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TOP STORIES

Provost candidate Sona Karentz Andrews discusses values, lessons

Sona Karentz Andrews, vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, discussed values and lessons she's learned in a public forum last week. She emphasized that UW-Milwaukee, although larger at 20,000 students, is similar to UND in its commitment to students and array of programs. The values at UW-Milwaukee, she said, are also similar to UND's, with a quality learning environment that nurtures scholarship, community involvement, diversity, and shared governance. Institutions such as these, she said, are in an incredible position: we have the opportunity to link the University, community, and state. As public entities, she feels universities and employees should give service to the state.

Andrews detailed some lessons she's learned as an administrator.

1. People in organizations matter. Caring about faculty, students, and staff is important. "Faculty and staff are our greatest resource," she said, but are often "deferred maintenance. We need to invest in the people who work for us.
2. Diversity is important, and includes gender, race, ethnicity, origin, and physical ability. Sometimes, Andrews said, we worry about the numbers and forget why it's important. Diversity brings different ideas to the table. "It's not just recruiting, but creating an environment that values differences."
3. Academics are primary: it's how you impact the learning environment. She said it's important to ask questions about how decisions will impact academics.
4. Establish goals and priorities, and be strategic and accountable. Andrews said goals should be lofty and hard to reach. "It's how you go from good to great."
5. Community engagement is critical. We are public servants, she said, as well as part of the community. Universities are part of the solution for economic problems as well as quality of life. It's hard for universities, she said, to sustain initiatives, but we must encourage partnerships and work together to solve problems.
6. Process matters. How we reach a decision is as important as the decision itself, Andrews said. She believes in shared governance and not making decisions in isolation.
7. We need to tell our story. Institutions can't rely on others to tell our story. We need to be our own advocates and know what's going on in our institution, and we need to tell that story over and over to everyone, from neighbors to legislators.
8. Successful and vibrant organizations have an employee voice. Shared governance with input and ideas from everyone should be the goal. We should influence each other with different perspectives and ideas, she said, through a collaborative process.
9. Never lose sight of values. Personal and institutional values are very important, Andrews said. She named some of the values at UW-Milwaukee: an environment in which people learn and voice their opinions, scholarly activity in the broadest sense, the importance of diversity, shared governance, and an academy that engages in civil discourse and expects the same of students.
10. Hope is not a strategy. Things can't change or improve because we hope they will, she said. We need to all work hard together to create change.

Andrews took questions from the audience, summarized below:

- The general education requirements at UW-Milwaukee grew by "bolting on things," she said, and thus were hard to communicate to students. So they piloted an alternative GER with the theme of "cultures and communities," a

service-oriented program that involves community members and service learning. About half of the students now choose the alternative program, even though it requires more work.

- One faculty member was concerned that Andrews, who, if she is named provost, will be in charge of deans but has never served as a dean. Andrews said she hasn't taken the traditional administrative route, and would herself be concerned if she had less experience. But, she said, she's been in the provost's office eight years and has a good understanding of how institutions work. She serves as executive dean for three schools and colleges, with three deans who report to her. "I don't have the traditional lineage," she said, "but I feel competent and ready." She said her year-long experience as an American Council on Education Fellow, in which she studied higher education policy at another institution, gave her more experience. "I have learned a lot," she said, "and feel ready to be a provost."
- Her discipline is geography, which she feels is a good background for an administrator. It's a broad field, she said, with natural, social, and humanist divisions that give her a perspective in a variety of academic disciplines. Her area of specialty, cartography and Geographic Information Systems, in which some research is not a monograph but a map, gives her a wider perspective, she said.
- Andrews was an exchange student in Beirut, Lebanon, and said the experience was life-changing. "There's great value in having students get international experience," she said, and believes that there are a variety of ways to ensure students get it: through exposure to international students on campus as well as studying abroad. "The size of the Earth has not changed, but the way we interact has."
- When asked how she'd address "deferred maintenance" of faculty, she said it's difficult, but would like to find ways to invest in people. As provost, she would ensure that resources are directed to areas of need. We need buildings and labs, she said, but we also need to reinvest in ourselves. There may be more options at the department level. "We need to take the emphasis off of the 'I' and put it into the 'we.'" For example, she said, instead of giving a grant for a faculty member to revise a single course, she would advocate giving money to a department to revise its core curriculum. The money, she said, would have greater impact, the results would be translated faster to the students, and the department would talk about their curriculum. She also believes in implementing variable workloads that take department productivity into account. Some faculty would do more teaching, she said, while others would do more research. This requires trust among colleagues, she said, and when an administration chooses to move in a certain direction, budgets need to follow that decision.
- One faculty member mentioned that UND's recent reaccreditation visit by the NCA found that we need to do a better job of assessing student learning. Andrews replied that NCA has said that at most university visits, and that IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis) has a good assessment technique that looks at student outcomes. Portland State, she said, changed the faculty reward and tenure structure. Doing assessment for the sake of doing assessment doesn't do any good, she said. We need to improve what we do. Assessment, she said, has become something of a buzzword, and there are a variety of ways to assess. We need to do better and know that students benefit from our programs.
- One person asked Andrews how she'd adjust moving from an urban environment to a rural state such as North Dakota. The population of North Dakota is roughly equal to that of Milwaukee, Andrews said, but she grew up in a small town in Massachusetts. UND is attractive to her, she said, because it offers a lot of opportunities to be a significant player in a significant enterprise. She spends most of her day working, she said, and is comfortable in both rural and urban settings.
- Regarding issues with interdisciplinary courses, Andrews said she believes in giving departments full credit for teaching the courses and removing obstacles.
- When asked about what UND needs she'd address with a limited budget, Andrews said she doesn't yet know all of UND's needs. At UW-Milwaukee, they practice prioritization of programs and examine program capacity, institutional priorities, growth, and whether a program is a wise investment. Universities, she said, have always had finite resources. Even though state funding is decreasing, more funding comes through federal agencies such as NIH, from sponsored program funding and from the private sector. We need to decide what we will invest in based on data and institutional strengths. The UND strategic plan, she said, is a good way to determine that. Flexibility is important, however; the goal of an endowed professor in every department might be better served in some departments by an additional three or more professors rather than an endowed chair.
- Andrews discussed challenges facing North Dakota and UND, including the fact that North Dakota is the only state in the nation losing population. However, she said, we have the lowest unemployment, and one of the stronger

