to be made at the office of international programs for the use of the Lotus Meditation Center by any group. A free will offering is accepted for the use of the center. If any group charges fees to participants, a certain percentage will be charged for the use of the center. Please contact me at 787-8839 for more information.

– Lora Sloan, Lotus Meditation Center

Insights into composing focus of faculty lecture Feb. 1

With the ease of Internet downloading, popular music is accessible all the time. Our music has rhythm, our music has

treble, our music has a beat. But what if we were to listen to music without a beat?

Michael Wittgraf, associate professor of music, will explore methods of composition employed by today's composers when he delivers "Contemporary Art Music: A Method Behind the Madness" as part of the faculty lecture series. The talk is Tuesday, Feb. 1, 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. The talk and a 4 p.m. reception are free and open to the public.

Wittgraf hopes to explore types of sounds that were generally considered popular and see what could be changed — like leaving out the beat, as an example.

"Some of the methods of composition that I will discuss are well-suited for computers," Wittgraf explained.

"Additionally, technology has had an enormous impact on composers in the past 40 or more years, and the explosion of computer technology in the past five to ten years has produced extremely powerful tools for all musicians."

Wittgraf has been using computers as a musical tool since 1993. Today he composes music for computers as well as traditional instruments. "They are each attractive in their own way," said Wittgraf, "I enjoy them both and even try to combine them in my compositions."

Wittgraf approaches music like an engineer, a city planner or a mathematician who find solutions to problems.

"Composition to me is musical problem solving. I try to come up with new and interesting ways of providing sounds over a period of time."

He will discuss a number of methods of composition, such as serialism and minimalism, which are well known in music circles. Serialism is music composition based on the order of notes, as opposed to the combination of notes, while minimalism is music based on very small changes, such as the use of extreme repetition with very small alteration. In addition, Wittgraf will discuss another method of composition which he has not yet named. This method — a mathematical one — uses polynomials and their factors to come up with a musical pattern.

The ability to create complex music, which goes beyond the human capabilities of performance, gives computer composers like Wittgraf tremendous freedom. For example, Wittgraf explains, "You can actually compose things [with a computer] that humans can't hear."

Born in Redwood Falls, Minn., and raised in Paynesville, Minn., Wittgraf has been a member of the UND faculty since 1998. Music, he said, has always been an important part of his life: "Composing is an integral part of my identity and my spirit. I eat, breathe, and sleep music. Working in a field so rich in possibilities, both intellectual and emotional, has taught me the importance of pursuing excellence while participating in a discipline that is an essential part of humanity."

Leadership workshop series will be held Wednesdays

The spring leadership workshop series will be held Wednesdays at 3 p.m. through March 2. The workshops will be presented in the River Valley Room at the Memorial Union, unless otherwise noted. The schedule follows.

Feb. 2: "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership," Michael Bateman, leadership speaker and Grand Forks business owner.

Feb. 9: "Leading with Soul: The Power of Ethical Leadership," Robert Boyd, vice president for student and outreach services.

Feb. 16: "The Art of Caring Leadership," Gordon Henry, vice president emeritus, student affairs.

Feb. 23: "Making it Happen: Turning Ideas into Action," Christina Sambor, student government vice president.

March 2: "Crossing the Bridge of Cultural Fear: Public Speaking for Communicators," Shelle Michaels, graduate teaching assistant, communication.

All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend any part of the series, and we ask that faculty and staff inform their students of the upcoming presentations. The series is offered free of charge and pre-registration is not necessary.

The series is sponsored by the Memorial Union Center for Student Involvement and Leadership. Call 777-2898 for further information.

— Jenni Glick, project coordinator for leadership development

Agenda announced for Feb. 3 U Senate meeting

The University Senate will meet Thursday, Feb. 3, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall.

AGENDA

1. Announcements.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting and business arising from the minutes.
3. Question period.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Annual report of the summer sessions committee, Stacie Varnson, chair.
5. Annual report of the academic policies and admissions committee, Lothar Stahl, chair.
6. Annual report of the compensation committee, John La Duke, chair.

BUSINESS CALENDAR:

7. Report from the curriculum committee, Charles Moretti, chair.
8. Recommendations for honorary degrees, Diane Helgeson, chair.
9. Consideration of a proposal for a provisional admission policy, Lothar Stahl, chair.
10. Consideration of a proposal for a non-degree admission policy, Lothar Stahl, chair.

— Nancy Krogh (*registrar*), *secretary*, University Senate

18th annual Hultberg Lectureship set for Feb. 3

The College of Business and Public Administration will hold the 18th annual Hultberg Lectureship Thursday, Feb. 3, 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, with a reception following in the Fireside Lounge. The theme is "Leadership Challenges in a Changing World."

The following individuals have been invited to participate in this year's events:

s Shirley Dykshoorn, director, Fannie Mae Partnership Office, Bismarck.

s Mary Fischer, apparel manager, Polaris Industries, Inc., Medina, Minn.

s Sara Lord, assurance manager, Deloitte & Touche, Minneapolis, Minn.

s Laure E. Park, vice president, investor relations, Quest Diagnostics, Inc., Westfield, N.J.

The Hans and Susanna Hultberg Lectureship was established by their daughter, Clara E. Anderson, through the University of North Dakota Foundation. Anderson graduated from the College of Business and Public Administration in 1928. Her hometown was Washburn, N.D.

Each year prominent women alumni from the UND bring their leadership and experiences to the University community through this event.

The lectures are free and open to the public. For further information, contact Lisa Spencer at 701-777-2224 or lisa.spencer@mail.business.und.edu.

Enjoy International Nights each Thursday

The International Centre, 2908 University Ave., hosts International nights on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The Feb. 3 program will feature African American culture. Please join us.

