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TOP STORIES

Event will celebrate life of Dru Sjodin

The University of North Dakota will celebrate the life of Dru Sjodin Wednesday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Among those taking part in the celebration will be North Dakota Governor John Hoeven, Grand Forks Mayor Michael Brown, President Charles Kupchella, Student Body President Jordan Schuetzle, Christus Rex Pastor Tim Megorden, and members of Gamma Phi Beta. There will also be reflections of Dru from UND students, as well as special music. The celebration is open to all.

Statements regarding Dru Sjodin

The body of UND student Dru Sjodin, who was abducted in November from the Columbia Mall, was found Saturday, April 17, near Crookston, Minn. Following are statements from President Kupchella and student government.

Statement from President Charles Kupchella:
All of us at the University of North Dakota are deeply saddened to learn that our worst fears about Dru Sjodin’s disappearance are now confirmed. This is a tragedy that makes words and expressions woefully inadequate. The impact upon our campus is profound, exceeded only by the impact on Dru’s family. Our prayers are with Dru’s family, and with her many friends within and beyond our University community. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation for all of the help and support offered by thousands of individuals on and off campus to Dru’s family and her many friends at UND during this difficult period.

Student government would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our fellow student Dru Sjodin. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those who are grieving. As students of the University of North Dakota it is hard to comprehend that something so disheartening could happen to a fellow classmate and peer. To see the campus unite together in this dark time demonstrates that the light that was so evident in Dru is still amongst us. Dru’s memory will live on at UND as her spirit is engraved in the hearts of so many of her fellow students. Student government will continue to do what we can to help in any way possible.

Reminder to complete harassment training program

We thank those who have completed harassment training. If you have not yet completed the training, please do so
immediately. This training is required for all faculty and staff, graduate students who teach, and students who supervise others in support of UND’s efforts to promote a respectful campus community for everyone. If you have any questions regarding how to access the training program, please contact the Office of General Counsel at 777-6345. Thanks for your cooperation.

– Charles Kupchella, president.

President Kupchella will address University Council May 3

President Kupchella will address the University Council at 4 p.m. Monday, May 3, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The University Council consists of the following who are employed primarily on the Grand Forks campus: the president, vice presidents, registrar, director of libraries, all deans, all department chairpersons, all full-time faculty of the rank of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor; program directors, coordinators, assistant and associate deans who concurrently hold faculty rank; the director of the counseling center; professional librarians, and such other academic personnel and administrative officers as the council may designate. The quorum of the council necessary for the transaction of business is 25 percent of the council membership (or 155 of the current 620 members). Council meetings are normally co-chaired by the chairperson of the Senate and the president of the University. The registrar is ex officio secretary. Council meetings are open to the public, and students, staff and the general public are invited to attend.

– Nancy Krogh (registrar), University Council secretary.

EVENTS TO NOTE

Activities mark Earth Day April 22

The annual Earth Day Celebration at UND is set for Thursday, April 22. Starting at 7:30 a.m., join the UND Wildlife Society and others on a trip to Kelly’s Slough to welcome spring and the migratory birds. Vans will leave the Barnes and Noble parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return at 9:30 a.m. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Earth Fair will feature 40 exhibitors on the main floor and outside the Memorial Union. At 12:30 p.m., Josh Slotnick, director for the Program in Ecological Agriculture and Society (PEAS) at the University of Montana, will present the Glenn Allen Paur Lecture, “Agroecology: Seeing Nature as a Pattern for the Design of Agricultural Systems,” in 141 Starcher Hall. At 3:30 p.m. we will gather for a sharing of “Prayers for the Earth” across languages and traditions of our UND community. Feel free to bring prayers, poems, your presence. This event will be at the Soaring Eagle Prairie behind the Chester Fritz Library. A vegetarian meal will be served from 5 to 6:45 p.m. at the International Centre. At 7 p.m., this year’s keynote speaker, Josh Slotnick, will talk on “Globalize Localization: The Connection between Food, Agriculture and Place.” To end the evening, at 9 p.m. local band Seven Dollar Shift will play at the Loading Dock in the Memorial Union. All events are free and open to the public. The Earth Day planning team and the numerous volunteers associated with bringing this event to our community invite you to join us for this special day of celebration. For more information, please visit our web site at http://www.und.nodak.edu/org/earthday/ or contact andrea.bailly@und.nodak.edu.

SAMA holds aerospace conference April 22-23

The Student Aviation Management Association (SAMA) will hold their 23rd annual aerospace conference and career fair Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23, in 210 Clifford Hall. This event brings aviation professionals from across the nation to share their experience and insight into the aviation industry. The speakers have backgrounds in the airline industry, air traffic control, aircraft manufacturing, management, and safety and regulatory agencies.

Featured at the conference is aviation humorist Rod Machado, a certified flight instructor and published author. In his presentations and publications, Machado simplifies aviation concepts by using humor and easy-to-understand illustrations. He will speak Friday, April 23, at the SAMA banquet at Touch of Magic, East Grand Forks.

The conference is organized to provide students with networking opportunities, as well as inform them of current issues and career opportunities. The general public is welcome to attend each session. More information including speaker biographies and the schedule of events can be found at http://sama.aero.und.edu.

— Brandon Marks, conference director.
Reception celebrates new master’s program

The graduate school, the School of Engineering and Mines, and the geology and geological engineering department cordially invite you to help us celebrate the beginning of our new Master of Science program in Geological Engineering Friday, April 23, at 1 p.m. in the Leonard Hall foyer.

– Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school.

Florida biologist to present seminar

Hank Bass, assistant professor of biology at Florida State University, will present a seminar at noon Friday, April 23, in 141 Starcher Hall. His topic will be "Analysis of the Bouquet State of Meiosis in Maize."

– Biology Department.

Biomedical Research Center sponsors seminars

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center of Biomedical Research Excellence, Pathophysiology of Neurodegenerative Disease, and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics invite you a seminar in Room 5520 of the Medical School.

The seminar titled, "c-Fos Activates Specific Enzymes in the Endoplasmic Reticulum Phospholipid Biosynthetic Pathway and Sustains Growth in Cultured Neurons," is set for 3 p.m. Friday, April 23, and will be presented by Beatriz L. Caputto, a professor of biochemistry at the University of Cordoba School of Medicine, Cordoba, Argentina.

Please feel free to contact Matthew Picklo at 777-2293 for any questions regarding this seminar. All are welcome to attend.

– School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Biology faculty candidate will present lecture

On Friday, April 23, at 3 p.m. in 141 Starcher Hall, Janice Bossart will present “Evolutionary Ecology of Host Use in a Broadly Distributed Butterfly.”

Dr. Bossart is from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., and is a candidate for the evolutionary biologist position here.

– Biology department.

Law library, Union, wellness center closed April 24

The Thormodsgard Law Library, Memorial Union, and wellness center will be closed Saturday, April 24, because of a scheduled electrical outage.

Chester Fritz Library is open April 24

The Chester Fritz Library will be open regular hours Saturday, April 24, and will not be affected by electrical work scheduled on that day. A special thank you to facilities for keeping the library open so close to the end of the semester.

– Wilbur Stolt, director of libraries, Chester Fritz Library.

Electrical outages planned for April and May

The campus will experience several planned electrical outages to install three major generators. These generators will cut electricity costs and serve as emergency backups.

Please review the following dates and times and inform facilities of any major complications you may have. Please call Mark Johnson, 777-2336, with your concerns.