economies. Like Wisconsin, she said, North Dakota is slowly moving from agriculture and manufacturing economies. "There are a lot of challenges here," she said. People often wonder why others go into administration. It's attractive, she said, because it's a huge research project and an incredible challenge to solve problems. North Dakota, she said, is lucky that the state is more supportive of higher education than many others. With more students per capita and high SAT scores, North Dakota has advantages.

- When asked what she does in her leisure hours, Andrews said that she generally rises at 4:30 a.m., exercises for an hour, arrives at work by 6 or 6:30 a.m., and works a 12-hour day. "I love my job," she said. In her free time she enjoys exercising, likes to run marathons, and bicycle. She says she once enjoyed home repair, especially electrical and plumbing work, and has an affinity for installing kitchen sinks.
- Increasing tuition costs, she said, impact students. UND tuition is a good deal, and we are entering an era where students are taking a greater monetary responsibility for their education. We should do all we can to contain costs, she said, and find ways to finance the university's operation through other sources. This includes convincing the state we are a good investment.
- Regarding resources, she said that institutional priorities should be determined through an annual planning process that's collaborative, with administrators making the final decision regarding resource allocation. She believes that budget cuts are decisions best made by schools and colleges, and that requires strong deans.
- A faculty member asked a question about gifts and the Sioux name. That decision, Andrews said, is out of UND's hands and in those of the Board of Higher Education. But, conversations on campus should never stop. It's an important issue, she said, that's being watched across the country. Another faculty member asked about the NCA recommendation that the Board re-examine its decision. We can learn from the experience, said Andrews, mentioning that similar situations have occurred at UW-Milwaukee. "All gifts are not gifts. Some gifts keep on taking." But, she said, UW-Milwaukee and UND, don't have billion dollar endowments, and any money is needed money. Both institutions, she said, have probably become more sophisticated when people share their resources. Boards change, she said, and the conversation is worth continuing in a respectful and civil way. It's not useful, she said, to pretend an issue is not there.

Andrews then asked questions of the audience. First, she asked, what would the audience like a new provost to do? Answers ranged from raising the library budget to laying out priorities for departments and colleges. One faculty member mentioned that the provost should be a staunch supporter of the University at the state level. In the ensuing discussion, Andrews said that the more the system and legislators know about an institution, the more they'll involve it. It's a collaborative situation, she said, in which you build relationships, sell the institution, and prove integrity and ability to deliver on promises. "If leaders have confidence in you," she said, "they'll look to the University for solutions." In a discussion involving facilities and maintenance, Andrews said that at UW-Milwaukee, all classrooms were moved to central control from departmental control. The University agreed to maintain and improve classrooms, and quality has improved through use of dollars from tuition and grant overheads. "There are none we hide from parents," she said, and they were able to create a variety of classrooms that meet the needs of the departments.

Andrews asked the audience what UND does well that should receive more attention. Faculty mentioned UND's outstanding American Indian programs which include INMED, INPSYDE, and RAIN; the fact that departments work hard to take bright students and open them to the world and its complexities; that we send out students who have more confidence and a larger world view. One faculty member mentioned that the President does a good job at the system level when requested by the legislature to help the state, and added that we need more people to explain how significant our contribution is and what we do.

– Jan Orvik, editor.

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.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Colloquium considers prison art in Uruguay

Elizabeth Hampsten, professor emerita of English, will present the next English department colloquium, a talk on "An Exhibition of Prison Art in Uruguay," Thursday, March 11, 4 p.m., in 116 Merrifield Hall.

The South American country of Uruguay was ruled by an abusive dictatorship from 1973 to 1984. In 1980, a Red Cross inspection team which interviewed political prisoners was surprised to find that they were better off than survivors of the Holocaust or of other recent regimes of state terrorism.

The reason may have been that the Uruguayan political prisoners were able to keep up their creative and intellectual activities, and also to support each other in the political and moral convictions that got them into prison in the first place.

In November 2003, the Museo Municipal de Bellas Artes "Juan Manuel Blanes," of Montevideo, Uruguay, opened an exhibition of works by former political prisoners. In her talk, Dr. Hampsten will share images of some of these art and crafts works, as well as examples of the former prisoners' writings about the place of art in their prison experience. Hampsten is author of many works on the homesteading experience in North Dakota. Her books include *Read This Only to Yourself: The Private Writings of Midwestern Women, 1880-1910*; *To All Inquiring Friends: Letters, Diaries and Essays in North Dakota*; and *Settlers' Children: Growing up on the Great Plains*. More recently, Hampsten has been working with survivors of political violence in Uruguay, resulting in such publications as *Uruguay Nunca Mas: Human Rights Violations, 1972-1985*.

— Joyce Coleman, English.

Graduate committee will not meet Monday

The graduate committee will not meet Monday, March 15. Enjoy the spring break!

— Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school.

Positron Imaging Lab dedication set for March 17

The dedication ceremony for the Positron Imaging Research Laboratory, located in the basement of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, is set for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND) will be an honored guest as we formally dedicate the laboratory, which includes the PETscanner, cyclotron and hot lab.

— Shelley Pohlman, Public Affairs, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Campus will take part in Internet2 Day

Internet2 will hold its first-ever virtual national Internet2 Day Thursday, March 18. Broadcast of this event will start at 9 a.m. in the Loading Dock, Memorial Union, and go until 4 p.m. Internet2 applications can make a tremendous difference in how we live and work each day. The aim of this event is to further demonstrate the potential of advanced network applications on member campuses and institutions to make a difference in how students learn, professors teach, and researchers collaborate. The setting will be informal so you can come and go as your schedule allows.

National speakers from disciplines including science and research, teaching, performing arts and collaboration technologies will be web cast throughout the day. Some of the speakers include:

- Daniel Atkins, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, School of Information, University of Michigan, and chair of the National Science Foundation Advisory Panel on CyberInfrastructure
- Thomas A. Finholt, director of the Collaboratory for Research on Electronic Work and senior associate research scientist, School of Information, University of Michigan
- David Lapsley, research engineer at the Haystack Observatory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Shawn McKee, assistant research scientist in physics, University of Michigan

The full agenda can be found at <http://events.internet2.edu/2004/Internet2Day/agenda.cfm?event=200>

Please mark your calendar. If you have any questions contact me.

— Craig Cerkowniak, Information Technology Systems and Services, craig.cerkowniak@mail.und.nodak.edu.

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.

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 Turcottte, 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, Burtness 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:

- Tony Buba, whose award winning documentary films have 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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: 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.

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.

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.

Agenda items due for April 2 IRB meeting

The institutional review board will meet at 3 p.m. Friday, April 2, in 305 Twamley Hall, to consider all research proposals submitted to the Office of Research and Program Development before Tuesday, March 23. Proposals received later will be considered only if a quorum has reviewed them and time permits.

Clinical medical projects must be reviewed by the clinical medical subcommittee before being brought to the full board. Proposals for these projects are due in ORPD Tuesday, March 16.

Notes from the meeting will be available in the ORPD approximately one week after the meeting.

— John Madden (communication sciences and disorders), chair, institutional review board.

Forum will focus on powwow tradition

The final program 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.

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; 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.

Electrical outages planned for several dates in April

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

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

We realize this is a major inconvenience and ask your help and cooperation in this matter. It is imperative that the generators be installed prior to the air conditioning season to avoid major increases in our electrical costs.

The electrical outages to tie in the generators have been scheduled as follows:

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 (Good Friday holiday), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (eight hours)

All four circuits on campus, which include these buildings:

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

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

Circuit #3: Abbott Hall, Armory, Babcock Hall, Burtness Theatre, Carnegie Building, Chandler Hall, Education Building, Fulton Hall, Gillette Hall, Gustafson Hall, Harrington Hall, Hughes Fine Arts Center, J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center, Johnstone Hall, Leonard Hall, Merrifield Hall, North Dakota Museum of Art, President's residence, Smith Hall, Steam Plant, Twamley Hall, Upson I, Upson II, Witmer Hall.

Circuit #4: Bek Hall, Brannon Hall, College of Nursing, Corwin/Larimore Hall, Hancock Hall, KUND Radio Tower, McVey Hall, North Dakota School for the Blind, Noren Hall, Robertson-Sayre Hall, Selke Hall, Squires Hall, Strinden Center, Walsh Hall, West Hall, Wilkerson Hall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 (Easter Saturday), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (12 hours)

Circuit #3, which includes these buildings: Abbott Hall, Armory, Babcock Hall, Burtness Theatre, Carnegie Building, Chandler Hall, Education Building, Fulton Hall, Gillette Hall, Gustafson Hall, Harrington Hall, Hughes Fine Arts Center, J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center, Johnstone Hall, Leonard Hall, Merrifield Hall, North Dakota Museum of Art, President's

residence, Smith Hall, Steam Plant, Twamley Hall, Upson I, Upson II, Witmer Hall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (16 hours)

Circuit #4, which includes these buildings: Bek Hall, Brannon Hall, College of Nursing, Corwin/Larimore Hall, Hancock Hall, KUND Radio Tower, McVey Hall, North Dakota School for the Blind, Noren Hall, Robertson-Sayre Hall, Selke Hall, Squires Hall, Strinden Center, Walsh Hall, West Hall, Wilkerson Hall.

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

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

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

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

— Larry Zitzow, director, facilities.

R&D Showcase III links campus research and business communities

R&D Showcase III will be held Thursday, April 29, at the Fargodome. This year's showcase seminar will be hosted by North Dakota State University and features the theme, "Technology as a Catalyst for North Dakota's Growth." Sessions will highlight ways in which campus research and development activities can successfully interact with the business community to spur economic growth. Area business leaders, along with campus faculty, staff, and students, are encouraged to attend.

Bruce McWilliams, president and CEO of Tessera Technologies, Inc. of San Jose, Calif., will be the keynote speaker. McWilliams has been involved in a number of high-tech companies, including S-Vision Inc., a silicon chip-based display company; Flextronics International Ltd., an electronic manufacturing services company; and nCHIP Inc., a multi-chip module packaging company.

Tessera Technologies, Inc. is a developer of intellectual property and services that help the semiconductor industry build smaller, faster, and more reliable electronic products. In 2002, Tessera was one of Inc. Magazine's "The Innovation 50," a listing of the most inventive small companies in entrepreneurial America. The company's advanced chip-scale packaging innovations have been used in a wide range of wireless, computing, gaming, entertainment, medical, and defense electronic products.

