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- Jordan Schuetzle elected student body president
- Student registration dates, times available on ALFI
- Summer, fall class schedule available online
- UND prepares for ConnectND campus training

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GRANTS & RESEARCH

- Scholarly activities committee awards grants
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- Research, grant opportunities listed

TOP STORIES

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe to give main address at spring commencement May 15

NASA's top administrator, Sean O'Keefe, will be the main speaker at spring commencement Saturday, May 15, thanks to the help of U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan, who arranged the visit.

A key player in helping UND attract federal funding for a variety of programs, Dorgan has long been a strong advocate for UND's space-related programs. Through his efforts, other top NASA administrators have visited UND's John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, home to a unique Internet-based master's program in space studies. UND has other space-related programs, most notably in the School of Engineering and Mines, which recently hosted two astronauts and also worked with the Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences and the Upper Midwest Aerospace Consortium (headquartered at UND) to develop AgCam, which will be mounted in the International Space Station to snap satellite images of agricultural land in the Upper Midwest.

Spring commencement is Saturday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. UND graduates an average of 2,200 students a year, most of them after the spring semester.

Sean O'Keefe

Nominated by *President George W. Bush* and confirmed by the United States Senate, Sean O'Keefe was appointed by the President as the 10th administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on Dec. 21, 2001. As administrator, O'Keefe leads the NASA team and manages its resources as NASA seeks to advance exploration and discovery in aeronautics and space technologies.

O'Keefe joined the Bush administration on inauguration day and served as deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget and deputy assistant to the president until December 2001, overseeing the preparation, management and administration of the federal budget and initiatives across the executive branch.

Prior to joining the Bush administration, O'Keefe was the Louis A. Bantle Professor of Business and Government Policy, an endowed chair at the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He also served as the director of National Security Studies, a partnership of Syracuse University and Johns Hopkins University, for delivery of executive education programs for senior military and civilian Department of Defense managers. Appointed to these positions in 1996, he was previously professor of business administration and assistant to the senior vice president for research and dean of the graduate school at the Pennsylvania State University.

Appointed as the secretary of the navy in July 1992 by President George Bush, O'Keefe previously served as comptroller and chief financial officer of the Department of Defense since 1989. Before joining Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's Pentagon management team in these capacities, he served on the United States Senate committee on appropriations staff for eight years, and was staff director of the defense appropriations subcommittee. His public service began in 1978 upon

selection as a presidential management intern.

O'Keefe is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and has served as chair of an Academy panel on investigative practices. He was a visiting scholar at the Wolfson College of the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, a member of the Naval Postgraduate School's civil-military relations seminar team for emerging democracies and has conducted seminars for the Strategic Studies Group at Oxford University. He served on the national security panel to devise the 1988 Republican platform and was a member of the 1985 Kennedy School of Government program for national security executives at Harvard University.

In 1993, President Bush and Secretary Cheney presented him the Distinguished Public Service Award. He received the Department of the Navy's Public Service Award in December 2000. O'Keefe was the 1999 faculty recipient of the Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Service. He is the author of several journal articles, contributing author of "Keeping the Edge: Managing Defense for the Future," released in October 2000, and in 1998, co-authored "The Defense Industry in the Post-Cold War Era: Corporate Strategies and Public Policy Perspectives."

O'Keefe earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1977 from Loyola University in New Orleans, and his Master of Public Administration degree in 1978 from The Maxwell School. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Loyola University in May 2003. His wife Laura and children Lindsey, Jonathan and Kevin reside in northern Virginia.

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.

Kurt Mueller will receive honorary degree at commencement

Kurt Mueller, former president of the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, will receive a Doctor of Letters degree at commencement Saturday, May 15, Alerus Center.

A native of Grand Rapids, Minn., Mueller received his bachelor's degree in accounting from UND in 1962 and began his career as an accountant. He was president of businesses ranging in size from small and entrepreneurial to large, publicly held companies. He built and directed the national entrepreneurial services practice for Ernst & Young's Missouri and Kansas offices in the early 1980s and headed his own consulting practice, Financial and Credit Consultants. He spent 18 years working with entrepreneurs before becoming president of the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, the nation's largest foundation supporting entrepreneur education, research and support. The Kauffman Foundation has provided \$93,000 in grants to the University of North Dakota for entrepreneur internships, making 84 such internships possible. He retired in 2003. His experience in running entrepreneurial ventures and building organizations along with his in-depth knowledge of finance, enables him to understand fully the issues confronting entrepreneurs as they grow their companies.

Mueller continues to have strong ties to UND. From 1997 until September of 2003, he served on the advisory board of the Center for Innovation and also served as vice chair of the UND Center for Innovation Foundation from 2000 to 2003. He served as a board member of the UND Alumni Association and the University of North Dakota Foundation until March 2001.

Over the last eight years, Mueller has provided personal funds for 38 UND students to participate in entrepreneur internships. The Mueller Entrepreneur Internships are expected to continue to bring these professional experiences and entrepreneurial opportunities to UND students.

In addition to his work at the Kauffman Center, Mueller has served as a board member of the Kansas University Medical Center Research Institute and the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) and as a national board member of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). In retirement, he continues to serve as a national board of director member of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). He served on the advisory council of the Henry W. Block School of Business and Public Administration and is a trustee for the University of Kansas City, both part of the University of Missouri. Mueller served as a director of three early-stage, growth companies in the Kansas City area and as a member of the Kansas City Minority Supplier Council board and the Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program board. (Kansas City Small Business Monthly)

Mueller is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute of Management Consultants. He is a member of the Life Science Task Force formed by the Kansas City Civic Council and is a past chairman of the Missouri Technology Corporation.

Report to the campus community on the successes of the current University of North Dakota strategic plan

The University Planning and Budget Committee has acknowledged the importance of documenting the successes of the current strategic plan as we enter the early phases of development of a new plan for UND. For each of the six primary priority action areas of the current plan, the UPBC will report on the major accomplishments and the major items in need of further work. These will be made available on the strategic planning web site and conveyed to the campus community through the forums we will be hosting this spring and through other media or communication such as this.

The first two priority action areas reviewed by the committee were service and enrollment management, reported in the March 5 issue of University Letter. Following is the report on information technology.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Optimize the use of information technology to improve student learning, research, and the administration of the University.

Goal One: Infrastructure

An adequately funded, coordinated information technology to improve student learning, research, and the administration of the University.

Accomplishments

Organization

- The University Information Technology Council (UITC) meets on a monthly basis and has developed into an effective tool for providing recommendations on IT policy and IT expenditures.
- The CIO has established a CIO executive committee consisting of the major central IT organizations, the directors of the library, ITSS and CILT. The executive committee meets regularly and provides initial input to and evaluation of UND's IT Strategic Plan.

Network

- UITC established teaching/learning and research as the priority use of UND's network.
- Implemented bandwidth shaping in the resident halls to limit traffic utilizing software for downloading copyrighted material.
- Purchased routing equipment and a firewall to assist with network performance.

Wireless Internet access

- Established a campus standard for wireless, 802.11.B.
- Assisted the Odegard School in meeting standard.
- Completed wireless projects in the Chester Fritz Library, the Student Union, College of Education, and the College of Business and Public Administration.

Security

- Established committee to assist in complying with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act.
- Searching for a University security officer.

Video conferencing

- Established sub-council on implementing H.323 video conferencing procedures and standards.
- Established a video send and receive site in Twamley.

Student technology fee

- Modified the make up of the STF committee to fit the new IT governance structure.
- Invested \$200,000 upgrading the presentation equipment in general purpose classrooms.
- With student government, established a procedure for student printing, UniPrint.

Goal Two: UND provides a state-of-the-art educational information system integrating learning, research, instruction, and personal service resources through easy and customizable portal access.

Portal

- The UITC met with state representatives for the ConnectND portal and discussed the potential of using the PeopleSoft

portal.

Goal Three: The University has an up-to-date information technology plan with continuous progress toward implementation.

IT strategic plan

- The UITC reviews and updates UND's IT strategic plan on an annual basis.
- A web site for the UITC web site is established and the site provides access to planning documents written and utilized by the UITC.

Goal Four: UND is widely recognized as a leader in the creation and application of information technologies to enrich and extend learning and foster research.

Online course development

- 26 online courses were developed in FY 2003. In addition, two online degree completion programs (Information Systems and RN to BSN) were launched in FY 2003. Also, UND launched two asynchronous degree programs (Social Science and General Studies).
- Upgraded Blackboard platform to an enterprise level.

Annual IT conference

- Established a conference addressing IT and teaching and learning. The initial conference, Beyond Boundaries, was held in September 2002. The planning committee received over 70 presentation proposals and the conference attracted nearly 100 participants. The 2003 conference attracted over 100 participants and the third annual Beyond Boundaries conference will be held Sept. 23-24, 2004.

Plans for the Future

Organization

- Solidify role of the CIO in regard to other IT organizations and the President's Cabinet.
- Establish an information technology support council.
- Implement Student Technology Assistance Program.

Network

- Complete initial phase of the wiring/cabling project and advocate for funding to complete remaining phases of this project.
- Explore the use of a single-sign.

Online course

- Work with state group to assure that Blackboard integrates with ConnectND.
- Develop additional online courses and programs in response to market needs.