We realize this is a major inconvenience and ask your help and cooperation. It is imperative that the generators be installed prior to the air conditioning season to avoid major increases in our electrical costs.
The electrical outages to tie in the generators have been scheduled as follows:

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (16 hours)

Circuit #2, which includes these buildings: Chester Fritz Library, Core and Sample Library, Old Engelstad Arena, Hyslop Sports Center, Law and Law Library, McCannel Hall, Memorial Stadium, Memorial Union, Montgomery Hall, O'Kelly/Ireland, Starcher Hall, Swanson Hall.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (14 hours) and SUNDAY, MAY 23, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (14 hours)

Circuit #1, which includes these buildings: Auxiliary Services, Building Mechanical Shop, Central Foods, Central Receiving, Chester Fritz Auditorium, Community Center/Daycare, Facilities, Gamble Hall, Housing Office, Odegard Hall, Recycling Building, Streibel Hall, Transportation/Grounds, West Green 1-14.

— Larry Zitzow, director, facilities.

Speaker to discuss 1918 flu epidemic

The history department and the medical school invite the University community to a presentation on the influenza epidemic of 1918. Perry Hornbacher of Bismarck State College will give a talk titled “The Flu in North Dakota: 1918” at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

This lecture, part of the North Dakota Humanities Council’s Larry Remele Fellowship program, will be held at the Evan E. Lips Auditorium at the UND Clinical Education Center, just down the road from Barnes and Noble. Please use the south entrance.

For further information call the Humanities Council at 1-800-338-6543.

— Jim Mochoruk, associate professor and chair, history.

Museum hosts video installation

A video installation commissioned by the North Dakota Museum of Art opens Saturday, April 24, with a reception for the public from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibition runs through June 20.

The North Dakota Museum of Art commissioned Mary Lucier to respond to the population shifts that are forcing the people of the Northern Plains to re-imagine their lives. Seismic change has swept away family farms and ranches, small towns and rural schools. The land is now occupied by agri-business with massive machinery, global positioning systems for precision crop management, worldwide marketing networks, and government safety nets. The lone farmer, the cowboy, crews of custom combiners, migrant workers and field hands have gradually moved on.

Lucier’s 18-minute, five-channel video installation, The Plains of Sweet Regret, employs four video projections, two plasma screens, surround sound, and various rescued objects and artifacts. With these she creates the experience of moving through the landscape.

The Plains of Sweet Regret is part of the Museum’s much larger Emptying Out of the Plains initiative. Photographers, film makers, poets and essayists have been commissioned to create work that marks this moment in the history of this northern land. Their charge is difficult. Endless photographs and video footage of abandoned towns and farmsteads already exist – most overwhelmingly sentimental. How does an artist grapple with the essence of loss and then expose the ambiguity at its core?

This is Lucier’s second tangle with human loss on the Northern Plains. Following the 1997 flood of the Red River of the North, the Museum commissioned Lucier to create Floodsongs. Her work captured the devastating after effects of a flood that caused the largest human evacuation in the U.S. since the Civil War and turned eastern North Dakota, southern Manitoba and northwestern Minnesota into a vast inland sea. Floodsongs opened at the Museum before moving to New York’s Museum of Modern Art. Soon after, the International Art Critics Association named it the Best Video Exhibition in an American Museum in 1998-99.

— North Dakota Museum of Art.

News crew from Kosovo visits campus April 25-27
A news team from Kosovo Co-op Television will visit campus April 25-27 to work on a documentary for Kosovo Television on American university education.

The three-person team – Vjosa Berisha, director/producer; Alaudin Hamiti, reporter; and Gazmend Avdiu, cameraman – will visit UND with Alan Botto of the U.S. Department of State's Information Agency Office of Broadcast Services.

While at UND, the journalists will visit with:
- President Charles Kupchella;
- Vice presidents;
- Leigh Jeanotte and Donna Brown of American Indian Student Services;
- Martha Potvin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences;
- Student Body President Jordan Schuetzle and Student Body Vice President Christina Sambor, as well as other representatives of student government;
- Tim O'Keefe, executive vice president of the UND Alumni Association and UND Foundation;
- UND alum Lyle Kasprick;
- Gerald Groenewold, director of the Energy & Environmental Research Center;
- Bruce Smith, dean of the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences;
- Naser Grajcevci, a UND senior in airport management from Kosovo;
- The Northern Interscholastic Press Association (the high school journalism program coordinated through the School of Communication);
- And housing.

The news crew and Botto will also visit Northland Community and Technical College in East Grand Forks.

Graduate committee meets Monday

The graduate committee will meet Monday, April 26, from 3:05 to 5 p.m. at the J. Lloyd Stone Alumni House. The agenda will include:

1. Approval of minutes from April 19.
2. Teaching and learning requests that T&L 549: Seminar be switched from regular grading to S/U grading.
3. Be prepared to discuss what defines satisfactory progress.

— Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school.

McNair research presentations set for April 26

The Ronald E. McNair postbaccalaureate achievement program research presentations are set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 26, on the second floor, Memorial Union.

The schedule follows; everyone is welcome.

Oral presentations, Badlands Room: 10 to 10:25 a.m., Jennifer Short, "Traditional and Non-Traditional Approaches to Decreasing Stress and Improving Coping Among Northern Plains American Indian College Students"; 10:25 to 10:50 a.m., Sara Hallberg, "Textual Relationships: Increasing Writing Potential through Online Romance"; 10:50 to 11:15 a.m., Justin Bueligen, "VO2 Maximum and Conditioning"; 11:15 to 11:40 a.m., Jennifer Conway, "The Musculoskeletal Health of Civil War Soldiers"; 11:40 a.m. to 12:05 p.m., Connie Caraway, "An Assessment of Gangs in Indian Country"; 12:05 to 12:30 p.m., Evan Ferry, "Science as a Language-Experience in Undergraduate Anatomy"; and 12:30 to 12:55 p.m., Trevor Ghylin, "Structure and Foundation Design of an Aerial Target Launching System."

Poster presentations, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fireside Lounge: Erica Azure (Guy Keener), "Traditional and Non-Traditional Approaches to Decreasing Stress and Improving Coping Among Northern Plains American Indian College Students"); Sarah Bell, "History of the Arikara"; Georgann Collins, "Wildflowers of Lewis Boulevard, Grand Forks County"; Emily Hansen, "Recruitment and Retention of Indigenous Nursing Students: An International Study"; Pat Jordeheim, "Learning About Non-Traditional Students"; Tim Kipp, "Who Determines Repatriation?"; Patty Lambert, "History Repeating Itself: Charles A. Eastman Full Circle"; and Melissa Lima, "Perceptions of Adult Interactions."

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

— TRIO programs.
UND hosts visiting PBK Scholar April 26-27

Margaret Berger, the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27. She will present a public lecture at 8 p.m. Monday in the Lecture Bowl of the Memorial Union. The lecture topic will be “Rethinking the Need for Finality in Criminal Proceedings: The Impact of DNA Evidence.” Everyone is invited to attend. Margaret Berger is the Suzanne J. and Norman Miles Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, where she joined the faculty in 1973 and teaches civil procedure, evidence, and courses on the interaction of science and law. She was recently recognized by the American Law Institute/American Bar Association with the Rawle Award for her role in developing new approaches to judicial treatment of scientific evidence and in educating the legal and science communities about ways to implement these approaches. She currently serves on the National Research Council Panel on Science, Technology, and the Law, and was the reporter for the post-conviction issues working group of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. Berger has published numerous articles and has authored chapters in both editions of the Federal Judicial Center’s Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence and is co-author of Weinstein’s Evidence: Commentary on Rules of Evidence for the United States Courts and Magistrates.

– Mary Kweit, vice president, UND chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

First ConnectND campus meeting set for April 27

The first of a weekly series of one-hour briefings about progress on implementing the Web-based PeopleSoft computer software at UND as part of the statewide ConnectND project is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl.

The meetings, open to all, will also provide time for questions and answers, said Peggy Lucke, associate vice president for finance and operations, and Jim Shaeffer, chief information officer and dean of continuing education. The two are co-managers of UND’s implementation effort.

The Tuesday morning meetings will continue at the Union through the spring and summer, they said.