The dinner presentation will feature Paul Drzaic, vice president of advanced development for Alien Technology, who will share "The Alien Technology Story." For more information about the event or to register online, go to <http://www.ndsuresearchpark.com>.

Athletics, REA offer Easter brunch

The 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.

Manitoba conference focuses on IT learning

The Manitoba Association for Distributed Learning and Training (MADLaT) preconference workshops and annual conference will be held at the University of Manitoba Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7. The conference theme is "Quality Learning: Making IT Click." Dominique Abrioux, president of Canadian Virtual University and Athabasca University, is the keynote speaker.

For further information about the conference sessions and workshops, visit the conference web site at http://www.madlat.ca/quality_learning/.

There are a number of preconference workshops at \$60 each; individual conference registration rates range from \$100 to \$150, depending on MADLaT membership, registration date, and group rates.

Register early to receive the "early bird" discount and to ensure your selections are available. You can register online, by mail, in person or by fax. –

Jennifer Raymond, office of conference services, for Peter Tittenberger, associate director of technology, University Teaching Services, University of Manitoba.

Continuing education offers grantwriting workshop

"Grantwriting: Getting the Results You Want," a workshop, will be held Thursday, May 13, in the Red River Valley Room, Memorial Union.

The competition for grant funding is tremendous. This workshop teaches a proven model designed to make your fund-seeking efforts more successful. It provides steps for effective planning, methods to identify the best funding source, tips for developing and submitting a grant proposal, and follow-up activities.

The workshop is designed for the beginning grant writer's systematic approach to grant writing. The information presented in the seminar will benefit those from non-profit organizations seeking grants funds.

For more information and to register, please visit our web site at www.conted.und.edu/grantwriting or the office of conference services, 777-2663, conferences@mail.und.nodak.edu.

— Continuing education.

U2 workshops set for March 23 to April 1

Below are U2 workshops for March 23 through April 1. Visit our web site for additional workshops in March, 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.

Shipping and Receiving Hazardous Materials: March 23, 2 to 4 p.m., 211 Rural Technology Center. Find out what your responsibilities are if you ship or receive hazardous material. If you fill out paperwork for a package, put material in a package, hand a package to a delivery person, receive a package from a delivery person, or open a package containing hazardous material, then you must have this training. Presenter: Greg Krause.

Better Safe Than Sorry: March 25, 2 to 4 p.m., 10-12 Swanson Hall. This awareness workshop will cover those general safety issues that all employees should be familiar with regardless of their position. Topics include fire safety, incident reporting, safe lifting, ergonomics, hazardous materials, personal protective equipment, and reporting emergencies. Presenter: Jason Uhlir.

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, 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 Aug. 23. Presenters: Sommer Bjerknes and Lisa Burger.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty, researchers sought for UND experts directory

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

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

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

Education, Publications, Consulting, Research, Grants, Special, Presentations, Patents, Works in Progress

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

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.

January higher ed board actions detailed

The State Board of Higher Education met Jan. 15 via conference call. Following are actions the board took relative to UND.

Lee Vickers, president, Bismarck State University, reported the ConnectND project status and schedule is in “yellow.” He indicated that the ConnectND staff is confident that if they stay on track and on schedule for the rest of January, they will be able to catch up. Vickers said that if ConnectND will provide any efficiencies, it will be two to three years before they are experienced, and there may be a need for increased staff and equipment. Training will be a critical component to a successful transition.

The board authorized the University to accept gifts of real property from the Aarestad Estate and the UND Foundation. It also authorized the University to seek budget section approval to spend \$350,000 in institutional funds for the partial renovation of the Carnegie Building and, following budget section approval, authority to proceed with the project.

— Jan Orvik, editor, with information from the North Dakota University System.

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.

HEUG provides forum for exchanging information about PeopleSoft systems

The Higher Education User Group, a not-for-profit organization, is a source of information for higher education systems and campuses using PeopleSoft products.

HEUG, which represents more than 400 institutions and 4,500 individuals, was created when PeopleSoft released its first higher education-specific products. Users saw the need for a forum to share information about all PeopleSoft products, discuss implementation and operating challenges and review technical issues. As members exchange information, leaders in the group pull together questions, comments, and proposals that are later presented to PeopleSoft management.

The HEUG.online web site, <http://www.heug.org/>, is used by members to communicate, share and collaborate. HEUG membership is free and open to all employees of schools using PeopleSoft products.

— Jan Orvik, for the ConnectND project.

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, at 777-4423.

U-Snack convenience store recognized during National Nutrition Month

The U-Snack convenience store in the Memorial Union has been recognized for efforts to expand healthy food choices on campus as part of National Nutrition Month activities. The Healthy UND physical wellness subcommittee wanted to show their appreciation to the convenience store for adding affordable, nutritious selections such as fresh fruit, raw vegetables, green salads, yogurt, and skim milk. The Centers for Disease Control have linked a healthy diet to reduction in risk of diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, which are among the leading causes of death and disability in this country. Healthy UND has been working on a variety of activities to help make healthy choices easy choices.

A survey conducted by the physical subcommittee last spring helped convince dining services that more nutritious foods were needed on campus. Similar results were also found in a survey conducted last year by dining services and another survey conducted by the student health promotion office two years ago. Students with dining contracts and others who purchase meals at the dining centers have a broad variety of fruits, vegetables and other healthy options available to them. However, dining services recognized a need for expansion of the grab-and-go options for those who are eating on the run.