Student technology fee

- Find efficiencies in purchasing equipment funded by the Student Technology Fee.
- Explore alternative procedures for distributing STF funds.

Standards

- Explore feasibility of establishing a University-wide life cycle management policy.
- Establish a sub-council to examine electronic mail service across the University.
- Establish a plan for electronic document imaging and management.

Student entry/exit skills

- Possible base-line entry and exit skills have been identified in consultation with Collegis (this report can be found on the UITC web site). Use this report to establish entry/exit skills for departments and colleges at UND.

ConnectND

- Establish a plan for post-implementation support for ConnectND.
- Coordinate campus technology planning with ConnectND project to ensure success to ConnectND information.

Security

- Hire new security officer and assist in implementing security policies and procedures.

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 144 of the current 576 members). The president is the ex officio chairman, and the registrar is the 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.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Graduate committee will not meet Monday

The graduate committee will not meet Monday, March 22.

– Joseph Benoit, dean, Graduate School.

Multicultural Awareness Week scheduled for March 22-26

The multicultural awareness committee (MAC) is sponsoring several events March 22-26 for Multicultural Awareness Week. All events are free and open to the public.

A progressive meal will be served Thursday, March 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Indian Center, International Centre, Women's Center, Era Bell Thompson Cultural Center, and the Conflict Resolution Center. Food from various cultures will be served.

Workshops are scheduled as follows: Monday, March 22, noon to 1 p.m., "Are You an Ally?"; Tuesday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., "Does Size Matter: Uncovering Anti-Fat Prejudice"; Wednesday, March 24, noon to 1 p.m., "Diversity in the Media." All will be held in the Leadership Room of the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership on first floor, Memorial Union. Workshops are limited to 25 participants and lunch is provided. Call 777-2898 to register.

Ash and Reuben Fast Horse, traditional Lakota educators, will host an evening of Native American experiences, featuring traditional songs and dances, drumming, flute playing and storytelling, Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m. in the Loading Dock, Memorial Union.

A combination reggae band, "Jah Vibes" and DJ system, "Stamina Sound," from Winnipeg will perform Friday, March 26, 8 p.m. in the Loading Dock, Memorial Union.

Movies will be shown Monday through Wednesday evenings at Era Bell Thompson Cultural Center as follows: Monday, March 22, 7 p.m., Licensed to Kill (documentary); Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m., Taking Off, a documentary on what it is like to be an overweight child in a society which sees skinny as the ideal; Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m., Bamboozled (a Spike Lee production).

International music will be played at the Loading Dock from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 22-26.

The multicultural awareness committee is a standing committee of UND student government. For more information, call Bonnie Solberg at 777-2898 or Maxine Henry at 777-9158.

– Bonnie Solberg, advisor to multicultural awareness committee.

Speaker will discuss rural health opportunities

A medical school Dean's Hour lecture at noon Tuesday, March 23, will focus on "Rural Health Opportunities and Challenges: The National Perspective," presented by Marcia Brand, director, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Health Resources and

Services Administration, Washington, D.C. It will be held at the Reed T. Keller Auditorium, Wold Bio-Information Learning Resources Center, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

This presentation will be broadcast at the following sites: Southeast campus, Room 225 – IVN; Southwest campus, Conference Room B – IP video; Northwest campus office– IVN and IP video.

For additional information contact the office of the dean at 777-2514.

– School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Seminar addresses zinc deficiency

The Grand Forks Human Nutrition Center seminar series continues with “Zinc Deficiency and Repletion: Effects on Muscle, Bone and Immune Systems in Growing Rats,” presented by Carla Taylor, associate professor of human nutritional sciences, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. It will be held Tuesday, March 23, at 11 a.m. in the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center Library.

– Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center.

Concert Choir performs March 23

Don't miss the opportunity to hear choral music at its finest. The Concert Choir, UND's premier choral ensemble since 1926, will present their annual home concert Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 319 South Fifth St., Grand Forks. The program will include a wide variety of choral literature, including works by Josquin Desprez, J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Anton Bruckner, Eric Whitacre, and others. Anthony Reeves will conduct.

The home concert is the kickoff of the choir's 2004 tour of North Dakota and Minnesota, including a concert at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis. Admission is \$2 for students and seniors, and \$5 for general admission, with a \$10 maximum per family.

– Anthony Reeves, director of choral studies.

35th anniversary Writers Conference set for March 22-27

The University of North Dakota will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Writers Conference March 22-27. All events will take place at the Memorial Union, unless otherwise noted.

The schedule follows.

Tuesday, March 23: 5 p.m., Larry Woiwode introduces Grand Forks writers, UND Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

Wednesday, March 24: 10 a.m., student and public readings; noon, panel: Writing on the Northern Plains, Louise Erdrich, Mark Turcotte, Larry Woiwode, moderator John Ettling; 4 p.m., Mark Turcotte; 8 p.m., Louise Erdrich – Presidential lecture.

Thursday, March 25: 10 a.m., student and public readings; noon, panel: Country of Origin, Elmaz Abinader, Annie Dawid, Louise Erdrich, Mark Turcotte, moderator Patti Alleva; 4 p.m., Marilynne Robinson; 8 p.m., Larry Woiwode.

Friday, March 26: 10 a.m., student and public readings; noon, panel: Essay, Fiction, Film, Poem, Memoir: How to Choose? Elmaz Abinader, Tony Buba, Albert Goldbarth, Marilynne Robinson, Larry Woiwode, moderator Michael Beard; 4 p.m., Elmaz Abinader, Burtne Theatre; 8 p.m., Tony Buba, Empire Arts Center.

Saturday, March 27: 10 a.m., student and public readings; noon, panel: New Directions, Tony Buba, Albert Godlbarth, Marilynne Robinson, moderator Tami Carmichael; 2 p.m., Annie Dawid; 8 p.m., Albert Goldbarth.

The film festival schedule follows:

Monday, March 22: 2 p.m., Northern Lights (Lecture Bowl); 6 p.m., The Right Stuff (Lecture Bowl).

Tuesday, March 23: 2 p.m., Nashville (Lecture Bowl); 6 p.m., The Circle (Lecture Bowl).

Wednesday, March 24: 2 p.m., The Business of Fancydancing (Lecture Bowl); 6 p.m., Warriors (Lecture Bowl).

Thursday, March 25: 2 p.m., Housekeeping (Lecture Bowl); 6 p.m., Seabiscuit (Lecture Bowl).

Friday, March 26: 2 p.m., selected short films by Tony Buba (Lecture Bowl); 8 p.m., *Struggles in Steel* (The Empire).

Saturday, March 27: 4 p.m., *Rabbit-Proof Fence* (Lecture Bowl); 6 p.m., *Beauty and the Beast* (1947 version) (Lecture Bowl).

Featured authors are:

s Tony Buba, award-winning documentary filmmaker whose work has earned him Guggenheim, Rockefeller, and National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, as well as the praise of internationally renowned fellow film artist Werner Herzog, who once asked to see "everything you've made." *Struggles in Steel* and *Lightning Over Braddock, A Rustbowl Fantasy* have been screened at such festivals as Sundance, Toronto, and Berlin. He has had one-person shows at The Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum, and elsewhere.

s Eelmaz Abinader, poet, playwright, performance artist, won the Josephine Miles PEN Award for her poetry collection of *In the Country of My Dreams*. Her play *Country of Origin* won two Drammies from the Oregon drama critics, and she is currently touring with two other plays, *Ramadan Moon* and *When Silence is Frightening*. Her memoir *Children of the Roojme, a Family's Journey from Lebanon*, remains a classic Arab-American representative of the genre.

s Tony Khalife, a well-known San Francisco area composer and musician, composes for and accompanies Abinader. Lebanese by birth, Khalife emigrated to the United States during the Civil War, bringing with him a style of guitar and tabla playing that interweaves Indian, Middle-Eastern, flamenco, and rock and roll in a blend that has captivated Bay Area audiences and beyond. Most recently, he wrote and performed the music for the film *Livinia's Dream*, a new release.

s Poet Mark Turcotte spent his earliest years on North Dakota's Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation and in the migrant camps of western United States. Now living in Sister Bay, Wis., he has published three volumes of poetry, including *Exploding Chippewas*. His work, which has appeared in such journals as *Poetry*, *TriQuarterly*, and *North Dakota Quarterly*, has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize three times. Turcotte received a Lannan Foundation Literary Completion grant in 2001-02.

s Presidential Lecturer Louise Erdrich returns to UND with three new books out in the past year, each in a different genre: her latest novel, *The Master Butchers Singing Club*, *Original Fire: New and Selected Poems*, and, in the National Geographic Society's Literary Travel Series, *Books and Islands in Ojibwe Country*. Widely acclaimed for her fiction, Erdrich has also hoed beets in Wahpeton, waitressed in Boston, and taught poetry in prisons. Her novel *Love Medicine* (1983) won the National Book Award for fiction.

s Annie Dawid, who taught English at UND in the late 1980s, now directs creative writing at Lewis and Clark College. Her short stories have won the Raymond Carver Short Story Contest, among others, and appeared in important anthologies. Carnegie Mellon University Press has collected them in her latest book, *Lily in the Desert*. Her novel *York Ferry*, in a second printing, received a word-of-mouth citation from *Library Journal*. Dawid serves as Writer in Residence at this year's conference.