The State of North Dakota contracted with PeopleSoft to connect the financial, human resource and student administration systems of 58 agencies and 10 colleges and universities. Based in California, it is the second-largest company in the world producing online-based systems of integrating business processes. Much of the system will go live in July.

Lucke said that information will be provided at the meetings on one or more of the project “modules” – finance, student administration (registrar, financial aid, student finance, admissions), human resources and payroll. Demonstrations of the software will occur at some of the meetings.

An overview of the campus project will be provided at the April 27 meeting, as well as an update on the various implementation teams.

DSS plans April 27 award reception

Disability support services invites the campus community to our annual awards reception Tuesday, April 27, at the East Asian Room on the fourth floor of the Chester Fritz Library. The reception is at 3 p.m., followed by a brief program at 3:30 p.m. Each year DSS recognizes the students who have been awarded the Morrison, Sondrol, McSparron and Dougherty Scholarships and the faculty and staff who have been chosen to receive the DSS access champion award. Access champions are nominated by students with disabilities and DSS staff for doing an exceptional job of providing access in the classroom and on campus. Please join us.

– Disability support services.

Studio One and Tabula present free concert April 27

The University’s live television show, Studio One, and Tabula coffee shop will co-host gypsy jazz band Sam Miltich and The Clearwater Hot Club Tuesday, April 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Tabula.

The concert is free and open to the public; coupons for free coffee, tea or soda will also be handed out at the event by members of the Studio One marketing team.

Based out of Grand Rapids, Minn., The Clearwater Hot Club will share their unique blend of eastern European jazz and
swing, otherwise known as gypsy jazz. Guitarist Sam "Sammo" Miltich started the band and has received national praise and recognition for his music. National Public Radio (NPR) aired an eight-minute story in February on Miltich and the band, calling him a "rising star of the jazz guitar."

Studio One and Tabula are working together for the first time to co-sponsor the concert.

For more information on The Clearwater Hot Club, visit www.clearwaterhotclub.com. For more information on Studio One, visit www.und.edu/dept/studio1.

— Michelle Walters, director of marketing, television center, 777-3818 or mchielle.walters@und.nodak.edu

**ND EPSCoR holds open house to welcome Richard Schultz**

ND EPSCoR welcomes Richard Schultz (electrical engineering) as the resident co-project director with an open house Wednesday, April 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. in 415 Twamley Hall. Please join us.

— ND EPSCoR

**Visit the De-Stress Fest April 28**

Do you ever wish that you could forget about your tests, papers, and homework and escape to a tropical island? If this is your dream, it can come true Wednesday, April 28, when the Loading Dock in the Memorial Union will be transformed into a tropical paradise between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to pick up their passport to these exciting destinations: relaxation corner, massage station, make your own fruit kabobs, finger painting, make your own stress ball, and a hula hoop contest. Get at least stamps on your passport and enter the drawing for prizes that include live plants and hand massagers. You can also drop in and visit any destination of interest. This event is sponsored by healthy UND psychological subcommittee, the counseling center, and student health services.

**Benefit lunch at Tabula set for April 28**

Lunch sales at Tabula on April 28 will go to benefit Isaiah Macejkovic, the premature grandson of Cheryl and Jeff Macejkovic. Cheryl is a faculty member in the College of Nursing and Jeff is pastor of Mayville Lutheran Church. Please come and enjoy a pizza and salad lunch catered to benefit Isaiah anytime between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Tabula. Your support is much appreciated.

This lunch is partially funded by Tabula, Green Mill, Italian Moon and Hugos.

— Helen Melland, College of Nursing

**Lecture will discuss semiotics of a bakery**

The English department lecture series continues Thursday, April 29, in 116 Merrifield Hall at 4 p.m. The lecture by Sherry O'Donnell (English) is titled "Don't Wait 'Til Your Funeral to Order Our Buns: The Social Semiotics of a Small-Town Bakery."

Pierre's Bakery opened in August 1999 in Red Lake Falls, Minn. (pop. 1,803). Originally designed as a small factory with 11 employees and delivery routes, Pierre's soon became a shop run by its two owner/operators who now keep the bakery counter open two days a week. Like scores of small businesses and farms across the country, Pierre's suffers the "Wal-Mart effect" of lowball pricing and predatory account practices by big-box chain stores. And, like other bakeries and pasta shops, Pierre's endures the "low-carb effect" of diet marketers targeting bread as the new enemy of homeland consumption, with French pastries threatening homeland security. Concurrently, working class people and busy families with no time for home baking want cheap, convenient food which is familiar and comforting: squishy white bread, reheated Krispy Kreme donuts, and half-price day-old rolls.

This talk will use semiotics – the study of sign systems – to investigate Pierre's Bakery as a site of cultural practices, rituals, and communal preferences. The contradictions operating in the community appear different from those in other public places in the town: bars, schools, and churches, for example. Homemakers make guilty bakery purchases; pensioners waste money on "fancy" cakes, visiting relatives and out of town guests are treated to whole-grain loaves by their hometown hosts. As a small-town business with an educational agenda, Pierre's Bakery operates within what Borges calls an "impossible cartography," where the rules of recognition and propriety keep changing, depending upon which material and/or symbolic forms of merchandise get named and circulated, and for what reasons.
A little lunch will be served after the talk.

Sherry O'Donnell is a professor of English whose research specialties include 18th-century British literature, the discourse of agriculture, and feminist semiotics.

For further information, contact me.

– Joyce Coleman, English, 777-3321.

PAC-W announces “Speaking Out” event

The President’s Advisory Council on Women (PAC-W) is pleased to announce our spring event, “Speaking Out and Reaching Out,” at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, April 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. The event is free, and all faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to attend. Here is a chance for your voice to be heard and taken seriously as we share our thoughts or concerns and try to improve our university. The main topics for discussion include:

Graduate student issues and mentoring
Women and service issues
Family issues
Mentoring how-to’s
Feeling undervalued/underpaid – climate issues
Harassment and other employment concerns

Current PAC-W members will facilitate the discussions. Our goal is to work together to formulate possible improvements. Please bring your concerns, ideas, and a little bit of an appetite as a variety of hor d’oeuvers will be available. If you would like to attend, please R.S.V.P. by Monday, April 26, providing your name, department or area, whether you are staff, graduate student or faculty, and the number attending to Wendelin Hume at 777-4115 or wendelin.hume@und.edu (leaving a message is fine).

If you are interested in becoming a member of PAC-W and advocating for equity, please submit your contact information and a brief written statement explaining your interest to any of the PAC-W members or Wendelin Hume at Box 7013. Appointments are typically for three years and subject to the approval of the president. To find out more about PAC-W, you can visit our web site at http://www.und.edu/org/pacw/.

— Wendelin Hume (criminal justice), chair, PAC-W.

Third R&D Showcase is April 29 at Fargodome

North Dakota State University will host the third annual R&D Showcase Thursday, April 29, in the Fargodome. The main speakers will be:

Bruce McWilliams, CEO, Tessera Technologies, Silicon Valley, Calif., discussing intellectual property and the new economy. Tessera’s flip-scale technology is used worldwide.

Bruce Wood, director, John Deere & Company, Moline, Ill., describing how John Deere commercializes new products through research and development.

Paul Drzaic, vice president for advanced development, Alien Technology Co. Morgan Hill, Calif., will close the one-day event describing the Alien Technology story and their decision to locate in North Dakota.

The program and registration information can be found at www.ndsuresearchpark.com.

Thanks to the showcase sponsors, there is no charge for the sessions, morning and afternoon break refreshments, luncheon, and conference materials. There will be a $35 charge for the social and dinner. Register now for your seat at this exciting event. See you on Thursday, April 29.

– Bruce Gjovig, Center for Innovation.

Doctoral examination set for Gail Bass

The final examination for Gail Irene Shimer Bass, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in teaching and learning, is set for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 29, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is “The Evolution of a
Collaborative Teaching Team in Higher Education.” Kathleen Gershman (educational foundations and research) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

– Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school.