— *International programs*, 777-6438

Chemistry hosts seminar

The chemistry department will host a seminar Friday, Feb. 4, at noon in 138 Abbott Hall. Alena Kubatova will present "Isolation and Characterization of Polar Organics in Air Particulate Matter." Dr. Kubatova is a research scientist with the Energy and Environmental Research Center and an adjunct faculty member with the chemistry department. All are welcome.

– Chemistry department

Institutional review board meets Feb. 4

The institutional review board will meet at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, in 305 Twamley Hall to consider all research proposals submitted to research development and compliance by the Jan. 25 deadline. Proposals received later will be considered only if a quorum has reviewed them and time permits.

Clinical medical projects must be reviewed by the clinical medical subcommittee before being brought to the full board. Proposals for these projects were due last week.

Minutes from the meeting will be available in the RD&C office about one week after the meeting.

– John Madden (*communication sciences and disorders*), chair, institutional review board

Anthropology Club hosts film series

The Anthropology Club will host a film series at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. All films are free to the public and the University community. Films and dates for the club Global Visions Film Series follow:

Tuesday, Feb. 8, *Maria Full of Grace*; Tuesday, Feb. 22, *Children of Heaven*; Tuesday, March 8, *Quest for Fire*; Tuesday, March 22, *Lila*; Tuesday, April 5, *What the Bleep Do We Know?*; Tuesday, April 19, *Carandiru*; Tuesday, May 3, *The Story of the Weeping Camel*.

– Marcia Mikulak, anthropology

The Ralph will host USHL Prospects/All-Star Game

The world's best hockey just keeps coming to town as Ralph Engelstad Arena hosts the USHL Prospects/All-Star Game Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. See the world's top junior hockey talent competing in America's only tier one league. Tickets are on sale now at \$15.50 for general admission and \$7 for UND students with ID, high school students and below. Stop by the REA box office, call 772-5151, or go online to theralph.com. Plus, you can be a part of the USHL All-Star banquet Monday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alerus Center. Join the All-Stars for an evening featuring a silent auction, dinner and guest speaker Lou Lamoriello, president and general manager of the New Jersey Devils. Silent auction items will include a Colorado Avalanche autographed jersey by Peter Forsberg, a Jason Blake NY Islanders jersey, Mario Lemieux jersey, and much more. Call 777-3050 to make your reservations.

– Ralph Engelstad Arena

English will host multi-media lecture

History and Hyperreality on Slavi's Show of Bulgaria and The Simple Life of the U.S., or, Some Women of the Global Village," a lecture by Kathleen Dixon (English), will take place Thursday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m. in 116 Merrifield Hall. Doctoral students Kimberly Crowley and Daniela Koleva will assist in the multi-media presentation, and Jonathan York (history) will respond.

– English

Explore the American Indian Experience this spring

You're invited to "Exploring the American Indian Experience," a series of activities designed to build community awareness and understanding of American Indians. Through a series of community forums, books discussions and a powwow demonstration, you will learn about the many aspects of contemporary Indian issues and cultures. You are encouraged to openly ask questions. All events are free and open to the public.

Two book discussions are scheduled as part of the series of events. This year's featured book is *Essie's Story: The Life and Legacy of a Shoshone Teacher*, by Esther Burnett Horne and Sally McBeth. Copies of the book are available at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, B. Dalton Bookseller, Waldenbooks, and local libraries.

Thursday, Feb. 10, *Essie's Story* book discussion and signing, 7 to 9 p.m., Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Discussion leader is Sally McBeth, co-author of *Essie's Story: The Life and Legacy of a Shoshone Teacher*.

Tuesday, March 8, *Essie's Story* book discussion, 7 to 9 p.m., Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Discussion leader is Birgit Hans, department of Indian studies.

Essie's Story is the story of Esther Burnett Horne, an accomplished and inspiring educator in Indian boarding schools. Essie, the great-great granddaughter of Sacajawea, saw her as a personal metaphor by which Essie made sense of her own life as an American Indian. She devoted her life to educating Indian children, and she began teaching at Wahpeton Indian School in Wahpeton, N.D., in 1930 and remained active in education until her death in 1999. We learn about daily life at Indian boarding schools and about the challenges and rewards of teaching for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Wahpeton. Above all, Horne's life illuminates the ongoing struggle by Native teachers and students to retain their cultural identities within a government educational system designed to assimilate them.

Three community forums are also scheduled to enhance your knowledge of the unique history and culture of American Indians:

Monday, Feb. 28, community forum, 7 to 9 p.m., Grand Forks Herald Community Room. The topic is "Aspects of the Indian Experience," with discussion leader Sebastian Braun, Indian studies.

Tuesday, April 5, community forum, 7 to 9 p.m., Grand Forks Herald Community Room. The topic is "From Dream to Nightmare: American Indian Boarding Schools 1880-1920," with discussion leader Wilbert H. Ahern, University of Minnesota-Morris.

Thursday, April 7, community forum, 7 to 9 p.m., Chester Fritz Auditorium. The topic is "A Celebration of Life: Understanding the Powwow Experience," with discussion leader Leander Russell McDonald, Center for Rural Health.

Exploring the American Indian Experience sponsors include UND, president's office, vice president for academic affairs office, vice president for student and outreach services office, University relations, College of Education and Human Development, and the UND cultural awareness committee in cooperation with the American Indian programs council, American Indian student services, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Indian studies department, continuing education, Grand Forks Herald, and the UND Indian Association (UNDIA).

For more information and updates about the American Indian Experience series, visit the web site at www.conted.und.edu/aie or contact continuing education at 777-2663 or (866) 579-2663.

General education study team will make report and recommendations

All members of the University community are invited to a special lunch meeting from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, to hear the report and recommendations of the general education longitudinal study team.

An important part of UND's general education assessment plan, the longitudinal study is an interview-based study in which students talk with faculty study team members about their perspectives on the goals of general education. Although the study is still in progress and will continue until the last student being interviewed graduates, the team has gathered a large amount of data and is ready to make some specific recommendations regarding general education at UND.