s North Dakota Poet Laureate and Rough Rider Award winner Larry Woiwode has published fiction in *The Atlantic*, *Esquire*, *Harper's*, *The New Yorker* and many other publications. His first novel, *What I'm Going to Do, I Think*, received the William Faulkner Foundation Award; his second, *Beyond the Bedroom Wall* was a finalist for both the National Book Award and the National Book Critic's Circle Award. This semester Woiwode balances time on his farm near Mott with teaching creative writing in UND's English Department.

s If two-time National Book Critics Circle Award winner for poetry Albert Goldbarth's name seems familiar to UND audiences, it may be because of his poem "The Sciences Sing a Lullaby," which appeared on last year's conference publicity. A prolific writer whom David Barber called, in *Poetry*, "American poetry's consummate showman," he has just published his first novel, *Pieces of Payne*, with Graywolf Press. A Chicago native, he serves as Distinguished Professor of the Humanities at Wichita State University.

s Marilynne Robinson's widely acclaimed novel *Housekeeping* (1981), also a major motion film, has become a contemporary classic. Her second book, *Mother Country*, was a finalist for the National Book Award in nonfiction for 1989. *The Death of Adam: Essays on Contemporary Thought* received the PEN/Spielvogel-Diamonstein Award for the Art of the Essay. A recipient of the 1998 Mildred and Harold Strauss Living Award from the Academy of Arts and Letters, she is a long-time member of the University of Iowa Writers Workshop fiction faculty.

— Jim McKenzie, director, Writers Conference.

Doctoral examinations set for Herman and Edgeron

The final examination for Gwyn S. Herman, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in teaching and learning, is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, in Room 104, Education Building. The dissertation title is "North Dakota Student Teacher Performance Based on the INTASC Model Standards and the Qualifications of Cooperating Teachers." Margaret Shaeffer (teaching and learning) is the committee chair.

The final examination for Nadine Edgeron, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in educational leadership, is set for 1 p.m. Friday, March 26, in Room 208, Education Building. The dissertation title is "African American Female Professors' Experiences in an Historically Black College and University Organizational Culture." Daniel Rice (educational leadership) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

– Joseph Benoit, dean, Graduate School.

Gallery exhibits "From Fine Art to Kitsch"

The Colonel Eugene E. Myers Art Gallery, Edmond Hughes Fine Arts Center, will exhibit "From Fine Art to Kitsch" March 23 through April 1. A public reception will be held Tuesday, March 23, from noon to 2 p.m. at the gallery.

Conceiving of the Myers Gallery as a laboratory for student and faculty research in visual art, "From Fine Art to Kitsch" was designed as a course project for Art 410: Art and Popular Culture. The range of artworks and other objects exhibited coincides with topics covered in the class. Students worked collectively with their professor, Art Jones, to select items for inclusion and to prepare text-panel information.

The show explores the issue of artistic taste in relation to "real-life" and popular culture. The intermingling of popular culture and visual art often generates controversy and the meaning of the word art is sometimes challenged as a result. In addition to considering how popular culture has influenced visual art as seen in works on paper by Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns, and Robert Rauschenberg, the exhibition examines the impact of fine art on popular culture as seen in commercial advertisements and products that reference famous works of art. Also included are objects by artists who are celebrated on a popular level, but who are not revered within the narrower professional art world. Examples of kitsch in the show include an assortment of "pretty" and "cute" visual images and decorative objects. These seductive artifacts are intended to entertain, charm, or amuse most people who frequent large discount stores and shopping malls.

In the contemporary art world, strict boundaries between art and kitsch are increasingly hard to define. If "bad taste" no longer automatically disqualifies something from being taken seriously as art, then how should today's viewer address the issue of artistic quality? Also, how does the issue of artistic quality impact the education of today's artist – as applied, for example, to the art program at the University? While the items on display relate to these questions, no attempt has been made to provide definitive answers. Perhaps the verdict is still out. If so, it might be the role of the viewer to serve as juror.

For more information about this exhibition, call 777-2257.

– Art department.

Dakota Conference focuses on strengthening rural and public health

The annual Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health, an interdisciplinary forum for sharing strategies for building and sustaining healthy rural communities, is set for Wednesday through Friday, March 24-26 at the Fargo Holiday Inn.

The conference will offer participants a chance to hear from some of the most knowledgeable people in the areas of rural and public health. Oral and poster presentations will address four core areas: health care administration, health promotion and disease prevention, environmental health and occupational health, and diverse populations and health disparities.

Keynote speakers include Marcia Brand, director of the federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, Washington, D.C.; Terry Dwelle, North Dakota state health officer, Bismarck; Monica Mayer, Family Practice Trinity Community Clinic, New Town, N.D.; and Donna Sweet, professor of internal medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and director of the Kansas AIDS Education and Training Center. Miss North Dakota 2004, Sara Schelkoph, a registered nurse who holds a Bachelor of Science in nursing from UND, will deliver a luncheon address.

Registration for the conference is due by Monday, March 15. For more information or to register, go to www.bismarckstate.edu/cce/ruralhealth. Continuing education hours are available for those who qualify.

The Dakota Conference is coordinated by the Bismarck State College and sponsored by Altru Health System, North Dakota Public Health Association, North Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants, the UND College of Nursing, and the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences/ Center for Rural Health, Department of Community Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, and North Dakota AIDS Education and Training Center.

– School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Lecture considers medical education north of the Arctic Circle

A medical school dean's hour lecture is set for noon Thursday, March 25, in the Reed T. Keller Auditorium, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. "Medical Education from North of the Arctic Circle" will be presented by Torkjel Tveita, dean of education, University of Tromsø Medical School, Tromsø, Norway. Dr. Tveita will discuss medical care and medical schools in Norway, the Norwegian Centre for Telemedicine, hypothermia, and medical care by and for the Sami (Laplander) people.

This presentation will be broadcast at the following sites: SE campus room 219, IP video; SW campus conference room B, IP video; NW campus office, IP video.

For additional information contact the Office of the Dean or the Department of Community Medicine.

– School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

"Creating Engaged Learning Environments" is topic of teleconference

The National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition teleconference, "Creating Engaged Learning Environments for Today's Students" is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, noon to 2 p.m., in the United Hospital Room, Medical School Building. The teleconference is sponsored by student outreach services, career services, and TRIO Programs.

Are your students disengaged academically? Is there a disconnect between teaching and learning? As educators, these questions are at the heart of our personal mission promoting student success in the classroom. As our student population changes, research has shown that innovative instructional strategies are crucial in helping students succeed. This teleconference focuses on proven pedagogies that work in the classroom. Recognizing that change may be difficult, our panel of experts discusses strategies for securing broad-based institutional support. As they offer examples of good practice, they also explore the role assessment plays when student learning is the intended outcome.

– Joan Jorde, TRIO Programs.

LEEPS lecture is March 26

David Ufnar from the University of Southern Mississippi will present the next LEEPS lecture Friday, March 26. At noon in 100 Leonard Hall, he will discuss "Holocene Landscape Evolution of Southeast Mississippi." At 3 p.m. in 109 Leonard Hall, he will consider "Mass Balance Modeling of the Mid-Cretaceous Hydrologic Cycle in North America." The geology and geological engineering Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science (LEEPS) lecture program brings nationally and internationally known scientists and others to UND to give talks on cutting edge science and engineering. Lectures cover a wide range of topics, including academic science, applied engineering, and environmental issues of current significance.

For more information, contact Richard Josephs at 777-2131.

Nursing convocation set for March 26

The College of Nursing spring convocation and sophomore recognition will be held Friday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ramada Inn, Grand Forks. The convocation will feature a keynote address from Elizabeth Nichols, dean and professor of nursing, who will present "Where Have All the Nurses Gone?"

A panel presentation on "Quality Nursing Care in North Dakota" with a discussion by panel members Eleanor Dossenako,

supervisor, St. Aloisus Medical Center, Harvey; Debbie Swanson, nursing supervisor, Grand Forks Public Health; Evelyn Quigley, senior executive and chief nursing officer, MeritCare Health System; and Lisa Isler, UND senior nursing student will also be presented.

The convocation is open to the public.

– Faculty development committee, College of Nursing.

Meeting will discuss faculty-directed study abroad

The office of international programs will host a faculty-directed study abroad information session for faculty Friday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave. Lunch will be provided.

Topics to be explored by our panel of “experts” are: Logistics: when, where, who, what, and how.

? Advertising and recruiting.

? University regulations (insurance, ISIC cards, registration, credits).

? Financing.

? The role of international programs.

If interested, please respond by Wednesday, March 24, by e-mail to Study.Abroad@mail.und.nodak.edu.

— Ray Lagasse, assistant director for education abroad.

Medical students host annual science day for children

Fifth- and sixth-grade students from throughout the region are invited to attend the annual Elementary School Science Day Saturday, March 27, at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The event features a hands-on approach to learning, and is open to any child who wishes to participate. It is hosted by the UND chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA); organizers request a non-refundable \$2 fee and preregistration form for each child. Registration deadline is Friday, March 12.