Campus involvement and student learning is teleconference topic

The National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition production, “Campus Activities: Creating Intentional Connections for Student Learning,” is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, from noon to 2 p.m. in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union. The teleconference is sponsored by Student and Outreach Services, Career Services, and TRIO Programs. Do educators on your campus still view campus activities as only the “fun and games” part of campus life? Today, campus activities provide an invaluable opportunity for student engagement and learning. This teleconference discussion centers on the evolution of campus activities from merely providing entertainment to embracing student learning outcomes. Our experts lead a conversation on the crucial role co-curricular and extracurricular activities play in student success. They explore lessons learned from assessment and share proven strategies that make a difference in our students’ college experience.

– TRIO Programs.

Abbott Lectures set for April 29, 30

The chemistry department Abbott Lectures are set for Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30. William H. Miller, professor of chemistry at the University of California Berkeley, will present.

The first, “Using Semiclassical Theory to Include Quantum Effects in Classical Molecular Dynamics Simulations,” will be Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in 101 Abbott Hall, and is intended for a scientifically interested general audience. A reception will follow the talk. He will also present “The Quantum Instanton Approximation for Thermal Rate Constants of Chemical Reactions” at noon Friday, April 30, in 138 Abbott Hall. All are welcome to both lectures.

Dr. Miller received a B.S. in chemistry from Georgia Tech (1963) and a doctorate in chemical physics from Harvard (1967). During 1967-69, he was a junior fellow in Harvard’s Society of Fellows. He joined the chemistry department of the University of California Berkeley, in 1969 and has been professor since 1974, serving as department chair from 1989 to 1993 and becoming the Kenneth S. Pitzer Distinguished Professor in 1999.

– Chemistry department.

Haydn, Mozart featured in April 30 Master Chorale concert

The Grand Forks Master Chorale and members of the Greater Grand Forks Symphony will join forces for “Masterworks Concert: Haydn’s Sancti Nicolai and Mozart’s Vesperae solennes de Confessore,” Friday, April 30, 7 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Now in its 21st year, the Grand Forks Master Chorale is a 40-plus-voice auditioned choir under the direction of Michael J. Weber with accompanist Lacey Oar.

Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Senior citizens get a break at $8 in advance, $10 at the door, and students get the best deal: $5 in advance, $7 at the door. Tickets are available through the Chester Fritz Auditorium box office, 777-4090. The Master Chorale is supported in part by the North Dakota Council on the Arts and the Myra Foundation. The Master Chorale is a member of the North Valley Arts Council, which is supporting this concert through as part of its regranting project.

U2 workshops listed for May 3-12

Below are U2 workshops for May 3 through May 12. Visit our web site for additional workshops in May. Please reserve your seat by registering with U2 by phone, 777-2128; e-mail, U2@mail.und.nodak.edu; or online, www.conted.und.edu/U2/. Please include workshop title and date, name, department, position, box number, phone number, e-mail address, and how you first learned of the workshop. Thank you for registering in advance; it helps us plan for materials and number of seats.

Word XP, Beginning: May 3, 5, and 7, 9 a.m. to noon, 361 Upson II Hall (nine hours total). Learn basic features of the program, create a document, edit and format text, format paragraphs, add tables, use templates and wizards, proof a document, set display and print options, and mail merge wizard. Presenter: Maria Saucedo.

Excel XP, Beginning: May 4 and 6, 9 a.m. to noon, 361 Upson II Hall. Learn Excel basics, edit worksheets, perform calculations, format worksheets, work with multiple worksheets, create and modify charts, set display and print options. Presenter: Maria Saucedo.

UND Strategic Planning Orientation Sessions: May 4, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union or May 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Ballroom, Memorial Union.

These two-hour sessions are designed for UND staff and faculty in leadership positions including department heads, chairpersons, deans, vice presidents, directors, and unit leaders. These sessions are designed to be refreshers for those who attended similar sessions four years ago. Those new to the University since then are especially encouraged to attend.

The sessions will include discussions on how to proceed with the strategic planning process in your areas. You will look at examples of successful planning efforts, discuss ideas, and learn about “tools” to make your planning efforts easier.

Content outline includes reasons for planning, overcoming the negatives, UND strategic planning model, facilitating the planning process, materials and other planning assistance

Session facilitators are Dennis Elbert, dean, business and public administration and James Shaeffer, dean, outreach programs.

Defensive Driving: May 11, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., 211 Rural Technology Center. This workshop is required by state fleet for all UND employees who drive state fleet vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a state fleet 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: Mark Johnson.

Electricity, What You Don’t Know Might Shock You: May 12, 2 to 4 p.m., Badlands Room, Memorial Union. Many people are injured and even killed by electricity every year. This workshop provides basic information for those “non-electricians” forced to work around electrical equipment. Presenter: Jason Uhlir.

— Julie Sturges, U2 program assistant, University within the University.

**Strategic planning orientation sessions set**

Strategic planning orientation sessions are set for Tuesday, May 4, and Monday, May 17. These two-hour sessions, designed for staff and faculty in leadership positions, including department heads, chairpersons, deans, vice presidents, directors, and unit leaders, are designed to be refreshers for those that attended similar sessions four years ago. Those new to the University since then would be especially encouraged to attend.

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Session facilitators are Dennis Elbert, dean, business and public administration, and James Shaeffer, dean, outreach programs.

Choose one of these two-hour sessions that fits into your schedule: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the River Valley Room, Memorial Union, or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the Memorial Union Ballroom.

For proper planning you are asked to register by contacting the U2 office within one week of the session start date at 777-2128 or send us an e-mail at U2@mail.und.nodak.edu. Contact us if you have special needs or require accommodations.

— Judy Streifel Reller, University Within the University coordinator.

**English celebrates publication of seven books**

The English Department is celebrating the publication of seven books during the past academic year by faculty and senior
lecturers. We are hosting a reception to honor our writers at the North Dakota Museum of Art, Wednesday, May 5, at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and many of the writers will read, briefly, from their works. Barnes & Noble will sell copies of their books on site.

As befits such a rich and varied humanities department, the range of books published is considerable, with "something for everyone," Department Chair James McKenzie said. Those being honored include, alphabetically:

**Michael Anderegg**, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, whose Cinematic Shakespeare appeared in December, published by Rowman & Littlefield. A widely recognized film scholar, Anderegg is also the author of William Wyler, David Lean, Orson Wells, Shakespeare, and Popular Culture; his collection of film criticism Inventing Vietnam remains an important work in its field. Anderegg has announced his retirement, after more than 32 years at UND, effective December 2004.

**Tami Carmichael**, whose Integrated Studies: Reinventing General Education, (New Forums) provides a detailed history of UND’s nationally recognized interdisciplinary program for first-year students. Her book explores the program’s relationship to significant national issues in pedagogy, including learning communities and general education. Carmichael coordinates UND’s humanities and integrated studies programs, and now directs the Writers Conference.

Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor Emerita Elizabeth Hampsten has published the English translation of Uruguayan novelist Mario Delgado Aparian’s disturbing story of life under military tyranny, The Ballad of Johnny Sosa (Penguin). Hampsten’s other works include Read This Only to Yourselves, Settler’s Children: Growing Up on the Great Plains, and a collection of essays, My Mother’s Letters. Hampsten alternates her life and work year between winters and springs in Grand Forks, and, because it is the southern hemisphere, winters and springs in Uruguay.

Poet Dale Jacobson has published a new, long poem, Factories and Cities: A Poem in Two Parts (1st Books Library). Besides editing the definitive version of UND graduate Tom McGrath’s epic poem Letter to an Imaginary Friend, Jacobson has published five earlier collections of poetry. He has taught as a senior lecturer in English for two decades.