The physical subcommittee is working in partnership with the student health promotion office and the wellness department to promote healthy eating during March. Along with a nutrition display, the campus community will have an opportunity to participate in the "5 Plus 5" challenge to eat at least five fruits and vegetables a day and get at least 30 minutes of physical activity five or more days of the week. The "5 Plus 5" challenge is sponsored by the 5 Plus 5 Community Coalition, which is led by Grand Forks Public Health and NDSU Extension.

Students can access nutrition counseling services from Brenna Kerr, the new licensed registered dietitian on campus, who was recently hired by the wellness and student health services. General nutrition advice is available free of charge at the Wellness Center and more in-depth counseling is available on a fee for service basis through student health services. For more information about Nutrition Month activities or dietitian services, contact the student health promotion office in the Memorial Union at 777-2097.

– Student health promotion office.

Traffic office sends reminders

The traffic office sends out the following reminders.

- All service vehicle placards should have been renewed with a red decal which expires Dec. 6, 2004. If you have not renewed yours, please do so at the Auxiliary Service Building, west side of campus.
- Please be careful how you park. We are seeing more and more vehicles parked on curbs, sidewalks, and medians. The warm weather is finally coming and damage is being done to grass and sidewalk areas. This also creates a safety issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

— Shelly Kapella, parking and traffic division.

Spring Break hours listed

Chester Fritz Library:

Spring break hours for the Chester Fritz Library are: Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14, closed; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 20, closed; Sunday, March 21, 1 p.m. to midnight. – Karen Cloud, Chester Fritz Library.

Health sciences library:

Spring break hours for the Library of Health Sciences are: Friday, March 12, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, March 13, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, March 14, closed; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, March 20, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, March 21, 1 p.m. to midnight. – April Byars, Library of Health Sciences

Law library:

Spring break hours for Thormodsgard Law Library are: Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14, closed; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. – Jane Oakland, circulation manager, Thormodsgard Law Library.

Memorial Union:

Memorial Union will be closed weekends during spring break. Operating hours are:

Administrative office: Friday, March 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, closed.

Barber shop: Friday, March 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, closed.

Computer labs: Friday, March 12, 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Craft center: Friday, March 12, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, closed

Credit union: Friday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dining center: Friday, March 12, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, closed.

Food court: Friday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Internet Café and pub area: Friday, March 12, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Lifetime sports center: Friday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parking office: Friday, March 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Passport I.D.: Friday, March 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, closed.

Post office: Friday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Stomping Grounds: Friday, March 12, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Student academic services: Friday, March 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

U Turn C store: Friday, March 12, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Union services: Friday, March 12, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

University learning center: Friday, March 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Building hours: Friday, March 12, 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, March 15-19, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Normal hours resume Monday, March 22, at 7 a.m. Late night access resumes Monday, March 22. – Marsha Nelson, Memorial Union.

Campus walking trail maps available

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

The physical wellness subcommittee along with Rick Tonder, associate director of facilities, has created 14 walking/running trails for the UND campus. The trails, approximately one mile in length, cover most regions of campus and can be

interconnected for a 5-10 mile walk. Three of the trails are indoor routes for year-round use. The School of Medicine loop even includes stair climbing to increase the workout.

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

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

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

Children sought for reading comprehension study

A graduate student in the psychology department under the supervision of Tom Petros is seeking children ages 7 to 13 with no psychological diagnosis and/or are not currently taking any medication for a psychological diagnosis. The study is examining whether the time of day (either morning or afternoon) when a child is tested will affect how they perform on a variety of reading and listening comprehensive tests. The study takes approximately 90 minutes for both the parent and child. The child will be given several measures of listening and reading comprehension and the parent will be asked to fill out some questionnaires. The testing will take place at either 9 a.m. or 3 p.m. (weekend times are available) and the child will receive a \$10 stipend for his/her time. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Shyla Muse in the psychology department at 777-3212, shyla.muse@und.nodak.edu.

— Jan Orvik, editor, for Shyla Muse, psychology graduate student.

Studio One lists features

Physical therapist Meridee Danks will demonstrate posture-improving exercises on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. According to Danks, more people work at desks today because of computer technology. To prevent poor posture, carpal tunnel syndrome and other long-term health problems, Danks will demonstrate simple exercises that can be done in the workplace to stretch and strengthen our bodies.

Also on the next edition of Studio One, presidential caucuses are taking place around the country prior to the November election. We'll explore the democratic process of nominating a presidential candidate.

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

— Studio One.

In Remembrance: Remembering Rev. Robert Mullins

The Rev. Dr. Robert Mullins, professor emeritus of philosophy, died March 5 in St. Cloud. He was 90.

Robert J. Mullins was born Dec. 15, 1913, in Delavan, Wis., to Henry and Margaret (Kenney) Mullins. He attended Providence College, Albertus Magnus College, St. Louis (Mo.) University, St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., St. Lawrence University, and Regis College. He earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in psychology and education from Marquette University in Milwaukee. He graduated from St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and was ordained Sept. 28, 1945, at St. Matthew's Church in Milwaukee.

Father Mullins joined the University as Catholic chaplain at the Newman Center in 1945. At that time, and until establishment of the religious studies department, the individual religious organizations at the University conducted religious courses. In 1957, he was assigned as priest for St. Jude's Catholic Church, Thompson, a position he held in conjunction with his Newman Center position and teaching duties until around 1970. He served as civilian chaplain for the Grand Forks Air Force Base from 1972 to 1980, and chaplain at St. Michael's Hospital in Grand Forks. He also served at St. Michael's Parish in Grand Forks.