Participating students may choose to attend either the morning (8 a.m. to noon) or afternoon (1 to 5 p.m.) session. Medical student-supervised activities, designed to stimulate children’s interest in science, will focus on human health and anatomy, use of computers in medicine to learn about organ function and disease, awareness of the dangers of tobacco use, and various projects to demonstrate scientific principles. An age-appropriate talk on AIDS is open only to those with parental consent.

Barbara Swenson, second-year medical student, is project coordinator. For more information or to request a registration form, contact her, c/o Office of Public Affairs, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, PO Box 9037, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037; call (701) 777-4305, or e-mail bswenson@medicine.nodak.edu. — School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Blues Traveler and Gin Blossoms play spring concert

The University Program Council and Ralph Engelstad Arena present the UND Spring Concert featuring Blues Traveler with special guest Gin Blossoms Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Tickets are on sale now. UND student tickets are \$5, tickets for non-UND students are \$25; they are available at the Ralph Engelstad Arena box office, all Ticketmaster locations by calling 772-5151 or online at theralph.com. All seats are general admission.

– Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Forum will focus on powwow tradition

The final event in “The American Indian Experience” series is a community forum, Thursday, April 1, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Brian Gilley, assistant professor of Indian studies, and Russ McDonald, associate research director of the National Resource Center on Native American Aging at UND, both of whom will be involved in the UNDIA powwow on April 2-4 at the Hyslop Sports Center, will explain the role of tradition in modern powwows. Dancers and musicians will perform and explain the significance of various aspects of the powwow and of American Indian dancing. More information about the events and the availability of the Starita book is available at www.conted.und.edu/AIE.

35th annual powwow set for April 2-4

The UND Indian Association will hold the 35th annual UNDIA Powwow and Time Out Wacipi Friday through Sunday, April 2-4, at the Hyslop Sports Center.

Following is information about powwows written by Paul Boswell, director of multicultural student services, NDSU. The American Indian celebration known as the powwow is the most enduring, large-scale gathering of people in North America. The powwow predates the appearance of white settlers in this region and even predates the arrival of Christopher Columbus.

The American Indian powwow is loud, colorful, and alive. Dressed in gorgeous regalia, female and male dancers of all ages are in constant motion, moving in a broad circle around the arena. Seated around their drums, drummers pound out thunderous beats and their soaring vocals are relentless and inspiring.

Is it possible to attend a powwow and not be overwhelmed by the sights and sounds, emotionally charged, and captivated by this celebration of the human spirit? If you have never before attended a powwow, the experience is awesome, extraordinary, and life-affirming.

As you walk into the arena, you are caught up in the spectacle. The beating of your own heart seems in synchronization with the drum beat. Dancers range from toddlers and teens to parents and elders. When you see the line of dancers flowing dreamlike around the center of the arena, you wish you were one of them.

The presence of people from all walks of life brought together for this ethnic festival shows that human beings can get along, become friends, and love one another. At powwows in this region, there are perhaps as many non-Indians as Indians in the audience. Isn't that how it should be?

It is somewhat of a miracle that American Indians have not only overcome historical trials and tribulations, but they are as brave, robust, and proud as ever. With each and every powwow held here or elsewhere in the United States, American Indian people are issuing a bold reminder that not only do they still exist but their ageless traditions remain moving, vibrant, and powerful.

Admission is \$5 a day, \$8 for the weekend, and free for those 65 and over or 6 years and younger. For UND students, daily admission is \$1, and \$3 for the weekend, with student ID.

For more information, contact the UND Indian Association at 777-6291.

Transfer Getting Started program set for April 3

Student academic services will hold the transfer student "Getting Started" program Saturday, April 3, second floor, Memorial Union. Transfer Getting Started is a program to which new transfer students, admitted for the fall 2004 semester, are invited to come to campus for advisement and registration.

If you would like more details about the program, please call 777-2117.

– Angie Carpenter, academic advisor, student academic services.

Chautauqua program will portray Amelia Earhart

A special Chautauqua-style program by Amelia Earhart will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Hilton Garden Inn. Earhart will be portrayed by Ann Birney, an historian with her Ph.D. in American history. Birney, like Earhart, is from Kansas.

Earhart will be speaking from the year 1937, just before she departed from Florida for her attempted around-the-world flight. Earhart made it to within 35 to 100 miles of Howland Island in the Pacific. Her plane apparently went down in that area after running low on fuel; the bodies of Earhart and her navigator, as well as the wreckage of her plane, were never found.

This Chautauqua program is being held to honor women in aviation at UND and the Grand Forks Air Force Base, local commercial female pilots and area women who have private pilot's licenses. The free program is open to the public; attendees do not have to be involved in aviation. Registration is not required but is recommended. To make reservations please call Suezette Rene Bieri at 777-4856 or 1-800-828-4274.

Birney will also portray Earhart at programs for sixth graders later in the week in Grand Forks, Bismarck and Williston. Birney will be flown to the other locations in North Dakota by UND Aerospace.

These programs are sponsored by the NASA North Dakota Space Grant Consortium, the Department of Aviation and Space Studies at UND and the dean's office of the J.D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, NASA Langley Space Flight Center, the Grand Forks Herald, the North Dakota Heritage Center, Williston State College, the Williston Chamber of Commerce, and Jeff Nelson from the Northern Plains Radio Network.

– Odegard School.

Wenstrom Lecture discusses Omdahl, Strinden

The Bureau of Governmental Affairs announces the inaugural Frank Wenstrom Lecture Series. The lecture will be presented Tuesday, April 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union's Fred Orth Lecture Bowl. The evening will explore the careers and opinions of former Lieutenant Governor Lloyd Omdahl and former House Majority Leader Earl Strinden. All friends and colleagues, and all others interested in the significant contributions these two have made to North Dakota, are encouraged to attend.

– Steve Snortland, assistant director, Bureau of Governmental Affairs.

Athletics, REA offer Easter brunch

The UND Athletic Department and Ralph Engelstad Arena invite you to Easter Sunday Brunch at Ralph Engelstad Arena on Sunday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include waffle delight, breads galore, bountiful buffet, fresh fruit cascade, everything omelets, peel and eat shrimp, and much, much more! Beside a great meal, you can enjoy self-guided building tours, including ice level. Open skating will be available in the Olympic Arena from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt for children 6 and under, and a special prize drawing for kids 7-12 (win a new mountain bike!). Other door prizes include a pair of World Junior ticket packages (\$900 value!), gas grill and two paid tuitions to UND Hockey Camp (\$420 value!). Other family fun activities include Puck Shoot and Games to Go, and the Easter Bunny will make a special appearance. For reservations call 777-4920.

– Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Workshop focuses on fundamentals of human subject research compliance

The institutional review board will host PRIM&R's (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research) "IRB 101 On the Road" Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Grand Forks.

IRB 101 is a training course designed to provide IRB members, administrators, chairs, clinical investigators, researchers and research support staff with a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of IRB review and regulations. The course features three integral sections: a discussion of the history of the IRB system; a description of the ethical principles underlying the conduct of human subjects research; and an overview of the federal regulations governing IRB operations, including an interactive session involving relevant case studies. The first day of the workshop will focus on biomedical research and the second day will be tailored to social behavioral research.

By attending one or both days of the conference, researchers will fulfill their UND IRB educational requirements for the next three years. If you would like additional information on the IRB 101 training course, please contact Renee Carlson, IRB coordinator, at 777-4079 or e-mail renee.carlson@mail.und.nodak.edu. The UND IRB will pay the registration fee for all UND personnel who wish to attend the conference, but participants must formally register. (The usual cost per participant is \$150 per day.) Continuing Education Units, .75 CEU/day, can be earned by attending the conference. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 26, and space is limited.

— John Madden, chair, institutional review board.

U2 lists workshops

Below are U2 workshops for March 30 through April 8. Visit our web site for additional workshops in April and 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.

The Basics of IRB Review: March 30, 9 a.m. to noon, 16-18 Swanson Hall. All researchers planning to conduct human subject research are required to complete training. The workshop covers research ethics, federal regulations, and UND policies regarding human subject research. It will also review the Institutional Review Board (IRB) forms and procedures. The workshop will include two case studies and a quiz, with time for questions. Presenter: Renee Carlson.

Defensive Driving: March 31, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., 16-18 Swanson Hall. 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.

What's New for Getting Started 2004: April 1, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 16-18 Swanson Hall. Due to the ever changing needs of incoming freshmen, Getting Started 2004 has been enhanced and revamped to better serve students and their families. Come and learn the philosophical reasoning and program itinerary for the new two-day Getting Started program with details of the residual registration day scheduled for August 23. Presenters: Sommer Bjerknes and Lisa Burger.

HTML, Creating a Web Page Using HTML: April 5 and 7, 9 to 11:30 a.m., 361 Upson II Hall. (five hours total). Learn how to create a web page with hyper-text, markup language, graphics, and links. Presenter: Doris Bornhoeft.

Defensive Driving: April 6, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 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: Jason Uhlir.

A Woman's Money, A Woman's Future: April 6, 4 to 6 p.m., 211 Rural Technology Center, or April 7, 10 a.m. to noon, River Valley Room, Memorial Union. This presentation targets women's issues through four "life-stages" and highlights why planning is critical. Topics include the importance of participating in an employer plan, taking advantage of tax-deferred investing, choosing appropriate investments products, things to consider if suddenly single, and how to leave a legacy to heirs. Presenter: Molly Melanson, TIAA-CREF.