**Yvette LaPierre**, whose Ghana in Pictures was published by Lerner Publications for its visual geography series. LaPierre, a freelance writer and editor, has also written Mapping a Changing World, Native American Rock Art, and America’s Monuments, Memorials, and Historical Sites. She currently serves as senior lecturer in Integrated Studies.

Trains in Winter, poet Jay Meek’s seventh collection with Carnegie-Mellon University Press, was published early this winter. Meek has also published a novel, The Memphis Letters, and co-edited three literary anthologies, including Prairie Volcano: An Anthology of North Dakota Writing. Meek, who won last year’s Thomas Clifford Award for Faculty Achievement in Research, will retire this May after 19 years in UND English.

**Ron Vossler**, whose Dakota Kraut: A Memoir (Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, NDSU Libraries) might be compared to a poet’s new and selected works, bringing together, as it does, a wide variety of his writings over the past 20 years. In addition to his prose and poetry, Vossler has written several award winning television documentaries, including Germans from Russia: Children of the Steppe/Children of the Prairie, which won a silver Telly in 1999. Vossler has taught as a senior lecturer for two decades.

— Jim McKenzie, professor and chair, English.

### Physician assistants plan primary care seminar

The North Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants will hold their 26th annual NDAPA spring primary care seminar Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo. Nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and students are invited to visit www.conted.und.edu/primarycare for a complete schedule, including session topics, presenters and objectives.

Approval for 14.0 CME hours was given by the AAPA, and approval for 16.8 nursing contact hours has been obtained from the North Dakota Nurses Association. Full conference registration is just $200 if you register on or before April 23. NDAPA members receive a discounted rate of $150. Daily and student rates are also available; see web site for details. Visit www.conted.und.edu/primary care to register online or to print out a registration for you can fax or mail. You may also call conference services at 777-2663 to register by phone (credit cards only).

For more information, contact conference services at the above number or e-mail conferences@mail.und.nodak.edu.

— Karen Cote, program assistant, conference services, continuing education.
Staff Recognition Ceremony set for May 11

The 2004 Recognition Ceremony for Staff Personnel is set for Tuesday, May 11, in the Memorial Union Ballroom beginning at 11:30 a.m. Employees will be recognized for years of service in five year increments, 10 Meritorious Service Award winners will be announced, as will the winner of the Ken and Toby Baker UND Proud Award. Tickets may be purchased in the Office of Human Resources, 313 Twamley Hall, for $3.50 each or from the human resources manager in your department. Tickets must be purchased no later than Wednesday, May 5. All members of the University community are invited.

– Joy Johnson, Human Resources.

Second grant writing workshop set for May 14

Due to the high demand for the beginner grant writing workshop, the Division of Continuing Education is offering a second workshop Friday, May 14. ”Grant Writing: Getting the Results You Want” will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union.

Cost is $215 for a one-day seminar that includes a two-inch binder with resources and samples, CEUs, continental breakfast and breaks. You’ll also receive individualized instruction and time to research grant opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit www.conted.und.edu/grantwriting or contact conference services at 777-2663 or conferences@mail.und.nodak.edu.

The deadline to register is Thursday, May 6. Space is limited.

– Jennifer Raymond, coordinator, conference services, continuing education.

UND offers summer writing camp for teens June 7-18

The English department is offering a two-week writing camp June 7-18 for students who will be in grades 9 to 12 next fall. Participants will explore a variety of writing genres including fiction, memoir, poetry, scriptwriting and journalism. Part of UND Summer Sessions, the camp will culminate in public readings at a local coffee shop. Sessions will be from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., with alternate days for additional writing time, and home assignments as well. Camp directors are UND writing instructors Kathy Coudle King and Kate Sweney, both published writers.

King has written more than 15 plays, five screenplays, a published novel, Wannabe, and many essays and short stories. She has a BFA in dramatic writing from New York University and an M.A. in English from UND. She has been teaching in the UND English department since 1991 and in the women studies program since 1997.

Sweney has worked as a journalist, technical writer, editor, public relations writer and a teacher for more than 20 years. Her free-lance articles have appeared in USA Today and True West magazine, among others. She co-edited Day In, Day Out: Women’s Lives in North Dakota and was associate editor of Plainswoman magazine for several years.

Early bird registration of $120 ends June 1. After June 1, the cost will be $130. A limited number of partial scholarships ($65) are available for students who write a letter expressing their need and include a writing sample. This can be sent to the UND Department of English, Summer Writing Camp, P.O. Box 7209, Grand Forks, ND 58202.

For information, or to register, call 777-6395 or 777-3322; or e-mail kathleen.king@und.nodak.edu or kathryn.sweney@und.nodak.edu. Please note correct phone number.

Counseling center listening sessions available

Last November, several listening sessions were established upon the disappearance of Dru Sjodin. We will hold similar sessions upon request. Students, faculty, and staff who are interested in accessing brief counseling over the recent news of Dru may call the University Counseling Center at 777-2127. The times readily available each weekday are 10 a.m. to
noon and 1 to 3 p.m., but the UCC will accommodate as needed. Counselors are also available to meet with small groups should friends, colleagues, or classmates wish a meeting together.

Talking through disturbing matters is important for everyone and is often found to be more beneficial than keeping concerns to oneself or ignoring feelings. UND community members are encouraged to talk with one another and share concerns as was done so effectively when Dru was first abducted. Please, also feel free to call on the listening professionals available to you here at UND.

— Erik Mansager, director, counseling center.

ConnectND lists “go live” schedules

Here are tentative “go-live” schedules for most modules of ConnectND in the North Dakota University System:

Student Administration:
- Week of June 21 – Minot State University, Dickinson State University and MSU-Bottineau.
- Week of June 28 – Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, and Williston State College.
- Week of July 5 – North Dakota State University, State College of Science and University of North Dakota.
- Week of July 12 – human resource management systems.
- Week of July 26 – finance systems.

A detailed calendar of the tentative schedules for testing, training and roll-out of the various modules within the NDUS has been provided to the campus implementation chairs.

For more information, visit www.nodak.edu/connectnd.

— Jan Orvik, for the ConnectND project.

Raymond Lagasse named international programs director

After a national search, Raymond A. Lagasse has been named director of international programs. He holds a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (STB) from the University of St. Thomas in Rome, Italy, and a B.A. in philosophy and humanities from North Dakota State University. Lagasse previously served as the assistant director for education abroad at UND and as a registration and records associate at NDSU.

— John Ettling, provost.

Christianson, Kostelecky elected SBHE officers

The State Board of Higher Education elected Bruce Christianson president and Pam Kostelecky vice president at the board’s April 15 meeting in Williston. Christianson and Kostelecky will serve as SBHE officers from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005.

Christianson, from Minot, is chief executive officer and general manager of the Magic City Financial Group there. He is a certified property manager and a licensed real estate broker. He served on the Minot City Council from 1980 to 200 and has been active in several professional and civic groups. Christianson’s first full term on the board began July 1, 2003.

Kostelecky, from Dickinson, is president and general manager of Sax Motor Co. in Dickinson, and Sax Motor Co. Southwest in Bowman. She is president of General Investment Corporation, a real estate and leasing company also located in Dickinson. Kostelecky’s term on the board began in October 2002 and will run through June 2005.

Bioterrorism project adds three employees

Three staff members have been added to the bioterrorism education and training project, "BORDERS Alert and Ready," at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. BORDERS is a collaborative program aimed at improving the ability of health professionals across all disciplines to prepare for and respond to acts of bioterrorism in increasingly diverse situations and populations. BORDERS stands for Biochemical Organic Radioactive Disaster Educational Response System.

The new employees are:

Doug Jackson, project coordinator, a Minnesota native who served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was the lead nuclear, biological and chemical warfare defense instructor and hazardous materials training program manager for the 319
Air Refueling Wing at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. He also developed procedures for nuclear accident contamination control for the Base and has extensive experience in emergency planning and management.