He taught courses on Aristotle, ethics, history of philosophy, Oriental thought, philosophy, medieval history, Medieval Latin, Marxism, philosophy and poetry, sex and love in the West, and women in philosophy. He received a teaching award in 1975. He retired in 1981.

He will be remembered as a kind, caring man who kept in touch with his students, and was known for his sense of humor.

– Jan Orvik, editor, with information from the Grand Forks Herald.

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GRANTS & RESEARCH

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

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

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

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

For many years, ORPD staff have selected representative samples from funding opportunities for a variety of academic areas from the SPIN and COS systems, and we have published them in the University Letter. However, the number of funding opportunities that are available greatly exceeds the number we can publish each week. We are concerned that faculty seeking research opportunities may miss them simply because they do not see something of interest in the U-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 U-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

2004 NIH regional seminars planned for program funding and grants administration

Two regional seminars covering topics related to NIH extramural program funding and grants administration are planned for 2004. The seminars provide information about the entire funding process, from opportunity identification and application preparation through post award administration. Presentations are targeted toward researchers new to NIH, research administrators, post docs and trainees. Informal interaction between seminar participants and NIH program, grants management, review and grants policy staff at the seminar to address individual issues is highly encouraged. Hands-on computer training in NIH electronic research administration will be offered in conjunction with each of the seminars. There will be a lab targeted towards grants administrators, another for principal investigators, and a third specifically on the preparation of electronic financial status reports.

The seminars will be held:

May 6-7, in Miami, Fla., hosted by the University of Miami and Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (hands-on computer labs to be offered May 5)

June 24-25, in Seattle, Wash., hosted by the University of Washington School of Medicine (hands-on computer labs to be offered June 23)

A draft program and logistical information for the seminars are posted at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm>. Questions regarding registration or logistics should be directed to the host universities at the address provided on the web sites. Questions on the program content may be directed to Megan Columbus, NIH regional seminar coordinator, at 301-435-0937 or megan.columbus@nih.gov.

The host institutions will be ready to accept registrations soon. Until then, you are encouraged to put yourself on the mailing lists to be notified when registration does become available by using the contact information for the host institution at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm>. Both the seminars and the computer labs tend to fill to capacity, so register early!

Faculty and research staff interested in attending the NIH regional seminar who need assistance in meeting travel costs should contact me.

— Will Gosnold, interim director, Office of Research and Program Development (ORPD), at 777-4280 or will_gosnold@mail.und.nodak.edu.

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.

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AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY (AHRQ)

Demonstrating the Value of Health Information Technology—Support to assess the value derived from adoption, diffusion, and utilization of health information technology to improve patient safety and quality of care. Deadline: 4/22/04. Contact: Eduardo Ortiz, 301-427-1585; EORTIZ@AHRQ.GOV; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-04-012.html>.

Transforming Healthcare Quality Through Information Technology (THQIT) - Implementation Grants—Support for organizational and community-wide implementation and diffusion of health information technology and to assess the extent to which it contributes to measurable and sustainable improvements in patient safety, cost, and overall quality of care. Deadline: 4/22/04. Contact: Scott Young, 301-427-1580; SYOUNG@AHRQ.GOV; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-04-011.html>.

Transforming Healthcare Quality Through Information Technology (THQIT) - Planning Grants—Support for community-wide planning processes across multiple healthcare organizations within a local or regional area that will enable them to develop infrastructure to provide for effective exchange of health information within the community. Deadlines: 3/22/04 (Letter of Intent); 4/22/04 (Application). Contact: Lisa Dolan-Branton, 301-427-1588; ldolan@ahrq.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-04-010.html>.

ALTERNATIVES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (ARDF)

Alternatives Research Grant Program—Support to fund and promote development, validation, and adoption of non-animal methods in biomedical research, product testing, and education. Contact: Alternatives Research and Development Foundation, 215-887-8076; grants@ardf-online.org; <http://www.ardf-online.org/>. Deadline: 4/30/04.

ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH (AICR)

Research Grants support fundamental research into the causes, mechanisms, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer, with emphasis on basic as opposed to clinical research. Contact: Association for International Cancer Research; Telephone: +44 (0) 1334-477910; enquiries@aicr.org.uk; <http://www.aicr.org.uk/information.stm>. Deadlines: 4/30/04, 10/29/04.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

Fellowship Program—Support for scientific and engineering intelligence. Topics areas are: Wireless Self-Organizing Network Research for Detecting and Analyzing Hostile Media Campaigns; 3D Models from Uncontrolled Video (CIA); Improved Compact Energy Storage and Power Generation Devices; Remote Sensing of Concrete Properties; Full Spectrum Methods and Techniques; Biological Principles applied to Geospatial Intelligence Data Fusion; Handwritten Document Image Processing; Nanostructural Photonics; Quantum Key Distribution; Statistical Structure of the Ionosphere; Meta-Materials for Antennas; Nanotubes and Organic Conductors for High-Performance; Fluorescent nano-particles for high efficiency

sensors; Organic Electronic Transport in Confined Dimensions; Nano- to Micro-Scale Power Sources; Discovering pathogen signatures of genetic modification associated with virulence factors, toxins, and antibiotic resistance; Improving Ease of Use of Iris Recognition Biometric Systems; How Can Condition-Based Maintenance Teach Us How to Build More Robust Robots; Countering Pathogen Virulence; Inversion of Undersampled, Noisy, Ambiguous Data" Selection and Qualification of Concluding Hypotheses; Cross-Domain Monitoring of Activities of Non-State Individuals and Organizations; Novel Applications of Quantum Entangled Photons for the Information Gathering. Deadline: 3/12/04. Contact: Denise Wood, 703-735-3023; <http://www.nga.mil/ast/fm/acq/FY04PostdocBAAfinal.pdf>.