Social Security Pre-Retirement Seminar: April 7, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union. Information concerning Social Security and Medicare Programs will be presented. Presenter: Howard Kossover, public affairs specialist of the regional Social Security Administration office.

Finding Funding, How to Use The Community of Science Search Engine and More: April 8, 9 to 11 a.m., or April 26, 2 to 4 p.m., 361 Upson II Hall. Nearly one year ago, UND moved from using Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) to the Community of Science (COS), giving faculty and staff more extensive search capabilities, as well as a variety of other services. For many years, ORPD staff selected representative samples of funding opportunities from a variety of academic areas and published them in the University Letter. However, the number of funding opportunities that are available greatly exceeds the number printed weekly in the University Letter. ORPD is 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, 2004, ORPD will no longer list funding opportunities in the University Letter, but rather will encourage faculty and staff to register with COS. This workshop will show faculty and staff how to use some of the Community of Science's services including:

- COS Expertise, the database of detailed, first person profiles of more than 480,000 research professionals
- COS Funding Opportunities, the largest source of grant information on the Web
- COS Funding Alert, which will e-mail members once a week with relevant, new, and update funding opportunities.

All of the above services can be accessed using your COS Workbench, a customized internet work area based on details that you provide in your COS Expertise profile. Presenter: Sarah Smith.

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

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Advisory committee named to study issues surrounding UND

Family Practice Center

A nine-member advisory committee has been named to study and help resolve issues surrounding the management and organizational structure of the Family Practice Center in Grand Forks.

The committee will be chaired by Bob Peabody, chair of the Altru Health System board of directors. Its members are: Eric Bakke, Altru family physician and chair of Altru's family medicine department; Randy Eken, associate dean for finance and administration at the medical school; Bob Gallagher, UND vice president for finance and operations; Greg Gerloff, chief executive officer of Altru Health System; Greg Greek, director of the UND family medicine residency program; Kim Konzak-Jones, associate director of the UND family medicine residency program; Casey Ryan, president of Altru Health System, and H. David Wilson, dean of the UND medical school and vice president for health affairs at UND.

The committee has been charged to review the administrative processes and financial management of the program and the center. The group will make recommendations and advise Wilson, based on their findings. The issues which led to the current situation are numerous and complex, Wilson said.

Formation of the committee came about March 11 as a result of talks between Wilson, President Charles Kupchella, members of Altru Health System board of directors, and representatives of the UND family medicine residency program in Grand Forks.

A three-year program of education and training for medical school graduates who wish to become certified in family medicine is conducted at the UND Family Practice Center. Sixteen residents are in training at the center. The UND medical school also offers family medicine residency training in Minot and Bismarck.

"We have a high-quality residency program in family medicine which has produced excellent family physicians for North Dakota and the region. The Grand Forks physician-faculty members are excellent doctors and experienced teachers," Wilson said. "We have an excellent group of residents in training, and we look forward to welcoming an equally talented group to arrive in July. We have dedicated personnel who support their training and health care services for patients.

"We are committed to rebuilding a climate of collegiality, professionalism and mutual respect so that we can continue to provide a strong program of education and patient care."

Further, he said, "I believe this committee will allow us to improve communication, focus objectively on the issues and work together to find the most effective solutions for the benefit of family medicine program, and ultimately for the people of the state of North Dakota."

Jordan Schuetzle elected student body president

Jordan Schuetzle and Christina Sambor were elected student body president and vice president March 10. They received 1,457 votes.

Senators elected were: Matt Anderson, College of Arts and Sciences; Andrew Henderson, College of Business and Public Administration; Will Kusler, College of Education and Human Development; Suzanne Knudson, College of Nursing; Chris Gunn, Graduate School; Justin Hagel or Matt Myrick, Honors (received equal votes; matter will go before judicial branch); Robert Haskins, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences; Jennifer LaPointe, School of Medicine and Health Sciences; Kerry Kotrba, School of Engineering and Mines; Danile El DeWeek, School of Law; Aaron Flynn, Chris Cooper, Kelly Stoler, Marcus Urlaub, Matt Remfert, Mike Nowacki, Ryan Rauschenberger, Off-Campus; Brandon Koeser, Nate Martindale, Chris Braden, Residence Halls; Eric Trueblood, Greek Housing; Garry LaPointe, University Apartments; Whitney Beck, Undeclared Academic.

Student registration dates, times available on ALFI

Student registration dates and times are now available on phone ALFI by calling 777-3693 or by going to web ALFI at www.und.edu/dept/registrar. Registration via ALFI for the 2004 summer term will begin Friday, April 2, and run through Wednesday, May 19; registration for the fall term will begin on April 2 and run through Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Students may register and drop/add classes by calling phone ALFI at 777-3693 or by going to web ALFI at www.und.edu/dept/registrar on or after their appointed times. Students who have proper signatures for registration actions not permitted by ALFI may add these courses at the Office of the Registrar during normal office hours on or after their assigned registration time, which will be available on ALFI Monday, March 15.

— Nancy Krogh, registrar.

Summer, fall class schedule available online

The time schedule of classes for summer and fall 2004 is now available online at www.und.edu. Students may now find out their date and time of registration by going to web ALFI at www.und.edu/dept/registrar or by calling phone ALFI at 777-3693.

The printed version of the summer and fall 2004 time schedules used by departments for advising purposes will be available for pickup in the reception area of the registrar's office beginning Monday, March 22, at 1 p.m.

The last day to drop a full-term class or withdraw from school for the spring (043) semester is Friday, April 2. Students must fill out a registration action card or withdrawal form at the registrar's office on the second floor of Twamley Hall.

If you have questions, please call 777-2712.

– Nancy Krogh, registrar.

UND prepares for ConnectND campus training

A committee headed by Peggy Lucke, associate vice president for finance and operations, is organizing a schedule of activities to train UND personnel in the use of the new ConnectND systems. Others on the group include Dave Vorland and Jan Orvik, University Relations; Rose Keeley and Maria Saucedo, Information Technology Systems and Services; Galen Cariveau, Work Force Development Office; and Judy Streifel Reller, University within the University (U2).

This important training will be of the "just-in-time" variety, not unusual in these kinds of situations since the new system is still in the testing phase and not all of the answers are yet in. A consultant is working with the North Dakota University System to develop documentation and training materials, which UND hopes to use or to adapt to its local needs (UND is also taking a close look at "best practices" on other campuses that have converted to PeopleSoft, and is collaborating with North Dakota State University on training matters). The UND training will involve several kinds of specifically identified users, minimally (1) "power users" in the offices most directly affected (i.e., business office, financial aid office, etc.); (2) key individuals who must interact frequently with the power users (such as supervisors and departmental administrative assistants); and (3) occasional users (students, faculty). After the training sessions later this spring (attendance is likely to be mandatory for critical staff), UND will implement a process for bringing new employees up to speed whenever turnover occurs.

What to do in the meantime? Some training opportunities already exist on such topics as getting to know the Microsoft software (Excel, for example) and PeopleSoft navigation skills needed to fully utilize ConnectND.

For more information about training, go to <http://www.und.edu/dept/cndtrain/> and <http://www.conted.und.edu/U2>.

Employees, especially those who will be most impacted during the initial implementation, are encouraged to watch the University Letter for information about new developments, and to regularly visit both UND's ConnectND site and the overall project site. Those can be found at <http://www.und.edu/cnd/> and <http://www.nodak.edu/connectnd/>.

ConnectND corner

Following is information on the ConnectND project, which will replace the current administrative system. For more information, visit www.nodak.edu/connectnd. For information on ConnectND at UND, visit www.und.edu/cnd.

Students play active roles in ConnectND

Following is an article by Amy Richter, an NDSU student from Rugby.

As the student member of the NDUS executive steering committee, I'm involved in many aspects of the ConnectND project. The success of this massive change in administrative computer systems is dependent upon student, faculty and staff collaboration. Students have a voice in these systems by participating on campus implementation teams.

While financial and human resource management components are also included in ConnectND, student functionality and benefits are significant. With the new web-based software, students will see a big difference in how they register, get permission for classes, pay bills, deal with financial aid and obtain transcripts. Rather than going to an office across campus, students can take care of everything through their system login.

Students will be able to see their full unofficial transcript online rather than going through ALFI. Students will also be required to get new identification numbers and ID cards.

ConnectND will also accommodate more users at a time. We students know how hard it is currently to get on to the system at the beginning of the semester.

Instead of filling out paperwork to accept or decline financial aid, students will be able to complete that process through their system login. They will also see their past and current financial aid statements and eventually pay tuition online.

Over the past year, major components of the ConnectND system were implemented on two campuses, Mayville State University and Valley City State University, as well as in the North Dakota University System Office in Bismarck. These two schools were chosen as pilot campuses for the system to essentially have a "test run" prior to being implemented on the remaining nine NDUS campuses.

The pilots have worked through many of the bumps, making the transition to the ConnectND system smoother for the other nine campuses. But, as with any new computer system, every part will not run perfectly right away. Each campus is different and will have unique needs and problems when the system goes live. The project teams recently sought student assistance in alleviating staffing crunches by hiring two student interns to work on the continued configuration of the system.