The session will begin at noon with a report on the study and its findings and move from there into recommendations. Discussion will follow. If you cannot be present for the entire session, you are welcome to come for the part that fits your schedule.

To register and reserve a free box lunch for this event, please call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 by noon Friday, Jan. 28.

— Libby Rankin, Director, Office of Instructional Development

Plan to attend Manitoba French Festival

Cultural diversity in the winter is possible. Want to attend le Festival du voyageur Saturday, Feb. 12, with UND in French Manitoba? Just visit www.ifmidwest.org for details on how to make the best of it.

– Virgil Benoit, languages

Campus community invited to “Walk for Wishes”

The Make-A-Wish Foundation will hold North Dakota’s first statewide Walk for Wishes Sunday, Feb. 13. We are seeking walkers to participate and help raise money to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. Our goal is to have 200 walkers in Grand Forks to raise awareness and generate funds for the Foundation.

The 5K walk will be held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena at 2 p.m.. There is a minimum registration fee of \$15. We encourage walkers to collect additional pledges to support their efforts. Prizes will be awarded based on the pledges you raise.

Countless stories exist statewide of children who are facing unimaginable challenges, pain, and often despair. They urgently need the hope, strength, and joy of a wish experience to get through these hard times. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Dakota inspires children to continue battling their illnesses. A wish gives them something to look forward to and the hope that anything is possible, and extends well beyond the wish child by enriching the lives of family members and helping to replace the pain and heartbreak caused by the child’s condition with laughter and encouragement.

To participate, go to www.ndwish.org, complete the registration and pledge forms, and return them to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Dakota. Registration forms are due Friday, Feb. 4. Pledge forms are due on or before the day of the event. If you are interested in picking up a brochure or pledge form, visit Brenda Cole, Room 4520, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 777-2640, or Michelle Abernathey, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 777-2103.

– Brenda Cole, pathology, and Michelle Abernathey, Barnes & Noble Bookstore

U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for Feb. 14 through Feb. 25. Visit our web site for additional workshops in February. 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, Intermediate: Feb. 14, 16, and 18, 9 a.m. to noon, 361 Upson II (nine hours total). Prerequisite: Word Beginning. Create and modify a template, create styles, work with columns, sections and advanced tables, add graphics, create mail merge documents, labels, and envelopes, manage documents. Presenter: Maria Saucedo.

Excel XP, Intermediate: Feb. 15 and 17, 9 a.m. to noon, 361 Upson II (six hours total). Prerequisite: Excel Beginning. Work with templates, filter and sort data, import and export data, work with advanced formulas, analyze and share data. Presenter: Maria Saucedo.

Blood Borne Pathogens for Building Service Technicians: Feb. 16, 6 to 7 a.m., Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. Exposure issues will be the topic of this class designed specifically for the building service technicians and employees with similar job duties. Dealing with potential threats that can lead to disease caused by cuts, needle sticks, and other hazardous exposures will be discussed. These include hepatitis and HIV virus. A building service supervisor along with a registered nurse will review policies and procedures related to these subjects. Presenter: Mary Lou Feilen, facilities, and Claire Moen.

Shipping and Receiving Hazardous Materials: Feb. 17, 1 to 3 p.m., Badlands Room, Memorial Union. Find out your responsibilities if you ship or receive hazardous material. If you fill out paperwork for a package, put material in a package, hand a package to a delivery person, receive a package from a delivery person, or open a package containing hazardous material, then you must have this training. Presenter: Greg Krause.

DMP Protocol and Work Force Safety (workers compensation): Feb. 18, 9 to 10 a.m., Conference Room, Auxiliary Services. The designated medical provider guidelines are part of the North Dakota State Risk Management Program with work force safety (workers compensation). It is important for employees to have a clear understanding of these policies in the event they suffer a work-related injury. The class is also an excellent opportunity for supervisors to become more familiar with the policy. The safety director and work force safety coordinator will make the presentation and be available for questions following. Presenters: Claire Moen and Jason Uhlir.

GroupWise 6.5, Beginning: Feb. 22, 9 to 11 a.m., 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: Maria Saucedo.

Defensive Driving: Feb. 22, 6 to 10 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator. This workshop is required by state fleet for all UND employees who drive state vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a state vehicle. Employees are encouraged to bring a family member. This workshop may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record. Presenter: Officer Dan Lund.

HTML, Creating a Web Page Using HTML: Feb. 23 and 25, 8:30 to 11 a.m., 361 Upson II (five hours total). Learn how to create a web page with hyper-text markup language, graphics, and links. Presenter: Doris Bornhoeft.

GroupWise 6.5, Intermediate: Feb. 24, 9 to 11 a.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 email responses, and set access rights. Work in depth with junk mail folder and archive feature. Presenter: Maria Saucedo.

— Julie Sturges, U2 program assistant

Potvin will give Robinson Lecture Feb. 15

The librarians and staff of the Chester Fritz Library invite all members of the UND community to attend the 14th annual Elwyn B. Robinson Lecture Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the East Asian Room of the Chester Fritz Library (fourth floor). Martha Potvin, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost, will present "Leadership in Higher Education: Are There Enough Seats on the Bus?"

Dr. Potvin holds a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Connecticut, a master's in botany and plant ecology from Michigan State University, and a doctorate in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She served as a lecturer at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, before joining the biology department at West Chester University in 1985. She advanced to full professor and chair of her department, and also directed a project to coordinate development of a model green campus before being named interim dean of graduate studies and extended education. In 2001, she came to UND as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She was named interim vice president for academic affairs and provost in 2004.