**Kathy Williams**, continuing education coordinator, has worked for the UND medical school for 15 years and has experience in rural and public health professional education and training, conference planning and coordination, along with extensive knowledge of multidisciplinary continuing education policies and procedures.

**Sue Applegren**, administrative assistant, has been employed by UND for 17 years, most recently for the medical school’s Center for Rural Health. She has also worked in student financial aid.

Ready project is being developed by the UND medical school and North Dakota Department of Public Health through a grant or $820,000 from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. The UND medical school is among 19 institutions, out of 104 that applied, to receive the grants, which total $22.3 million nationally.

The two-year BORDERS project will utilize standardized, multidisciplinary web-based instruction and community-oriented, hands-on simulated disasters at sites through North Dakota to help achieve more coordinated, efficient and effective responses to public health emergencies.

— Doug Jackson, BORDERS Alert and Ready, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

**Staff senate executive officers named**

Congratulations to the following who were elected to staff senate executive offices for 2004-2005: Linda Neuerburg, vice president/president elect; Teresa Billie, treasurer; Joneen Iverson, secretary; Tammy J. Anderson, membership/attendance officer.

We will elect three members-at-large at the May 12 Senate meeting who will also serve on the executive committee.


**Budget office seeks information for space study**

The budget office is conducting a space survey, required by the federal government, for use in developing the University’s facilities and administrative cost rates. Selected departments will be contacted for information regarding functional use (instruction, research, etc.) of space in their areas. We may also contact departments for further information regarding financial data. We appreciate any help received. If you have any questions, please contact me at 777-6155.

— Dawn Pladson, budget office.

**Submit text requisitions now**

Course book information requests were due at Barnes and Noble UND Bookstore March 12. We thank those who have submitted their summer and fall book information to us; you are allowing us the time to purchase more used books for our students and save them 25 percent. We currently have 55 percent of the course book information requests. We would like to have as many as possible prior to the week of finals.

Giving us your book information now reduces potential problems such as publisher’s shipping delays, errors, and out-of-stock situations. In addition, having this book information no later than May 3 allows us to pay students who choose to sell their books at 50 percent of the book price at buyback if the same title is being used.

We are happy to accept your book request piecemeal. If you are not sure of all the books you will need for a course, submit the titles that you do know. Just note on the request form that more titles may be requested later and send in another list as soon as you make your decision.

Working together, we can save students money and have your books on the shelf when classes begin. When we provide more used books and more money back at the buyback process we can offer students up to a 63 percent savings off the new textbook price.

For more information regarding the bookstore, or if you need any assistance preparing the course book information request form, you may reach us at 777-2746; fax, 777-3410; michelle_abernathey@mail.und.nodak.edu.

— Michelle Abernathey, manager, B&N University Bookstore.
Please review student summer jobs

Please review your student employment needs for the summer term. Jobs for federal work study and institutional student employment for the summer session will be posted May 12. Jobs must be posted for a minimum of three business days before students may begin working. Work study certification cards and institutional employment referral cards for summer will also be available on this date.

Job listings submitted within the last academic year are on file in our office for both FWS and institutional jobs. If you want your jobs posted for FWS, institutional or both, please let us know by May 5. Please call Cathy at 777-4411, e-mail cathy_jelinek@mail.und.nodak.edu or fax 777-2040 to post federal work study positions or Terri at 777-4395, e-mail job_service@mail.und.nodak.edu. Jobs must still be posted through Job Service-UND office for the summer to allow equal employment opportunity for students.

Unless you notify us of appropriate openings or changes, no positions will be posted for your department. The job you posted for spring will be removed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cathy at 777-4411 or Terri at 777-4395.

– Cathy Jelinek, federal work study clerk, and Terri Jerik, employment interviewer, Job Service ND.

Spring COSE newsletter available online; discounts available

The spring COSE (Council of State Employees) newsletter is available online at www.state.nd.us/cose. Please print a copy and share with others who might not have access to a computer.

New Grand Forks area businesses that participate in a state employee discount program are listed. Please be sure to check our web site often as our list of businesses just grew to over 29.

The discount program is simple. Just call the businesses or stop in at the store, provide proof you work for the state and you get the discount. Some places do not require a state/N.D. ID card, some do. Only the businesses listed are offering discounts overseen by COSE.

– Leyton Rodahl (facilities), COSE board director.

MSS has GSA positions available

The multicultural student services office has the following graduate service positions available for fall 2004 and spring 2005.

Half-time peer mentoring program (PMP position) coordinator: supervise up to four peer mentors; coordinate and run peer mentoring program.

Quarter-time (and PMP) includes: help plan academic enhancement effort throughout the year; serve as liaison between multicultural student services (MSS) and student groups; attend and actively participate in meetings pertaining to MSS business; participate in mandatory GSA retreat (Aug. 19 and 20); conduct research, data input, and interpretation as assigned by director; address the unique needs of students; promote diversity; assist with projects and take the lead in some projects; and must have basic desktop publishing experience.

Your time must be flexible enough to work with students, attend meetings, work with group activities and hold office hours during the week.

Applications (deadline May 14) are available at The Era Bell Thompson Cultural Center, 2800 University Ave.

– MC Diop, director, multicultural student services.

Studio One lists features

UND students will react to the recent discovery of the body of Dru Sjodin on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. UND senior Dru Sjodin had been missing since her abduction five months ago. During a volunteer search, her body was found near Crookston, Minn. This discovery has spurred many reactions from students; we'll hear from friends who gathered at a remembrance vigil.

Also on the next edition of Studio One, service manager Lynn Stallman will discuss lawn mower maintenance and how it
affects longevity. He will demonstrate preparations for storage and use, as well as lawn mower safety.

Studio One is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program airs live at 5 p.m. on UND Channel 3 on Thursdays. Rebroadcasts can be seen at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m., and 11 p.m. daily and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Prairie Public Television airs Studio One on Saturday at 6 a.m. The program can also be seen in Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan, Minot, Minneapolis, the Portland, Ore., metro area, and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

– Studio One.

Campus walking trail maps available

Enjoy walking? Feel stressed and need a break? Want to get in shape for spring? Want to become renewed and invigorated when outside? Check out the new walking trails on campus.

The physical wellness subcommittee along with Rick Tonder, associate director of facilities, has created 14 walking/running trails for the UND campus. The trails, approximately one mile in length, cover most regions of campus and can be interconnected for a 5-10 mile walk. Three of the trails are indoor routes for year-round use. The School of Medicine loop even includes stair climbing to increase the workout.

Maps are available at the Wellness Center and Memorial Union and online through the UND home page at www.und.nodak.edu and the Wellness Center home page at http://wellness.und.edu/wellness.

Obesity and poor fitness are serious health crises in America. College campuses are not immune. Let’s lower the risk at UND. Get active, get fit, and get healthy. See you on the trails.

– Matt Remfert, co-chair, physical wellness subcommittee.

Operation Graduation planned for seniors

Telesis, the UND Student Alumni Association, and the UND Alumni Association invite all graduating seniors to "Operation Graduation" Wednesday, April 28, at the Alumni Center in the J. Lloyd Stone Building next to Gamble Hall. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participating students can enjoy free pizza, refreshments, gifts, and prizes. Information about what the Alumni Association offers to graduates will also be available.

– Telesis.

Symphony offers summer program for children

The Greater Grand Forks Symphony will offer a summer program in chamber music performance for string musicians in grades 5 through 12. "Summer Strings" will run June 7 through July 1 at Hughes Fine Arts Center.

Applications are being accepted for limited spots in the following sessions: Intro to Chamber Music, for intermediate level elementary and middle school students without chamber experience; Intermediate Chamber Music, for intermediate to advanced middle school students with some chamber music experience; and Jazz Strings, a new session for 2004 open to advanced middle school and high school students with or without jazz playing experience.