This summer, major portions of ConnectND will be implemented across the remaining nine campuses. Students should take advantage of opportunities to see the system as more demonstrations and training sessions are conducted.

Students currently pay a ConnectND fee of \$36 per semester, last year paid \$42 per semester and next year will pay \$63 per semester. As the project moves forward, there are several functionalities – such as housing, parking, facilities management and cost of new ID cards – that weren't included in the initial project but will now be implemented. Those use a significant portion of the student fee increase.

Students wanting more information can contact me, Amy.Richter@ndsu.nodak.edu, or their local campus implementation team student representative, or visit the ConnectND web site at www.nodak.edu/connectnd.

— Jan Orvik, for the ConnectND project.

New faculty scholar awards announced

The Senate scholarly activities committee (SSAC) is pleased to announce that the following new faculty scholar awards of \$5,000 each have been made. There were 17 applications for this award; the total amount requested was \$82,868.07. These awards provide support for research and creative activity of assistant professors who have completed less than three years at UND. Criteria used to review applications included excellence of the application, potential national prominence of the applicant, and potential for future external funding, if applicable.

Matthew Cavalli (mechanical engineering), "Impregnation of Catalyst Particles into Pollution Control Filters by Mechanical Milling"; Ewan Delbridge (chemistry), "The Synthesis and Characterization of Lanthanide Catalysts for Use in the Polymerization of New Generation (Bio-Friendly) Polymers-Polylactide"; Rodney Hanley (Earth Systems Science Institute), "Predicting the Spread and Outbreak of West Nile Virus in North America: An Early Warning System Based on Ecological Niche Modeling"; Anne Kelsch (history), "Social Construction in the Wilderness: A Study of Identity in the British Fur Trade"; Jun Liu (computer science), "On Point-Wise Serialization of Events in Distributed Environments"; Marcia Mikulak (anthropology), "Historical Racism and Collaborative Civil Rights Curriculum Building: University Students and Street Children in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil"; Elizabeth Scharf (anthropology), "Determining the Relative Impacts of Human Population and Climate Change in the Southeast U.S. Is There a Preserved Long-Term Record of Environmental Change in the Mississippi and Yazoo River Basins?"; Marcellin Zahui (mechanical engineering) and David Delene (atmospheric sciences), "Development of an Acoustic Cloud Condensation Nuclei Counter."

— James Hikins (communication), chair, Senate scholarly activities committee.

Summer graduate research professors named

The following members of the graduate faculty have been appointed to summer graduate research professorships for 2004: Eric Burin (history), Sandra Donaldson (English), Emanuel Grant (computer science), Victoria Holden (communication), Ronald Marsh (computer science), Darrin Muggli (chemical engineering), Isaac Schlosser (biology), Kara Wettersten (counseling psychology). They will pursue research activities and work closely with graduate advisees during the 2004 summer session.

— Joseph Benoit, dean, Graduate School.

Summer undergraduate research awardees announced

North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) is pleased to announce the winners of the summer 2004 Advanced Undergraduate Research Awards (AURA) program.

AURA provides undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in faculty-mentored research projects at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University.

The UND campus award winners, their hometowns and the mentors are: Amanda Moen, Nekoma, N.D., Sally Pyle, biology; Jennifer Carlson, Fargo, Bryon Grove, anatomy and cell biology; Jenny Guido, Grand Forks, Sally Pyle, biology; Heather Jorissen, Valley City, James Porter, pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics; Chadwick Larson, Valley City, Matthew Picklo, pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics; Stephanie Herner, Mandan, Garl Rieke, anatomy and cell biology; Joseph Guido, Grand Forks, Michael Mann, chemical engineering; Catherine Woell, Enderlin, N.D., Peter Meberg, biology; Nicole Hubbard, Fargo, Rick Sweitzer, biology; and William Swearson, Towner, N.D., Timothy Young, physics.

The awards, which are competitive, provide up to \$2,800 for summer research and are made directly to students from the sciences, engineering, or mathematics disciplines. Student applications are ranked by a faculty review committee. North Dakota residents and students enrolled at North Dakota University System institutions are eligible.

For AURA program information, visit the EPSCoR web page at www.ndepscor.nodak.edu or contact David Givers at (701) 231-7516.

The AURA program has grown from a three-student pilot program in 1987 to an average of 20 students per year at the two research universities. A total of 326 undergraduates from an applicant pool of 646 have received these awards. The average GPA of an AURA awardee is 3.68.

ND EPSCoR is a federally and state funded program designed to improve the ability of university researchers to compete more effectively for federal, regional and private research grants in the sciences, engineering and mathematics.

— David Givers, interim co-project director, ND EPSCoR, NDSU, Fargo.

Nominations sought for Meritorious Service, UND Proud Awards

The University of North Dakota will present 10 Meritorious Service Awards of \$1,000 each to staff employees, as well as the Ken and Toby Baker UND Proud Award of \$1,000.

The Meritorious Service Awards will be given to employees in each of five major groups. These groups and the number of awards presented are: executive/administrative/professional (three); technical/paraprofessional (one); office (three); crafts/trades (one); and services (two). The Ken and Toby Baker UND Proud Award may be given to an employee from any of the groups.

Eligible employees are those employed on a regular basis who are not in a probationary period. Those not eligible for consideration include the president, vice presidents, deans, associate and assistant deans, teaching and research faculty, the director of human resources, and award winners from the previous seven years.

All members of the University community are encouraged to nominate eligible employees by Wednesday, April 14.

Nomination forms are available from human resources, 313 Twamley Hall, or electronically from the human resources web site at www.humanresources.und.edu.

The awards will be presented during the annual recognition ceremony for staff personnel, Tuesday, May 11.

Please direct any questions concerning this program to human resources at 777-4361 or human.resources@mail.und.nodak.edu.

— Diane Nelson, director, human resources.

Please return extra summer brochures

Departments and offices that still have copies of the Summer 2004 Preliminary Course Listings brochure are asked to forward those to the summer sessions office for redistribution. Please send your extra copies to Box 8375, or 304 Twamley Hall. I really appreciate your help.

— Stacie Varnson, summer sessions.

Financial data from the general ledger will be purged

We are required to purge the previous fiscal year's general ledger detail transactions on an annual basis. This purge will occur Friday, March 26, for the FY 2003 purge (July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003). After the purge is completed, you will not be able to do online inquiries of detail transactions on GL70 (04, 06, 08), GL7B, and GL53. Summary data will continue to be available for the 15 previous fiscal years.

– Allison Peyton, accounts payable manager, accounting services.

Submit 2003 FlexComp claims by March 24

You are reminded that if you have money remaining in your FlexComp medical spending account and/or dependent care spending account for the plan year ending Dec. 31, 2003, you have until March 31, 2004, (90-day IRS regulation) to submit any claims incurred in the 2003 plan year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2003). After that time, any remaining balances will be forfeited.

Vouchers should be received in the Payroll Office no later than Wednesday, March 24, for adequate processing time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Heidi Strande, Payroll Office, at 777-4423.

Donated leave sought for Patty Campoverde

Patty Campoverde, program assistant for the Division of Continuing Education, is in need of donated leave. If you wish to donate any of your sick leave or annual leave to her, please complete the donation of leave form (available at www.und.edu/org/hr under "forms") and send it to Pam Walters, Division of Continuing Education, Box 9021, or call 777-6481.

– Continuing education.

Take the "5+5" nutrition challenge

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in a 5 + 5 challenge for National Nutrition Month. The 5 + 5 challenge is a campaign to encourage people to strive to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day and to participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five or more days a week. UND is offering a one-week challenge to kick start healthy habits and a six-week community challenge is also being offered through the greater Grand Forks 5+5 Coalition.

The one-week UND 5+5 challenge will run from Monday, March 29, through Sunday, April 4. Pick up your personal log by Friday, March 26, at the student health promotion office in the Memorial Union or at the wellness center. Packets may also be picked up between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the following locations: Wilkerson Hall on Monday, March 22; Gamble Hall on Tuesday, March 23; and the Memorial Union on Wednesday, March 24. Free orange juice and nutrition resources will also be available at the outreach sites, so come and learn more about healthy eating. Packets for the six-week community challenge will also be available at these locations.

Those who complete the UND 5+5 challenge and drop off their logbooks by April 12 will be eligible for prizes that include a \$50 gift certificate at Scheel's Sports, two personal training sessions at the wellness center, fruit baskets, and exercise equipment. Completed logs may be turned in at the student health promotion office in the Memorial Union or the wellness center in Hyslop Sports Center. The UND 5+5 challenge is sponsored by student health services, dining services, wellness center, and the healthy UND physical wellness subcommittee. The community challenge is sponsored by the 5+5 Coalition led by NDSU Extension and Grand Forks Public Health. For more information call the student health promotion office at 777-2097.

– Student health promotion office.

Help available for smoking cessation

The North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System recently received a grant to help state employees and their dependents age 18 and older quit smoking or chewing tobacco. Grand Forks Public Health is our local provider for these services. It doesn't matter if you've tried and failed before; you can kick the habit! If you would like to learn more please call Twyla Streibel at 787-8122.

– Laurie Betting, wellness director.