The Robinson Lecture series began in 1991 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Professor Elwyn B. Robinson's publication, "A History of North Dakota." Professor Robinson, whose career spanned 35 years at UND, was a distinguished member of the history faculty. The lecture, together with the library's compilation of a bibliography of faculty and staff publications, is designed to recognize the scholarly accomplishments of the UND community.

— Wilbur Stolt, director, Chester Fritz Library

Work site wellness program offered

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that nearly half the deaths in the United States are due to unhealthy behaviors or lifestyles. Lifestyle areas that can influence overall health and well-being include physical activity and fitness, nutrition, tobacco use, stress management, alcohol and other drugs, family planning, self-care, violent and abuse behaviors.

The wellness center is offering its health program, "Start Your Engines," for employees at six different areas on campus, Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. (at facilities from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The housing office will have their program from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, if you are unable to make the Feb. 16 program. The areas and the contact person to schedule an appoint are:

Aerospace, Kari at 777-2791; dining services, Linda at 777-3824; EERC, Kari at 777-5290; facilities, Michelle at 777-0729; School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Michelle at 777-0729; Twamley Hall, Michelle at 777-0729; housing, contact Charlotte at 777-2059.

There will be fit testing available at aerospace, facilities and housing; call to schedule an appointment, which will take an additional 15 minutes. Appointments with a medical student or nurse practitioner student for prevention screening are every 15 minutes, and another program with Blue Cross Blue Shield will be offered. A self-care book (value \$20) will be given on completion of their program. Please plan on attending for 15 to 45 minutes. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Michelle Conley at 777-0729 or michelle.conley@und.nodak.edu. — Wellness center.

Concert will benefit Turtle Mountain Chippewa Band

The National Society for American Indian Elderly and Turtle Mountain Chippewa Elders, through grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the North Dakota Council on the Arts, are sponsoring concerts to promote music and raise money for native elder poverty and nutrition issues. Two concert pianists will play. They are Philip Thomson, a graduate of Juilliard and winner of Juilliard's Franz Liszt Piano Concerto Competition, and Sergio Gallo (UND music), who studied at the Conservatoire Europeen de Musique in Paris (Diplome d' Excellence), and the Franz Liszt Academy of Budapest, Hungary.

This event will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Josephine Campbell Recital Hall. It is free to the public thanks to the NEA and NDCA grants. Three more concerts will take place: Feb. 20 at 3 p.m., Turtle Mountain Community College; Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m., Valley City State University at Froemke Auditorium; and Feb. 22 7:30 p.m. at Bismarck State College. Information tables will be set up and a small introduction given regarding the native elder organization. Donations are encouraged but not necessary at the UND and Turtle Mountain Concerts. The concerts at VCSU and BSU will have an admission charge of \$8 for general admission and a special low student discount. All proceeds will be donated to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Elder Nutrition and Supportive Services to compensate for federal funding shortfalls this year and last.

— Peter Klein, graduate teaching assistant, music

Scholarly forum features microbial scientist

The graduate school is sponsoring its campus-wide scholarly forum Feb. 22-24 to highlight the scholarly and creative activities and to provide a venue for research with the University community.

This year we are pleased to announce the keynote speaker will be Stanley Maloy from The Center for Microbial Sciences at San Diego State University. Dr. Maloy is the director of the recently established Center for Microbial Sciences and director of the SDSU Center for Applied and Experimental Genomics. In addition, he is the president-elect for the American Society for Microbiology. Dr. Maloy will give a keynote address Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 3:30 p.m. titled "The Microbial Imperative," in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. He is sponsored by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

The Department of Theatre Arts will also present *Metamorphoses*, a play by Mary Zimmerman, during this event. Presentations, exhibits and/or performances from faculty and students are encouraged. For submission forms and guidelines go to www.graduateschool.und.edu and look under "In the Spotlight." Deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday, Feb. 4.

Please contact the graduate school at 777-2786 for more information regarding the forum.

— Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school.

Metamorphoses will play at Burtness Theatre

Theatre Arts will present *Metamorphoses* by Mary Zimmerman Feb. 22-26 at Burtness Lab Theatre.

A boy takes his father's car keys and sets the earth on fire; in a moment of uncertainty a young husband forever loses his beautiful wife in the underworld. These are just some of the modern translations of ancient myths collected by Roman poet Ovid and revived in the critically acclaimed play, *Metamorphoses*. With the entire set consisting of an actual pool of water which the actors use as their stage – both in and around the water – this mesmerizing production will be produced in Burtness Lab Theatre Feb. 22-26.

Nominated for three 2002 Tony Awards, *Metamorphoses* is a collection of 10 different myths, centered around the power of love. Some of Ovid's myths, reinterpreted by Zimmerman, are funny, and some are serious and full of sorrow.

The department of theatre built a specially designed pool measuring 10 feet by 20 feet for the production in their ground-level theatre. In many aspects the pool is the member of the acting ensemble. The pool, the center of action, represents everything from the roaring ocean that crushes the ships of Ceyx, separating him from his beloved Alcyone, to the still waters reflecting self-obsessed Narcissus who turns into a blooming flower.

All performances start at 7:30 p.m. There will be some nudity. Tickets are \$12 or \$6 with a student ID. Free reserved parking is available on campus. For more information and reservations please call the Burtness Theatre box office at 777-2587.

– *Burtness Theatre*

Winona LaDuke will speak at law school

The Honorable Winona LaDuke will speak at the School of Law beginning at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the law school's Baker Moot Courtroom, as part of the School of Law speakers series. Her talk is titled "Biopiracy: Patents and Lifeforms; Wild Rice as a Modern Conflict." The public is invited; a reception will follow.

LaDuke is an Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg and is the mother of three children. She is the program director of Honor the Earth and the founding director of White Earth Land Recovery Project. As director of Honor the Earth, she provides vision and leadership for the organization's regranting program and its strategic initiatives.