Students will present a recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, in the Josephine Campbell Recital Hall. Deadline for applications is May 10; applications received by April 26 receive an early-bird discount. For more information on precise playing level requirements or to request a brochure, please contact the GGFSO, Box 7089, Grand Forks, ND 58202-7084, 777-3359; or call director Naomi Welsh at 746-9969 or director Suzanne Olafson at 746-6222.

– Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra.

Denim Day is last Wednesday of month

It’s the last Wednesday of the month – that means April 28 is Denim Day. Pay your dollar, wear your button, and “go casual.” All proceeds go to charity. Tired of watching other offices and buildings have all the fun? Call me and I’ll set you up with buttons and posters for your area.

– Patsy Nies, enrollment services, 777-3791, for the Denim Day committee.
Bookstore seeks temporary part-time help

The UND Barnes and Noble Bookstore is accepting job applications for spring buy-back and fall book-rush. Temporary full-time and part-time positions are available for May and August. Capture our employee discounts on textbooks, trade books, and Fighting Sioux merchandise while earning extra money! Apply at 775 Hamline St. at the book information desk. Training begins April 27.

– UND Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

GRANTS & RESEARCH

Faculty, researchers sought for UND experts directory

President Charles Kupchella is asking faculty and researchers to help “populate” the newly redesigned online UND experts directory. Created by the Office of University Relations, the web site is one of several ways in which UND will showcase its expertise and at the same time provide access to service. It will also be a resource that will allow colleagues, the media, and the public in general to connect to expertise on campus. The UND Experts Directory can be accessed at http://www.und.edu/experts. The site currently spotlights academic units and stand-alone research centers, but it will soon be modified to include non-academic service units.

The retooled web site now features a searchable database. For example, type in "gene" and the following names (added during various test phases) pop up in the database: David Bradley, Ann Flower, Mahesh Lakshman, John Martsof, Peter Meberg, Roger Melvold, Darrin Muggli, Matthew Nilles, Kevin Young.

The process for getting into the database is simple. The online submission form is designed to allow faculty and researchers to cut and paste from their vita, or, if you prefer, type in fresh material. In addition to basic information (name, title, contact information, etc.), the form allows you to include information under the following categories:

Education Publications Consulting
Research Grants Special
Presentations Patents Works in Progress

To participate, faculty and researchers can go to http://www.und.edu/experts/submit and begin filling in the form. Note that you will be asked to provide your NAID number (which will be kept confidential). This will allow you to modify your entry at a later date. Faculty members, for example, may want to update their entries when they provide their October supplements.

Funding opportunities will not run in University Letter as of July 1

We are approaching the end of the year of our conversion from the Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) system to Community of Science (COS). COS, which has been provided by the ND State Board of Higher Education for all campuses, offers more extensive search capabilities than SPIN in addition to a variety of other services. The following text from the COS home page offers a brief description of the system:

"Community of Science, Inc. (COS) is the leading Internet site for the global R&D community. COS brings together the world’s most prominent scientists and researchers at more than 1,600 universities, corporations and government agencies worldwide. COS provides tools and services that enable these professionals to communicate, exchange information and find the people and technologies that are important to their work.

These services include: COS Expertise®, the database of detailed, first person profiles of more than 480,000 R&D professionals; COS Funding Opportunities™ the largest source of grant information on the Web; COS Abstract Management System™ an online publishing solution for universities and professional societies; and customized access to a range of professional reference databases including U.S. Patents, MEDLINE, AGRICOLA, and GeoRef, among others."

For many years, ORPD staff have selected representative samples from funding opportunities for a variety of academic areas from the SPIN and COS systems, and we have published them in the University Letter. However, the number of funding opportunities that are available greatly exceeds the number we can publish each week. We are concerned that
faculty seeking research opportunities may miss them simply because they do not see something of interest in the University Letter. Consequently, as of July 1, we will change from listing a few samples of opportunities to encouraging faculty to subscribe to COS to receive announcements by e-mail or to conduct frequent searches for research opportunities using the COS system.

For faculty who would like help transitioning to COS, ORPD will offer regularly scheduled workshops in the use of COS beginning in March 2004. Please check the University Letter for the time and place for the workshops. A set of instructions for using COS can be found on the ORPD web page: http://www.und.edu/dept/orpd/ To access the instructions, select Funding Search Instructions on the web page.

— Will Gosnold, interim director, Office of Research and Program Development

Research, grant opportunities listed

Following are research and grant opportunities. For additional information, contact the Office of Research and Program Development at 777-4278 or shirley_griffin@mail.und.nodak.edu. Portions of the following data were derived from the Community of Science’s COS Funding OpportunitiesTM which is provided for the exclusive use of the University of North Dakota and may not be republished or made available outside the University of North Dakota in any form except via the COS Record ShareTM on the COS website.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH (AICR)
Investigator-Initiated Grants support innovative research on dietary means of preventing and treating cancer or improving life of the cancer patient. Deadline: 7/1/04. Contact: American Institute for Cancer Research, 202-328-7744; research@aicr.org; http://www.aicr.org/research/investigator.lasso.

Matching Grants fund competitively reviewed studies on diet and nutrition in cancer prevention and treatment that meets the interests of AICR and the collaborator offering matching funds. Deadline and Contact: See above or http://www.aicr.org/research/matching.lasso.

Postdoctoral Grant Awards support new investigators conducting innovative research on the prevention, etiology, or treatment of cancer by dietary or nutritional methods. Deadline: 7/1/04. Contact: See above or http://www.aicr.org/research/post_doc.lasso.

AMERICAN TINNITUS ASSOCIATION (ATA)
Research Program—Support for scientific studies directly concerned with tinnitus or assessment and extension of residual inhibition. Deadlines: 6/30/04, 12/31/04. Contact: Amanda Rhoads, 503-248-9985; amandar@ata.org; http://www.ata.org/research/.

AUTHOR SERVICES, INC.
Writers of the Future—Awards for new and amateur writers of short stories, or novelettes of science fiction or fantasy. All types of science fiction, fantasy, and horror with fantastic elements are welcome. Deadlines: 6/30/04, 9/30/04. Contact: Ron Hubbard’s Writers of The Future Contest, contests@authorservicesinc.com; http://www.writersofthefuture.com/rules.htm#writers.

CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK
New Dimensions of Security—Support for knowledge gathering and policy analysis to address emerging threats to international peace and security (e.g., competition over vital natural resources). Deadline: None. Contact: David C. Speedie, 212-371-3200; http://www.carnegie.org/sub/program/intl_peace.html.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Alfred I. duPont—Columbia University Awards for Radio and Television Journalism are made for single programs or segments covering one topic, a series of reports covering one topic, or a series of programs on related topics. Reporting about local issues is of special interest. Deadline: 6/15/04. Contact: Jonnet S. Abeles, 212-854-5047; dupont@jrn.columbia.edu; http://www.jrn.columbia.edu/events.dupont/.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)
Clinical Trial Awards support Phase I or Phase II clinical trials with potential to substantially improve today’s approach to treatment and/or management of neurofibromatosis 1 (NF1), NF2, and/or Schwannomatosis. Contact: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, 301-619-7079; cdmrp.pa@det.amedd.army.mil; http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/04nfrp.htm. Deadline: 6/29/04.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)
Clean Coal Power Initiative--Support for projects that demonstrate advanced coal-based technologies that have progressed beyond research and development to a point of readiness for operation at a scale that can be readily replicated into commercial practice; and that accelerate the likelihood of deploying demonstrated technologies for widespread commercial use. Contact: Raymond Johnson, 412-386-6109; johnson@netl.doe.gov; https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopoer.nsf/1be0f2271893ba198525644bc006bc0be/16e69f35c09aeecc285256e3900734147?OpenDocument. Deadline: 6/15/04.