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GRANTS & RESEARCH

Scholarly activities committee awards grants

The Senate scholarly activities committee received 11 research and creative activity grant applications, requesting a total of \$23,843, and one publication application requesting \$1,000 in response to the February call for proposals. The following awards were made at the committee meeting Feb.26:

Research and creative activity awards

April Bradley, (psychology); \$2,500, "Factors Related to the Use and Disuse of Services for Victims of Sexual Assault"; Sergio Gallo (music); \$2,500, two compact disc recordings: Sergio Gallo Plays Schumann, Vol. 1 and Sergio Gallo Plays Debussy, Chopin, Liszt, Sousa Lima and Rachmaninoff; Luke Huang (technology), \$2,500, "A Pilot Study for a Prototype Robot Positioning System in a Predefined Area"; Richard Josephs (geology and geological engineering), \$2,500, "Micromorphological Investigations at Two Buried Prehistoric Sites in Coastal Labrador, Canada"; Alan King, (psychology), \$1,250, "Laboratory-Induced Aggression Among Participants with and without a History of Alcohol-Related Aggression"; Melinda Leach (anthropology), \$2,400, "Analysis of Archaeological Textiles from Desert Caves in Nevada"; Elizabeth Rheude (music), \$2,085, Monologs: Unaccompanied Clarinet Solos, a compact disc recording of seven compositions to be published by Capstone Records, Inc., and distributed by Albany Records, Inc.; Paul Sum (political science and public administration), \$2,500, "Comparative Study of Electoral Systems, Post-Election Survey of Romania, 2004."

Publication Award

Kim Fink (art), \$1,000, financial assistance in producing an enclosure for published collection of regional fine art prints.
— James Hikins (communication), chair, Senate scholarly activities committee.

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 North Dakota 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 Opportunities™ 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 Share™ on the COS website.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD)

Investigator-Initiated Research Proposals—Support for basic and clinically oriented research to: provide insight into molecular mechanisms

underlying development of neurofibromatosis (NF) and related diseases; make improvement over today's approach to diagnosis and treatment of NF1, NF2, and/or Schwannomatosis; and enhance quality of life for persons with the disease.

Deadline: 5/4/04. 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>.

New Investigator Awards—Support for investigators in the early phases of their careers or those new to neurofibromatosis (NF) research who have little or no preliminary data in NF. Deadline and Contact: See above.

Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Programs (TSCR) - Idea Development Awards—Support for research directed toward a better understanding of the role and function of proteins produced by TSC1 and TSC2 tumor suppressor genes. Innovative research directed toward improved prevention, diagnosis, and/or treatment of tuberous sclerosis is encouraged. Deadline and Contact: See above or <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/04tsrp.htm>.

FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER (FIC)

International Studies in Health and Economic Development (ISHED) (TW-04-003)—Support for projects examining effects of health on microeconomic agents (individuals, households and enterprises) and aggregate growth, and how health finance and delivery systems are a source of variation in health outcomes. Contact: Rachel Nugent, 301-496-8733; nugentra@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-TW-04-001.html>. Revised Deadline: 4/21/04.

FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S.

Canada-U.S. Fulbright Visiting Chair Awards— Support to study Canada in the U.S. or the U.S. in Canada, and for research in a broad range of subjects pertaining to the relationship between Canada and the U.S. Deadlines: 5/1/04 (Americans); 11/15/04 (Canadians). Contact: Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 202-686-6245; apprequest@cies.iie.org; <http://www.fulbright.ca/en/award.asp>.

FRAXA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Research Grants and Postdoctoral Fellowships support research aimed at finding a specific treatment for fragile X syndrome. Contact: Katherine Clapp, 978-462-1866; kclapp@fraxa.org; <http://www.fraxa.org/html/>. Deadline: 5/1/04.

INDIEFEST INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL AND MARKET

Call for Entries: Film—Support for the best independent films and videos, a screenwriting competition, and the world's first truly independent film and script market. Deadline: 5/1/04. Contact: Jennifer Alan, 773-665-7600; info@indiefestchicago.com; <http://www.indiefestchicago.com/>.

MARIJUANA POLICY PROJECT (MPP)

Marijuana Research—Support for objective, publishable, scientifically rigorous research on marijuana and marijuana policy. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/1/05. Contact: Marijuana Policy Project, 202-462-5747; chad@mpp.org; <http://www.mpp.org/grants/index.html>.

MUSSER FUND, LAURA JANE

Intercultural Harmony Program—Support for projects that promote intercultural understanding. Projects must be focused on more than one culture, and should build tolerance, understanding and, if possible, friendship among people of various backgrounds. Deadline: 5/1/04. Contact: Judith K. Healey, jkhealey@aol.com; http://www.musserfund.org/intercultural_harmony.htm.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI)

Cancer Prevention, Control, Behavioral and Population Sciences Career Development Award—Support for career development of investigators who have made a commitment to focus their research on cancer prevention, control, behavioral and the population sciences. Contact: Lester S. Gorelic, 301-496-8580; gorelicl@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-055.html>. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05.

Clinical Cancer Therapy and Prevention Research—Support for translational, clinical, therapeutic, and preventive studies/trials of neoplastic diseases in humans. Clinical researchers are encouraged to collaborate with basic scientists to

translate insights in cancer biology and development of new anti-cancer agents into innovative cancer intervention studies/trials. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05. Contact: Roy Wu, 301-496-8866; wur@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-046.html>.

Transition Career Development Award—Funding to facilitate transition of investigators from the mentored stage of career development in academic cancer research to the independent stage; i.e., postdoctoral individuals or investigators within the first 2 years of their first independent cancer research position. Contact: David Eckstein, 301-496-8580; eckstein@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-040.html>. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH)

Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research in the humanities that contributes to scholarly knowledge or the general public's understanding of the humanities. Recipients usually produce scholarly articles, monographs on specialized subjects, books on broad topics, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly tools. Junior scholars may apply for: Humanities and Healthcare Projects exploring subjects such as the history of healthcare and public health, medical ethics, disability studies, and interdisciplinary approaches to health-related humanities topics (joint support from NEH and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality); or Research in the Library of Congress Research projects in the humanities or social sciences that draw on collections of the Library of Congress (LOC) (joint support by LOC and NEH). We the People—Funding to explore significant events and themes in U.S. history and culture and advance knowledge of principles that define America. Deadline: 5/1/04. Contact: Division of Research Programs, 202-606-8200; fellowships@neh.gov; <http://www.neh.fed.us/grants/guidelines/fellowships.html>.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars cover a variety of activities, including contributing to scholarly knowledge, advancing teaching, or contributing to the general public's understanding of the humanities. Deadline: 5/1/04. Contact: National Endowment

for the Humanities, 202-606-8200; fellowships@neh.gov; <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (NICHD)

Endometrial Cell Function—Support for basic pre-clinical research to enhance understanding of etiology, and improve treatment and prevention of endometriosis, with special emphasis on studies of cellular and molecular aspects of endometrial cell functions and their regulatory mechanisms. Contact: Koji Yoshinaga, 301-496-6515; yoshinak@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-056.html>. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES (NIDDK)

Health Disparities in NIDDKD Diseases—Support for research to understand and mitigate issues of health disparities in high priority diseases within NIDDKD's scope, including diabetes, obesity, nutrition-related disorders, hepatitis C, gallbladder disease, H. Pylori infection, sickle cell disease, kidney diseases, and metabolic, gastrointestinal, hepatic, and renal complications from infection with HIV. Contact: Myrlene Staten, 301-402-7886; ms808k@nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-074.html>. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05.

Research Grants for Studies of Hepatitis C in the Setting of Renal Disease—Support for basic and clinical research to better understand the pathogenesis, natural history, therapy and prevention of hepatitis C in the setting of renal disease or renal transplantation. Contact: Catherine M. Meyers, 301-594-7717; cm420i@nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-043.html>. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE (NINDS)

Assay Proposals for the NINDS High Throughput Drug Screening Service Facility—Support for neurodegeneration-related assays to be adapted and screened at the HTS facility. Deadlines: 4/2/04, 6/1/04. Contact: Jill Heemskerk, 301-496-1779; jill_heemskerk@ninds.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-NS-04-005.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING (NIA)

Applications for Intervention Studies on Effects of Androgens in Older Men—Support for research on testosterone therapy in older men. Deadlines: TBD. Contact: Joanna Badinelli, 301-435-3046; BadineIJ@nia.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AG-04-004.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM (NIAAA)

Alcohol Abuse and HIV/AIDS in Resource-Poor Societies—Funding for multidisciplinary cross-national and international research on the intersection of alcohol consumption and the HIV epidemic. Contact: Mike Hilton, 301-402-9402;

mhilton@niaaa.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-048.html>. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05.