LaDuke has worked for two decades on land issues of the White Earth Reservation, including litigation over land rights in the 1980s. In 1989, she received the Reebok Human Rights Award, the proceeds of which she used to begin the White Earth Land Recovery Project. In 1994, she was nominated by Time Magazine as one of America's 50 most promising leaders under age 40, and she has also been awarded the Thomas Merton Award, the Ann Bancroft Award, the Ms. Woman of the Year Award, the Global Green Award, and other honors. LaDuke and the White Earth Land Recovery Project recently received the prestigious international Slow Food Award for their work with protecting wild rice and local biodiversity.

or vice president on the Green Party ticket with Ral versity and Antioch University, she has writ and environmental iss ues. Her books include: Last Standing Woman (fiction), All Our Relations (non-fiction), In the Sugarbush (children's non-fiction), and The Winona LaDuke Reader. Her forthcoming book, Recovering the Sacred, will be released by South End Press in 2005.

– *Law school*

Tickets for Founders Day banquet now on sale

Tickets for the annual Founders Day banquet are now on sale. This year's event will be held Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The pre-banquet social with musical entertainment will begin at 5:45 p.m.; the banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The annual Founders Day banquet commemorates the founding of UND in 1883, and will feature recognition of faculty and staff with 25 years of service to UND. Retired and retiring faculty and staff with 15 or more years of service to the University will also be honored. Awards for outstanding teaching, research, service, and advising will be presented to faculty members and departments. The theme of the banquet this year will focus on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Tickets for the banquet can be purchased through the campus mail. UND employees recently received a flyer describing the Founders Day celebration and the ticket purchase procedure. Please use the order form from that flyer to purchase your tickets. Departments may reserve tables by using the order form or by calling the number listed on the flyer. Tickets are \$12.50 each. Seating is limited, so reserve early.

Please call Terri Machart in the vice president for student and outreach services office at 777-2724 if you have questions or if you would like an additional copy of the ticket order form.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

China exchange program nets international mention

The Institute of International Education has recognized UND with an honorable mention as part of its 2005 Heiskell Awards for Innovation for UND's joint business management initiative with the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology.

UND finished second to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, which took first in the outstanding faculty program category.

Since 1994, UND and USST have had a faculty exchange program. Faculty from UND's School of Business and Public Administration travel to China periodically to teach USST students in English, and USST sends faculty to UND to learn how business education is done in the United States.

Victoria Beard, UND associate vice president for academic affairs, who has been involved in the exchange program since the late 1990s, submitted UND's application to be considered for a Heiskell Award.

"I'm very pleased anytime that the university gets the national recognition it deserves," Beard said.

She added the program fits nicely with the school's strategic emphasis on international programs and exchanges among students and faculty.

Every two years, as many as 85 new Chinese students are admitted into the UND/USST program. They pay double the roughly \$900 tuition that their nonprogram peers pay to attend USST, but the fees are needed for UND professors' time and to fly them to China.

Last fall, UND started using an interactive video conferencing system that allows its professors teach their Chinese students half a world away in real time.

The faculty exchange was a catalyst to a number of other related initiatives, such as a summer study program that lets UND business students learn how business is conducted in China.

This summer, UND will send 22 students to China, the most to go at one time, Beard said. "It's just a terrifically growing program," Beard said.

UND also recently hired its first Chinese Studies tenure-track professor and has added Chinese language instruction to its curriculum.

UND's Executive in Residence program sends former business CEOs with experience in China to make contacts with American businesses in China, paving paths for students.

– *courtesy Dave Dodds, Grand Forks Herald*

Jeffrey Stamp named chair of entrepreneurship

Student entrepreneurs at the University will now have a chance to learn from one of the nation's most experienced educators in entrepreneurship. Jeffrey Stamp joined the College of Business and Public Administration as chair of the entrepreneurship program Jan. 5.

Dr. Stamp is an experienced professor of entrepreneurship, and has held the Markley Visiting Professor of Creativity and Entrepreneurship at Miami University of Ohio.

Stamp, a native of Madison, Minn., received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in food chemistry, where his research focused on modeling the stability of the sweetener NutraSweet. Beyond teaching entrepreneurship classes in the College of Business and Public Administration, Stamp will also offer creativity seminars for entrepreneurs and corporations in the James C. Ray Idea Lab in the new Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center at the Center for Innovation on the UND campus.

Stamp also has extensive experience as a brand innovator in both consumer goods and technology arenas. From 1990 to 1995, he served as principle scientist and brand manager at PepsiCo snack division Frito-Lay, where he led the product and brand development of Baked Lays, named by Ernst and Young as the top brand introduction in the food sector. Stamp is also founder and chief creative officer of Bold Thinking, LLC, of Cincinnati, a company that coaches individuals and teams through the creative process of managing innovative ideas.

As vice president of the Eureka! Ranch, a creative think tank, he developed hundreds of new ideas for increasing sales and growing business for Fortune 500 companies and corporations worldwide.

Stamp co-authored Meaningful Marketing: Selling More with Less Effort, a reference book on how to market and manage brands. He is a highly sought after speaker, giving on average 55 keynotes nationwide each year. In September he will release his second book, Bold Thinking: Creating and Managing Ideas that Matter.

Stamp will have offices in Gamble Hall and the Center for Innovation. He can be reached at jeff.stamp@und.edu. For

more information on UND's entrepreneurship program, visit: www.business.und.edu/entr/.

Applications sought for associate vice president for research position

The University invites applications for the position of associate vice president for research. The primary responsibility, in coordination with the dean and support faculty research and other deans of the academic disciplines at the University, is to provide leadership and support for the development and advancement of the academic disciplines. The position holder will be responsible for the recruitment and support of faculty research and other staff of the academic disciplines at the University. A significant record of success in securing and supporting scholarly research is highly desirable. Experience in the administration of research regulatory requirements, program development and faculty support is desired. To apply, submit a letter of application describing the applicant's experiences and characteristics in relation to satisfying the leadership needs of the position and the University. Include a current curriculum vitae, the names, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of four references. Applications and nominations should be sent to: James Hikins, chair, associate vice president for research search committee, University of North Dakota, vice president for research office, Box 8367, Grand Forks, ND, 58202. Review of applications will begin on or about March 15, and will continue until the position is filled. Salary is commensurate with qualifications.