DREYFUS FOUNDATION, INC., CAMILLE AND HENRY
Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Awards--Support to strengthen teaching and research careers of faculty in the 4th-12th years of their career in the chemical sciences, with emphasis on teaching, mentorship, and accomplishments in research and teaching with undergraduates. NOTE: UND may submit only one application per year; therefore, please contact ORPD by May 1, 2004, (7-4278 or shirley.griffin@mail.und.nodak.edu) if you are interested in applying. Deadline: 6/24/04. Contact: Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc., 212-753-1760; admin@dreyfus.org; http://www.dreyfus.org/th.shtml.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
Understanding Ecological Thresholds in Aquatic Systems Through Retrospective Analysis--Support for research to advance basic understanding of ecosystem resilience as it relates to ecological thresholds, and to produce practical insights from retrospective analysis of past threshold events that can be applied to adaptive management of similar ecosystems to prevent problems before they occur. Deadline: 6/22/04. Contact: Iris Goodman, 202-564-8313; goodman.iris@epa.gov; http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2004/2004_aqua_sys.html.

GRANT FOUNDATION, WILLIAM T.
Scholars Program--Support for postdoctoral scholars, from diverse disciplines, whose research deepens and broadens the knowledge base in areas that contribute to creating a society that values young people (ages 8-25) and helps them reach their potential. Priority areas are: youth development; programs, policies, and institutions affecting young people; and adults’ attitudes about and perceptions of young people, along with consequences of those attitudes and perceptions. Interdisciplinary research that examines young people in social, institutional, community, and cultural contexts, and addresses issues relevant to youth-related programs is of particular interest. Note: UND may submit only one application per year; therefore, please contact ORPD by May 1, 2004 (7-4278 or shirley.griffin@mail.und.nodak.edu) if you are interested in applying. Deadline: 7/1/04. Contact: Grants Coordinator, 212-752-0071; fs@wtgrantfdn.org; http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=76878&attrib_id=4398.

MAZDA FOUNDATION

METANEXUS INSTITUTE
Local Societies Initiative--Support to study the interrelationship of science and religion, promote greater appreciation of these issues, and enhance increased cooperation between science and religion. Contact: Metanexus Institute, 215-789-2200; info@metanexus.net; http://www.metanexus.net/local_societies/default.html. Deadlines: 7/1/04, 10/1/04.

MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (MLA)
Dena Epstein Awards support research in archives or libraries (both nationally and internationally) on any aspect of American music. Deadline: 7/1/04. Contact: Diane Steinhaus, dstein@email.unc.edu; http://www.musiclibraryassoc.org/awards/aw_calls.htm#epstein.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI)
Administrative Supplements for Disseminating Evidence-Based Intervention Research Products--Support for cancer control investigators whose intervention efficacy data have been analyzed and who have active NCI grants related to the intervention program proposed for dissemination. Deadline: 6/30/04. Contact: Jon F. Kerner, 301-594-7294; jon.kerner@nih.gov; http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-04-011.html.

NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE (NHLBI)

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTION DISEASES (NIAID)/NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI)
Inter-Institute Program for Development of AIDS-Related Therapeutics—Support for pre-clinical development of: therapies for treatment of HIV disease, AIDS-associated malignancies, opportunistic infections and tuberculosis associated with AIDS; and microbicid-based prevention strategies for HIV. Deadlines: 5/1/04 (Letter of Intent); 6/1/04 (Application). Contact: Inter-Institute Program Coordinator, 301-496-8720; iip@dtpax2.ncifcrf.gov; http://dtp.nci.nih.gov/docs/dart.html.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES (NIAMS)

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES (NIGMS)
Support for the Annual Biomedical Research Symposium for MARC/MBRS Students—Support for conferences to promote the MORE objective of increasing the number of underrepresented minorities who participate fully in biomedical research. Deadlines: 5/14/04 (Letter of Intent); 6/14/04 (Application). Contact: Adolphus Toliver, 301-594-3900; tolivera@nigms.nih.gov; http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-05-005.html.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (NIDCD)

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

Innovations in Biomedical Computational Science and Technology—Funding for research and development in computational science and technology to support rapid progress in areas of scientific opportunity in biomedical research, including: database design, graphical interfaces, querying approaches, data retrieval, data visualization and manipulation, data integration through development of integrated analytical tools, and tools for electronic collaboration, as well as computational and mathematical research including development of structural, functional, integrative, and analytical models and simulations. Deadlines: 6/24/04, 10/24/04, 2/24/05. Contact: James Cassatt, 301-451-6446; jc12b@nih.gov; http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-03-044.html.

Planning Grants to Organize Programs for International Clinical, Operational, and Health Services Research Training for AIDS and Tuberculosis—Support to establish comprehensive training programs to increase capacity in a foreign country to conduct integrated clinical, operational, and health services research focused on one or more of the following: application of clinical science and health care research to benefit those infected with HIV and/or TB; prevention and/or reduction of spread of HIV and TB and related conditions, especially measures that can be implemented within the context of care; study of strategies for scale up and integration of effective therapeutic and preventive interventions into the local health care system. Contact: Jeanne McDermott, 301-496-1492; mcdermoj@mail.nih.gov; http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-03-072.html. Deadlines: 5/10/04 (Letter of Intent); 6/10/04 (Application).

Research on Children Exposed to Violence—Support for research to enhance understanding of children exposed to domestic violence, community violence, and war/terrorism, and to develop new knowledge in these areas and in the definition, identification, epidemiology, prevention, etiology, effects, early intervention, and mechanisms of violence exposure. Deadline: 6/25/04. Contact: Margaret Feerick, 301-435-6882; feerickm@mail.nih.gov;
NATIONAL LEUKEMIA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
Research Grants support research to find causes and a cure for leukemia. Applicants must have a Ph.D. or M.D. degree.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (NSF 04575)—Support to develop and implement innovative models for recruiting, mentoring, and retaining minority students in doctoral programs in the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and to develop effective strategies for identifying and supporting underrepresented minorities who want to pursue academic careers. Deadlines: 5/17/04 (Letter of Intent); 7/26/04 (Application). Contact: Roosevelt Johnson, 703-292-4669; ryjohnso@nsf.gov; http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/hrd/agep.asp.


Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC) Program—Support to develop long-term partnerships among industry, academe, and government to promote research programs of mutual interest, contribute to the nation’s research infrastructure base, and enhance intellectual capacity of the engineering workforce through integration of research and education. Deadlines: 6/30/04, 12/31/04. Contact: Alexander Schwarzkopf, 703-292-8383; askwarz@nsf.gov; http://www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf01116.


NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)/NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES (NIGMS)

PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS
Public Health—Support for beginning biomedical scientists engaged in interdisciplinary biomedical research. The intent is to fill biomedical research needs not sufficiently addressed by other funding sources. Deadline: None. Contact: Pew Charitable Trusts, 215-575-9050; mbyrnes@pewtrusts.com; http://www.pewtrusts.com/grants/grants_item.cfm?image=img3&page=g3&program_area_id=4#public.

PFEIFFER RESEARCH FOUNDATION, GUSTAVUS AND LOUISE
Research Grants support basic biomedical and pharmacological research in breast, ovarian, and prostate cancer, with emphasis on translational research (i.e. clinical applications of research in the foregoing fields). Note: UND may submit only one application per year; therefore, please contact ORPD before May 1, 2004, (7-4278 or shirley.griffin@mail.und.nodak.edu) if you are interested in applying. Deadline: 7/25/04. Contact: Matthew G. Herold, 973-983-0480; http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=177.

SLOAN FOUNDATION, ALFRED P.

WOMEN’S SPORTS FOUNDATION
Homophobia in Sport Project Grants—Support to develop research, community outreach, and educational programs addressing the issue of homophobia and other barriers to women’s participation in sports. Deadline: None. Contact: Women’s Sports Foundation, 800-227-3988; wosportag@aol.com; http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/results.html.

— William Gosnold, interim director, research and program development.