Pharmacotherapy for Comorbid Alcohol and Drug Use Disorders—Support for research on pharmacological treatment for patients with alcohol use disorder (AUD) and a comorbid substance use disorder (SUD; may include abuse/dependence of heroin, prescription narcotics, cocaine, methamphetamine and other stimulants, hallucinogens, sedative hypnotics, marijuana, and other substances of abuse). Contact: Charlene E. Le Fauve, 301-402-9401; clefauve@NIAAAA.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-067.html>. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA)

Research Education Grants in Drug Abuse and Addiction—Support for development of drug addiction researchers through creative and innovative educational programs, especially programs focussed on preparing researchers in cross-disciplinary integration and/or translational research of neuroscience, basic behavioral, prevention, clinical, treatment, and services research. Of particular interest are educational experiences that will attract, train, and further career development of physician scientists and other clinical professionals, underrepresented minority scientists, and adolescent, pediatric and geriatric researchers interested in pursuing research relevant to the mission of NIDA. Deadlines: 6/1/04, 10/1/04, 2/1/05. Contact: Suman A. Rao, 301-443-6071; Srao@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-054.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

Alcohol Abuse and HIV/AIDS in Resource-Poor Societies—Support for cross-national and international multidisciplinary research on the intersection of alcohol consumption and the HIV epidemic. Established researchers are urged to recruit new, domestic and foreign researchers to work on their projects. Contact: Mike Hilton, 301-402-9402; mhilton@niaaa.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-048.html>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05.

Basic Sciences Program (SBIR/STTR)—Support for basic and applied research on the causes, diagnosis, and prevention of HIV and AIDS. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: Carl Dieffenbach, 301-496-0637; cdd@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbir.htm#sol>.

Bioengineering Research Partnerships—Support for basic, applied, and translational multidisciplinary research that addresses important biological or medical research problems. Contact: Richard E. Swaja, 301-451-4779; swajar@nibib.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-023.html>. Deadlines: 6/20/04, 11/20/04 (Letter of Intent); 8/20/04, 1/20/05 (Application).

Collaborative R01s for Clinical and Services Studies of Mental Disorders and AIDS (CSMD)—Support for collaborative intervention trials and other clinical and services studies at two or more sites. Contact: Bruce B. Cuthbert, 301-443-3728; bcuthber@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-123.html>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04.

Complications of Antiretroviral Therapy—Support for research on fundamental biochemical or pathogenic mechanisms the metabolic complications associated with HIV-disease and antiretroviral therapy. Contact: Barbara Laughon, 301-402-2304; blaughon@niaid.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-172.html>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05.

Economic Evaluation of Drug Abuse Treatment and Prevention Services for HIV/AIDS—Support for research on the economics of HIV/AIDS

services utilized in conjunction with drug abuse treatment or prevention services. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: William S. Cartwright, 301-443-4060; WC34B@NIH.GOV; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-164.html>.

Enrolling Women and Minorities in HIV/AIDS Research Trials—Support to study innovative strategies for enrolling women and racial or ethnic minorities into HIV/AIDS clinical research trials. Contact: Matthew Murguia, 301-435-7164; mm768e@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-03-168.html>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05.

Glial Cell Inflammatory Mechanisms of HIV-1 Induced Cell Injury in the Nervous System—Funding for research into the role of neuroinflammation in the initiation and expansion of cellular injury and death in the context of HIV-1 infection of the central nervous system (CNS). Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: Michael Nunn, 301-496-1431; mn52e@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-03-084.html>.

HIV/AIDS, Severe Mental Illness, and Homelessness—Support for studies on persons with severe mental problems or homeless persons with special attention to development, implementation, and evaluation of effective HIV-prevention interventions and their dissemination and translation to community and public health service organizations. Deadlines:

5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: David M. Stoff, 301-443-4625; dstoff@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-024.html>.

HIV Therapeutics: Targeting Research Gaps—Support areas identified as underexplored in current HIV therapy, discovery and validation of viral and cellular targets for which no Food and Drug Administration-approved therapeutic agents exist.

Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: Sandra Bridges, 301-496-8198; sbridges@niaid.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-146.html>.

Innovation Grant Program: Approaches in HIV Vaccine Research—Support for innovative, novel, prophylactic vaccine research projects that may be high risk/high impact, and that exhibit potential to advance AIDS prophylactic vaccine design or evaluation. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: Jon Warren, 301-402-0633; jw374e@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-082.html>.

Innovation Grants for AIDS Research—Support for studies to bring new, scientifically challenging, untested ideas into AIDS research. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: Nabila M. Wassef, 301-435-3751; nwassef@niaid.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-03-020.html>.

Inter-Institute Program for Development of AIDS-Related Therapeutics—Support for programs to help AIDS researchers facilitate preclinical development of therapies for treatment of HIV disease, AIDS-associated malignancies, opportunistic infections, and tuberculosis associated with AIDS; and microbicide-based prevention strategies for HIV. Contact: IIP Coordinator, 301-496-8720; iip@dtpax2.ncifcrf.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-03-022.html>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 11/1/04 (Letter of Intent); 6/1/04, 12/1/04 (Proposal).

Liver and Pancreatic Disease in HIV Infection—Support for clinical and basic research focussed on pathogenesis and therapeutics of the liver and pancreatic disease associated with coinfections in patients with HIV infection or metabolic complications associated with treatment of HIV infection. Deadline: 5/1/04. Contact: Frank Hamilton, 301-594-8877; fh14e@nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-117.html>.

Molecular Epidemiology of Cancers Associated with Acquired Immunodeficiency—Support for interdisciplinary studies to better understand the molecular epidemiology and role of cofactors in the etiology and pathogenesis of preneoplastic conditions and cancers occurring among persons infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, specifically those cancers associated with viruses such as human papillomavirus, Epstein Barr virus, human herpes virus 8/Kaposi sarcoma associated herpes virus, and hepatitis viruses B and C. Contact: Vaurice Starks, 301-402-9375; vs38j@nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-024.html>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05.

NINDS/NIMH Mentored Research Career Development Awards in AIDS Research—Support for research and career development of individuals with a commitment to research in the area of neuroAIDS, either in one of the basic sciences relevant to neuroAIDS or in clinically oriented research. Contact: Michael Nunn, 301-496-1431; mn52e@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-086.html>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05.

Nutrition and Development, Treatment, and Prevention of HIV Disease in Women, Infants, and Children—Support for preclinical or clinical, biomedical, or behavioral research on nutritional factors and HIV transmission; nutritional requirements for optimal growth, development, and maintenance of health; impact of HIV infection on breastfeeding; interactions between antiretroviral therapies, diet, nutrition, and health; nutritional assessment methodologies; and specific functional biomarkers of outcome related to the nutrition/HIV relationship. Contact: Jack Moye, 301-496-7350; moyej@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-163.html>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05.

Research on Alcohol and HIV/AIDS—Support for research to identify and characterize the role of alcohol, drinking behaviors, and drinking environments in epidemiology and natural history, pathogenesis, prevention, treatment, and control of HIV/AIDS. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04. Contact: Kendall Bryant, 301-402-9389; kbryant@niaaa.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-039.html>.

Research on HIV/STD Prevention Messages—Support to examine interrelationships among various attributes of communication about HIV risk and prevention, and consequences of communication for individuals, groups, and populations; or to study how people consume, understand, retain, and use or act upon information about HIV risk and prevention. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04. Contact: Susan Newcomer, 301-435-6981; snewcomer@nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-139.html>.

Secondary Analysis of Existing Alcohol and HIV/AIDS Data Sets—Support for studying the relationship between alcohol use, engagement in high-risk sexual behaviors, and exposure to HIV infection; or the contribution of alcohol use toward progression of HIV/AIDS. Dead

lines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: Michael Hilton, 301-402-9402; mhilton@niaaa.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-132.html>.

Statistical Methods in HIV/AIDS Research—Support for development of original statistical methods to advance understanding, treatment, and prevention of HIV/AIDS. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04. Contact: Misrak Gezmu, 301-435-3722; mgezmu@niaid.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-024.html>.

Therapeutics Research on AIDS-Associated Opportunistic Infections and Malignancies—Support for research aimed at novel approaches to discovery and preclinical development of therapeutic agents against opportunistic infections and malignancies in people with AIDS. Contact: Chris Lambros, 301-435-3769; clambros@niaid.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-113.html>. Deadline: 5/1/04.

Therapeutics Research Program (SBIR/STTR)—Support for development and overseeing research and development of therapies for HIV disease, including opportunistic infections and cancers in adults, infants, children, and adolescents. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: Gregory Milman, 301-496-8666; gmilman@niaid.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbir.htm#sol>.

Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in Semen—Support for research to increase basic and clinical knowledge of the biology of HIV in semen. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1/2/05. Contact: Leroy M. Nyberg, Jr.; 301-594-7717; ln10f@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-116.html>.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

Antarctic Research: Aeronomy & Astrophysics, Biology & Medicine, Environmental Research, Geology & Geophysics, Glaciology, Ocean & Climate Sciences—Support for research in Antarctica and related research and data analysis in the U.S. Deadline: 6/4/04. Contact: William J. Wiseman, 703-292-4750; wwiseman@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04559/nsf04559.htm>.

Coupling, Energetics, and Dynamics of Atmospheric Regions (CEDAR)—Support to study behavior of atmospheric regions from the middle atmosphere upward through the thermosphere and ionosphere into the exosphere in terms of coupling, energetics, chemistry, and dynamics on regional and global scales. Contact: Sunanda Basu, Aeronomy, 703-292-8529; sbasu@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf02070>. Deadline: 5/1/04.

Geospace Environment Modeling (GEM)—Support for basic research into dynamical and structural properties of geospace, leading to construction of a global Geospace General Circulation Model with predictive capability. Contact: Kile Baker, 703-292-8519; kbaker@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf02122>. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 10/15/04.

UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (USADA)

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