The University of North Dakota is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and specifically invites and encourages applications from women and minorities.

— James Hikins (communication), chair, search committee

EERC research finds that climate swings could jeopardize socioeconomic stability

Recently completed studies reconstructing historical climatic trends for the last 2,000 years in the northern Great Plains show that frequent alternating climatic cycles of drought and wet periods are typical for this area. These cycles could last more than 160 years, and future ones could be more severe than those on our very limited record books. The results of this study suggest that this region is likely to experience a significant drought within the next few decades. Without timely water management strategies, the drought conditions will limit the socioeconomic development of the region and may even threaten the sustainability of current living conditions.

The three-year project was conducted on lake bottom sediments of Devils Lake, N.D., by the Energy & Environmental Research Center and the St. Croix Watershed Research Station at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

"The results of this study support previous studies and provide more precise definition of the climatic cycles we have touted for over three decades," said EERC Director Gerald Groenewold.

"Our region is obviously in a wet cycle," said Ed Steadman, EERC senior research advisor. "In spite of the devastating effect of reoccurring floods in recent history, a long-term drought will be far more catastrophic to our region," he said.

Population in North Dakota and western Minnesota remains relatively stable, but highly populated areas in eastern North Dakota such as Fargo and West Fargo are growing significantly. With that, there is a substantial increase in demand for water supplies. Water demand for the Red River Valley is expected to more than double by the year 2050.

Groundwater resources in North Dakota were extensively depleted during the drought of the 1930s to offset the water shortage. For example, the Moorhead Aquifer dropped from 6 feet below ground level in 1913 to more than 190 feet below in 1948. Similarly, the West Fargo Aquifer system has declined dramatically as well. Aquifers in the Fargo area have decreased about two feet a year for the past 15 years.

"Continued withdrawal combined with water table decline in larger areas do not allow for aquifer replenishment," said Jarda Solc, EERC senior research manager. "These trends are even more alarming with respect to the fact that the regional hydrologic system, as documented in the EERC project, is currently at its wet stage and the aquifer usage will considerably increase once the system moves to the dry cycle," he said.

"Science is proving that dramatic swings in climate cycles are inevitable in the northern Great Plains," Groenewold said. "Without the development and implementation of substantial, long-term, regional water management strategies, economic growth will, at best, be limited. Indeed, we may not be able to maintain our current economy. The public and decision makers need to recognize the magnitude, severity, and urgency of this issue.

Our greatest challenge is to admit we have a problem."

— Energy and Environmental Research Center

Applications available for Dru Sjodin scholarship

Applications for the Dru Sjodin scholarship may be found online at www.undalumni.org and must be submitted by Tuesday, Feb. 15, to the UND Foundation (Attn. Amanda, P.O. Box 8157). This is a full scholarship for room, board and tuition for one academic year.

With the intention of celebrating Dru's life and turning grief into triumph, Cheryl Sandeen and B. John Barry, '55, of the Barry Foundation, created the scholarship in 2004 to continue Dru's positive influence at the University.

The Dru Sjodin scholarship annually recognizes a female UND student with a full scholarship of tuition, room and board. The recipient will be a sophomore, junior or senior from any academic discipline who is highly motivated with strong academic standing. Preference is given to a student who (1) is a native of North Dakota or Minnesota, (2) demonstrates financial need, and (3) is an active member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

– *Alumni Association*

Women studies holds essay contest

The women studies program annually sponsors a contest for essays that wholly or in significant part address issues of particular concern to women. Up to three prizes will be awarded: one for each category, including undergraduate, graduate and creative. Essays may be of any length and may come from any discipline. They may be submitted by faculty or directly by the student. Essays should have been written in 2004 (spring or fall semesters). Please mark essays with class title, name of instructor and include the author's phone number and address. Please send to women studies, Box 7113, by Friday, Feb. 4. Winners will be announced during Women's History Month in March at a special event the evening of International Women's Day. Thank you for your support of feminist scholarship.

– *Wendelin Hume, women studies director*

EPSCoR seeks undergraduate research mentors

Faculty in the sciences, engineering and mathematics are invited to participate as research mentors in ND EPSCoR's Advanced Undergraduate Research Awards (AURA) program. Application procedures and some program goals are changed for 2005. Most notable is that faculty will be expected to propose a plan that prepares and mentors students in applying for competitive national research scholarships such as the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

For complete application details, please check out www.ndepscor.nodak.edu/rfps/aurarfp05.pdf.

For more information contact Richard Schultz at 777-2492 or RichardSchultz@mail.und.nodak.edu.

— *Richard Schultz, ND EPSCoR, co-project director, UND*

Provost's office seeks input regarding environmental science

The Office of the Provost seeks your input regarding environmental science at UND. If you teach a course, offer a program, or conduct research related to the environment, we hope to hear from you. Our goal is to develop a brochure/website that highlights all of the current environmental options for current and prospective students. Please forward information to the Office of the VPAA and Provost at P.O. Box 8176 or e-mail to conniegagelin@mail.und.nodak.edu by Monday, Feb. 7.

– *Provost's office*

Registrar's office will open at 9 a.m. daily

In preparation for PeopleSoft implementation, the registrar's office will be closed from 8 to 9 a.m. Jan. 31 through Aug. 12. The office will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as our staff prepares to go live this summer.