HEREDITARY DISEASE FOUNDATION

Research Grants support projects that will contribute to identifying and understanding the basic defect in Huntington's disease. Deadlines: 6/15/04, 10/15/04. Contact: Carl D. Johnson, carljohnson@hdfoundation.org; <http://www.hdfoundation.org/funding/grants.htm>.

HUNTER'S HOPE FOUNDATION

Pilot Studies—Support for research to find a cure for Krabbe's disease and other leukodystrophies. Areas of interest are new treatment approaches or basic mechanisms related to these diseases. Deadline: None. Contact: Terry Adamczyk, 716-667-1200; theresa@huntershope.org; <http://www.huntershope.org/research/default.asp>.

MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION

Support for research on prevention of birth defects. Topics include basic biological processes governing development, genetics, clinical studies, studies of reproductive health, environmental toxicology, and social and behavioral studies. Contact: March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, researchgrants@marchofdimes.com; http://www.marchofdimes.com/professionals/691_1447.asp. Deadline: 4/30/04.

MCDONNELL FOUNDATION, JAMES S.

Bridging Brain, Mind, and Behavior - 21st Century Science Collaborative Activity—Support for interdisciplinary research spanning the different levels of analysis required to answer questions linking brain function, cognition, and behavior. Contact: James S. McDonnell Foundation, info@jsmf.org; <http://www.jsmf.org/programs/bmb/>. Deadline: None.

MUSTE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, A. J.

A.J. Muste Memorial Institute Grant—Support for projects to promote the principles and practice of nonviolent social change concerned with one or more of the following: peace and disarmament; social and economic justice; racial and sexual equality; and the labor movement. Deadline: 4/30/04. Contact: A.J. Muste Memorial Institute, 212-533-4335; ajmusteinst@igc.org; <http://www.ajmuste.org/guidelin.htm>.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)

Planetary Atmospheres—Support for studies that contribute to understanding the origins and evolution of the atmospheres of planets and their satellites, and of comets, including determination of compositions, dynamics, and chemical behaviors of planetary atmospheres. Deadline: 4/23/04. Contact: Denis J. Bogan, 202-358-0359; Denis.J.Bogan@nasa.gov; http://research.hq.nasa.gov/code_s/nra/current/nnh04zss001n/appendB_9.html.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI)

Career Development Award for Quantitative Scientists—Support for quantitative scientists whose skills have not yet focused primarily on questions of health and disease and who wish to become cancer researchers as independent investigators or as leaders or co-leaders of interdisciplinary cancer research teams. Eligible disciplines include, but are not limited to, physics, mathematics, computer science, imaging science, informatics, statistics, economics, chemistry, engineering, and nanotechnology. Contact: Lester S. Gorelic, 301-496-8580; gorelicl@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-04-016.html>. Deadlines: 3/22/04 (Letter of Intent); 4/20/04 (Application).

Short-Term Scientist Exchange Program—Support for collaborative research between U.S. and foreign cancer researchers, including exchange visits to laboratories. Deadline: None. Contact: Office of International Affairs, 301-496-4761; NC6@CU.NIH.GOV; http://www.cancer.gov/about_nci/doc_img.aspx?viewid=8fc72aff-ab84-40b5-8fe9-20da67662417&docid=775a930b-99ec-40ff-ae9d-59beb7175527.

Small Grants Program for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control or Small Grants Program for Cancer Epidemiology—Short-term awards provide support for pilot projects, development and testing of new methodologies, secondary data analyses, or innovative studies that provide a basis for more extended research. Eligible applicants are new investigators (including predoctoral researchers) or established scientists refocusing their research interests to behavioral research in cancer. Deadlines: 4/20/04, 8/20/04, 12/22/04. Contact: Veronica Chollette, 301-435-2837; vc24a@nih.gov;

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-020.html> or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-03-010.html>.

NATIONAL CENTER ON MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES (NCMHD)

Excellence in Partnerships for Community Outreach, Research on Health Disparities, and Training (Centers of Excellence - Resource-Related Research Grants)—Support for development of resources and infrastructure as a prelude to initiating full-scale health disparities research, community outreach, and training. Deadlines: 3/19/04 (Letter of Intent); 4/19/04 (Application). Contact: Mireille Kanda, 301-402-1366; Kandam@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-04-002.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (NICHD)

Specialized Cooperative Centers Program in Reproduction Research—Support for basic and clinical scientists to conduct multidisciplinary research in the reproductive sciences. Contact: Louis DePaolo, 301435-6970; ld38p@nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-04-003.html>. Deadlines: 5/14/04 (Letter of Intent); 6/14/04 (Application).

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL AND CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCH (NIDCR)

Regenerative Dental Medicine—Support for studies on understanding the unique properties of embryonic and post-natal stem cells in orofacial tissues; development of methods to induce appropriate stem cell expansion, differentiation, and in vitro assembly of a functional tissue prototype unit; and design and development for new bio-inspired materials for cell transplantation. Deadline: 4/23/04. Contact: Eleni Kousvelari, 301-594-2427; kousvelari@de45.nidr.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-05-005.html>.