– Nancy Krogh, University registrar

Copy from UND academic catalog going to faculty, staff for biennial updating

Academic departments are reminded that they will soon receive copy from the current UND academic catalog (undergraduate and graduate) for biennial updating. The new version of the catalog is scheduled for completion in June. The graduate sections are being sent to the graduate school; the undergraduate and other sections are being sent by the registrar's office. The deadline for returning this copy is Friday, Feb. 11. The index of the catalog is also being sent to deans and department chairs for their input.

– Nancy Krogh, University registrar

Health science library lists hours

Regular hours for the Library of the Health Sciences are: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to midnight.

– April Byars, Library of the Health Sciences

Golden Key inducts members

The Golden Key International Honor Society recently inducted 130 student members and four faculty honorary members. Student members are juniors and seniors who are academically in the top 15 percent of their class. Honorary members were nominated by students for their demonstrated teaching ability, leadership, role-modeling, and concern for student success. The four faculty members receiving this honor were Steven Carlson, accounting; Rick Ferraro, psychology; Cullen Goenner, economics; and Kenneth Hansen, accounting.

– Jerry Bulisco (dean of students office), Golden Key advisor

Nutrition clinic opens

The nutrition and dietetics nutrition clinic will open again this spring as a complementary service to UND students, faculty and staff with certain nutrition issues. The nutrition clinic will be open Tuesdays and Thursday from Feb. 8, through April 14. The clinic hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Juniors majoring in dietetics will provide nutrition counseling to students, faculty and staff. Topics that may be addressed in this service include: healthy eating, sensible weight management, nutrition and physical fitness, healthy meals for children, and cardiovascular risk reduction. These students are not prepared to counsel on complex issues such as diabetes, eating disorders, gastrointestinal diseases, cardiovascular disease, etc. These problems will be referred to Altru Health Systems or another health care facility in the vicinity. In addition, department faculty will supervise all clinic operations. All information and records will be kept confidential and will be destroyed at the end of the semester.

If you are interested in participating in nutrition counseling call the nutrition clinic for an appointment. Appointments can be made by calling Sandy at 777-2539 or by stopping by Room 20 in O'Kelly Hall.

– Jan Goodwin and Julie Zikmund, nutrition and dietetics

Engelstad Arena hosts walkers

The Ralph Engelstad Arena announces a walking to wellness program for UND employees and spouses. For just \$30 per year you will receive a proxy access card for the southwest entrance. The arena will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, but reserves the right to close the arena to walkers during events and practice times. The arena will close at 1 p.m. on home hockey game days. It is required that all walkers bring a pair of clean tennis shoes. An arena map with charting distances will be posted at the southwest entrance. Walkers can pick up information and register at the front desk in the REA main office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

– Laurie Betting, wellness center

Telecommunications upgrades voice mail system

Telecommunications will upgrade the current voice mail system Thursday, Feb. 3. Mailbox names, old and new messages and greetings will not move to the new mailboxes. By 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 2, please take a few minutes to listen to and delete all messages as they will not be retrievable after the cutover to the new system.

Information on how to access and use the new mailboxes will be available through the department telephone counselors in the next few days.

– Telecommunications

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Edwin Olmstead

Edwin Olmstead, retired medical school and honors faculty member, died Jan. 20 at his home in Grand Forks. He was 83.

Edwin Guy Olmstead was born Aug. 26, 1921, to Earl and Mary (Fautch) Olmstead in Enderlin, N.D. He was raised there and graduated from Enderlin High School in 1938.

He graduated from UND with Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees. He enlisted in the United States Army at Ft. Snelling, Minn., on June 8, 1943. While in the Army, he attended UND School of Medicine, where he earned a Master of Science degree. He completed his medical education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he obtained his M.D. He was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP); all five degrees were awarded with honors.

Edwin and Mary were married April 2, 1946, in Cambridge, Mass. He completed residencies in internal medicine and psychiatry and served as assistant head of medicine at Milwaukee County General Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis. He was honorably discharged from military service on June 9, 1948, at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

In 1957 Dr. and Mrs. Olmstead moved to Grand Forks, where he practiced medicine at UND Health Center and was a member of the faculty at the School of Medicine for 18 years. He also taught humanities and literature in the honors program at the University.

In 1965, he entered into private practice as a psychiatrist in Grand Forks, and he was associated as a psychiatrist with Northeast Human Services in Grand Forks until 1996. Dr. Olmstead practiced medicine for 50 years. Following his retirement, he continued to reside in Grand Forks until his death.

He was an avid reader and published numerous professional articles and some mystery stories. He wrote a definitive text on mammalian cell water which was translated into seven languages.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, a former teacher of French; daughters Andrea Olmstead (son-in-law Larry Bell), of Boston, Mass.; Dr. Leslie Schulz, El Paso, Texas; a son, Kevin Olmstead, Grand Forks; a sister, Mary Jean (Mrs. Floyd) Benton, Moorhead, Minn., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be scheduled later. The online memorial registry may be signed at www.normanfuneral.com.

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Aerospace Sciences

Brett Venhuizen (aviation) published "The Legal Aftermath: Lying to the FAA Holds Grave Legal Consequences," in the October 2004 issue of *Flying* magazine. . . A paper, "Near-IR Spectral Evidence for the Presence of Iron-Poor Orthopyroxenes on the Surfaces of Six M-Type Asteroids," co-authored by **Paul Hardersen**, **Michael Gaffey** (both space studies), and Paul Abell (NASA Johnson Space Center) was accepted for publication in the journal *Icarus*. Gaffey

served on the Small Bodies Panel of the NASA Discovery Program Review Panel, which evaluated the next set of proposed spacecraft missions to be flown as part of NASA's Discovery Program. . . . **Stephen Johnson** (space studies) gave three presentations: "From Fault Protection to The Secret of Apollo: Learning that the Social Aspects of Engineering Really Matter," at Ames Research Center, Sunnyvale, Calif.; "Organization and Process Ideas for the Exploration Initiative," to NASA Exploration Systems Mission Directorate management off-site workshop, Easton, Md.; and "The Origins and Future of NASA's Management System," to an all-hands meeting of NASA Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, D.C. . . . **Vadim Rygalov** (space studies) published "Water Cycle and its Management for Plant Habitats at Reduced Pressures," in the November 2004 (Vol. 10) issue of *Habitation*. . . . **Allan Skramstad** (aviation) was elected president of the national University Aviation Association organization. . . . **The UND Flying Team** won the Regional Flight Team competition at St. Cloud State University. They have been NIFA champions 13 of the past 20 years. . . . **Paul Drechsel** (air traffic control) and Karen Ryba (communications) had a display at the Air Traffic Control exhibition in Beijing, China, where UND was the only university at the exhibition with over 2,500 visitors. . . . **Al Skramstad** (aviation) was voted president-elect of the University Aviation Association and will assume the role of president at the fall conference 2005. . . . **Kent Lovelace** (aviation) has been appointed to the governing board for the Certified Aviation Manager Program in the National Business Aviation Association in Las Vegas. . . . **Pablo de Leon** (space studies) was invited by the X Prize Foundation to witness the second attempt of the Spaceship One to win the Ansari X Prize, an international competition sponsored by the X Prize Foundation to award \$10 million to the first team to develop and launch a spaceship with crew to 100 Km altitude. He also is working with space studies to help develop a space suit and EVA Technologies Laboratory at UND. . . . **Stephen Johnson's** book, *Secret of Apollo*, published in 2002, is now required reading for managers in NASA's Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, which is the new group to handle the recently announced space exploration initiative. Johnson has been the contact from space studies to bring into existence the Space Education Consortium, which will provide educational and research services to the United States Air Force. . . . **Paul Hardersen** (space studies) visited the NASA infrared telescope facility in Mauna Kea, Hawaii, to do near infrared observations of main belt asteroids. . . . **Eligar Sadeh** (space studies) attended the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Space 2004 Conference in San Diego, where he instructed a professional development course in space policy and chaired the policy subcommittee of the AIAA Moon-Mars Colonization Technical Committee. . . . **Vadim Rygalov** (space studies) presented "Comparative Analysis of Closed Ecological Life Support Systems," to college students at the Space Life Science Laboratory at Kennedy Space Center. . . . **Bob Peckyno** (space studies) attended the Space Generation Congress held prior to the International Astronautics Congress Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, where he was the co-organizer and logistics coordinator for the Moon/Mars Workshop. Peckyno is the Midwest coordinator for the (United Nations) Space Generation Advisory Council. . . . **Shan de Silva** (space studies) was part of a National Science Foundation review panel for the NSF Earth Sciences Directorate.

College of Arts and Sciences

David Nelson (languages) received a \$2,000 grant from the Literary Society Foundation in New York City to continue building the German film library in the language department. . . . **Ray Fischer** (communication, emeritus) authored "The Media's Indecency Dilemma" in the January 2005 USA Today Magazine. . . . **F. Richard Ferraro** (psychology) was honored with the Departmental Award for Outstanding Research for his research work in neuropsychology and the aging, including the assessment of diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia among Native American elderly. He created the first assessment test to be applied to an elderly Native American study group. Because of the importance of his work to North Dakota, **Ferraro** received UND Faculty Seed Money Research Council Award from August 2003 to February 2005 for his research, "Dementia Screening and Dementia Assessment in Native American Elderly Adults." He has also written a book *Minority and Cross Cultural Aspects of Neuropsychological Assessment*, which studies African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asian-Americans, Native Americans and even rural populations. . . . **Lana Rakow** (communication and women studies) has published her fourth book, *Feminist Communication Theory* (Sage), with Laura A. Wackwitz. . . . **Dale Jacobson** (English) has published his seventh book of poetry, a long poem, *A Walk by the River*, issued by Red Dragonfly Press. **Jacobson** has also published a poem in the recently issued anthology, *Old Glory, American War Poems from the Revolutionary War to the War on Terrorism*, edited by Robert Hedin with a forward by Walter Cronkite. Four of Jacobson's poems just appeared in *The Pedestal Magazine*. . . . **Christopher Jacobs** (English) wrote, produced, and directed the suspense thriller, *Dark Highways*, one of five titles that competed for the "Best Screenplay" award at the 2004 SMMASH Film Festival. The movie was shot in Grand Forks and various Red River Valley locations between Fargo and Cavalier, with a cast of local and regional actors. His most recent picture, *Miss Mystic*, played at the Empire Arts Center recently.

School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Mary Wakefield (Center for Rural Health) presented a new report on the quality of rural health care, including challenges and potential solutions at the second annual Rural Health Quality Leadership Summit in Arlington, Va. The report, "Quality Through Collaboration: The Future of Rural Health," recommends several steps that should be taken to ensure that the 20 percent of Americans who live in rural communities are not left behind in the movement to improve

the quality and safety of health care delivery in the United States.

College of Nursing

Diane Langemo (nursing, emerita) was recently named a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, the highest peer-selected honor for professional registered nurses, in Washington, D.C. She was also presented the Sharon Baranoski Founder's Award for national leadership in the areas of pressure ulcers and wound care at a national pressure ulcer symposium in Phoenix. Langemo serves on the editorial advisory boards of *Advances in Wound Care* and the *Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing*.

Vice President for Research

Peter Alfonso, vice president for research, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the executive committee of the Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education, one of 10 Councils of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. The association, which represents 212 institutions and is the nation's oldest higher education association, is located in Washington, D.C.

TRIO Programs

Karen Grabanski (TRIO/student support services) has been elected president and **Maria Schmidt** (TRIO/educational opportunity center) has been elected secretary of the North Dakota branch of Association of Special Programs in Region Eight (ASPIRE).

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