Simian Models for Oral Biology of HIV Infection and AIDS-Related Oral Complications—Support for high risk/high impact exploratory/developmental studies that address HIV oral biology and AIDS-related oral complications in nonhuman primate models for AIDS. Deadlines: 5/1/04, 9/1/04, 1-2-05. Contact: Mostafa Nokta, 301-594-7985; Mostafa.Nokta@nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-04-066.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES (NIEHS)

Studies to Evaluate Toxic and Carcinogenic Potential of Test Agents in Laboratory Animals via Inhalation Exposure for the National Toxicology Program—Support to test agents, mainly via inhalation but also other routes of exposure. Agents studied may include: abrasive blasting agents, quantum dots, carbon nanotubes, metal working fluids, or other agents. Deadline: 5/7/04. Contact: Marilyn B. Whaley, 919-541-2712; whaley@niehs.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-ES-04-006.html>.

Superfund Basic Research and Training Program—Support for research aimed at reducing the burden of human illness and dysfunction from environmental causes. Deadline: 4/21/04. Contact: Claudia Thompson, 919-541-4638; thompso@niehs.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-04-001.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH (NIMH)

Mental Health Dissertation Research Grants to Increase Diversity in the Mental Health Research Arena—Support for doctoral candidates from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral science to pursue research careers in any area relevant to the mission of the NIMH. Contact: Michael A. Sesma, 301-443-2847; msema@mail.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-03-008.html>. Deadlines: 4/22/04, 8/22/04, 12/22/04.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE (NINDS)

Administrative Supplements: Overcoming Barriers to Neurological Therapeutics Development—Supplements to facilitate identification of new treatments for neurological disorders from candidate therapies identified or evaluated in ongoing, peer-reviewed projects. Contact: Jill Heemskerk, 301-496-1779; jill_heemskerk@ninds.nih.gov; <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-NS-04-001.html>. Deadline: 4/30/04.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (NIDCD)

Small Grant Program—Support for basic and clinical research of scientists in the early stages of establishing independent research careers, including those transitioning from postdoctoral status to their first independent research position. Research must be focused on one or more of the following areas: hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, or language. Deadlines: 4/22/04, 7/15/04, 11/15/04. Contact: Amy Donahue, 301-402-3458; Donahuea@nidcd.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-062.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

Asthma Exacerbations: Biology and Disease Progression—Support for clinical and basic research to elucidate biologic

mechanisms of asthma exacerbation pathobiology and resolution and their impact on lung function, physiology and disease state. Deadlines: 5/18/04 (Letter of Intent); 6/18/04 (Application). Contact: Patricia Noel, 301-435-0202; noelp@nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-04-029.html>.

Dietary Supplement Research Centers: Botanicals—Support for centers of excellence to promote collaborative interdisciplinary study of botanicals with high potential for being translated into practical benefits for human health. Deadlines: 5/18/04 (Letter of Intent); 6/15/04 (Application). Contact: Christine A. Swanson, 301-435-2920; swansonc@od.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-04-002.html>.

Meetings and Networks for Methodological Development in Interdisciplinary Research—Support for development of methods and measures in the behavioral or social sciences to more fully integrate scientific approaches and advances in these disciplines into interdisciplinary research designed to solve complex health problems. Deadlines: 3/26/04 (Letter of Intent); 4/26/04 (Application). Contact: Deborah H. Olster, 301-451-4286; olsterd@od.nih.gov; <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-04-014.html>.

NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY (NMSS)

Translational Research Partnerships on Nervous System Repair and Protection in MS—Support for translational research that may result in

neural repair and neuroprotective therapies moving from the “bench to the bedside” more rapidly. Deadlines: 4/19/04 (Letter of Intent); 1/5/05 (Application). Contact: Timothy Coetzee, 212-476-0478; timothy.coetzee@nmss.org; <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Research-RepairRFP.asp>.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

Interdisciplinary Training for Undergraduates in Biological and Mathematical Sciences—Support to enhance undergraduate education and training at the intersection of the biological and mathematical sciences and better prepare undergraduate biology or mathematics students to pursue graduate study and careers in fields that integrate the mathematical and biological sciences. Deadline: 4/26/04. Contact: Samuel M. Scheiner, 703-292-8481; sscheine@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf04546>.

Mathematical, Social, and Behavioral Sciences (MSBS)—Support for research to further understanding of social and behavioral science phenomena and address a topic of interest to the mathematical sciences, including workshops or symposia to foster interaction of social, behavioral, or economic scientists with mathematicians or statisticians. Contact: Cheryl L Eavey, 703-292-7269; ceavey@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf04548>. Deadline: 4/30/04.

NSF Middleware Initiative—Support to develop, deploy and sustain a set of reusable and expandable middleware functions that benefit many science and engineering applications in a networked environment. Contact: Kevin L. Thompson, 703-292-8962; kthompso@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04555/nsf04555.htm>. Deadline: 5/14/04.

Science of Design—Support to study the design of software-intensive systems that perform computing, communications and information processing. Relevant topics include: formal theories and computational methods for representation, synthesis, and evaluation of designs and requirements; design processes supporting compositionality, maintainability, adaptability and evolution; the role of requirements and specifications in design; computer-aided design for software-intensive systems; studies of designs, designers and design methodologies; development of design education and the integration of knowledge about design methodologies into educational curriculum and training for computer scientists, software engineers and systems engineers. Deadline: 5/19/04. Contact: Sol Greenspan, 703-292-8910; sgreensp@nsf.gov; <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04552/nsf04552.htm>.

UNTIL THERE'S A CURE

Funds for HIV/AIDS projects in the following areas: prevention education; direct care/services; vaccine development/research; policy development/research. Deadline: 4/30/04. Contact: Until There's A Cure Foundation, 1-800-888-6845 or 650-332-3200; grants@utac.org; <http://www.utac.org/grants.html#application>. (Note: Guidelines, etc. will be published on web site on 3/29/04).

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

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