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Baker Briefing Set For Feb. 17

President Baker will hold an informational briefing at 9 a.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 17**, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Everyone is invited to attend. — *Jan Orvik, Editor*

Founders Day Banquet Tickets Are On Sale In Twamley 411

Tickets for the annual Founders Day Banquet may be purchased in the Office of University Relations, 411 Twamley Hall. This year's event is set for 6:30 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 25**. The program will again feature the presentation of awards for teaching, research and service, as well as the recognition of faculty and staff with 25 years of service and retired and retiring faculty and staff with 15 or more years of service. Tickets are \$5 each. -- *Rita Galloway, Special Projects Coordinator, University Relations*.

Presidential Candidate List Narrowed To 13

The UND Presidential Search Committee met Tuesday, Feb. 2, and selected 13 candidates for telephone interviews during the next two weeks.

To date, approximately 40 candidates have applied for the UND presidency. The committee will continue to accept applications for UND's presidency until Feb. 16, according to Harvey Knull, chair of the Presidential Search Committee and Dean of the Graduate School.

Knull said that following telephone interviews that were to begin Thursday, Feb. 4, the committee will narrow the list of candidates to about six by the middle of the month and will schedule on-campus interviews with those candidates into March. The Presidential Search Committee is charged with forwarding three or more finalists to the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, which will select UND's tenth president, succeeding the current President, Kendall Baker, who will resign effective June 30, 1999.

The candidates list that was narrowed down to 13 at this point by the Search Committee includes:

- ♦ Barbara Atkinson, M.D., Dean of the Hahnemann School of Medicine, MCP Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, Penn.

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Did You Know?

The University's 305-bell electronic carillon, located in the Twamley Hall tower, was one of the largest in existence when it was dedicated in 1963.

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- ♦ Charles Christiansen, Ed.D., Dean and George T. Bryan Distinguished Professor, School of Allied Health Sciences, The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.
- ♦ David Danahar, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Loyola University, New Orleans.
- ♦ Fredrick Dobney, Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Provost, Michigan Technological University, Houghton.
- ♦ Walter Eggers, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of New Hampshire, Durham.
- ♦ Dennis Elbert, Ph.D., Dean of the UND College of Business and Public Administration.
- ♦ John Ettling, Ph.D., UND Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- ♦ Stephen Hulbert, D.Ed., Commissioner of Higher Education and Chief Executive Officer, Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, Providence.
- ♦ Robert Kindrick, Ph.D., University Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of Montana, Missoula.
- ♦ Charles Kupchella, Ph.D., Provost, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau.
- ♦ William Ruud, Ph.D., Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Boise State University, Idaho.
- ♦ Murray Sagsveen, J.D. (University of North Dakota), State Health Officer, North Dakota State Department of Health, Bismarck.
- ♦ John Urice, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate for the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

-- Peter Johnson and Jim Penwarden, Office of University Relations.

AD Search Committee Forwards Two Names To President Baker

The Director of Athletics Search Committee met Monday evening, Feb. 1, to review the three candidates who had interviewed on campus. By committee consensus, the names of two candidates are being forwarded to UND President Kendall Baker. They are:

- ♦ Ray Purpur, Assistant Athletic Director at Stanford University, and
- ♦ Roger Thomas, Head Football Coach.

Committee Chair Mark Langemo (Business and Vocational Education) commended the 18 members of the search committee for their thoroughness, professionalism, and considerable effort throughout the four-month process.

It is anticipated that President Baker will make a decision during mid-February. -- Mark Langemo, Committee Chair.

Fargo Family Medicine Residency Program To Be Phased Out

Financial support provided by the School of Medicine and Health Sciences for the Fargo family medicine residency program will be phased out over the next three-and-one-half years, according to H. David Wilson, dean of the school.

Across the state, about 60 residents receive training in family medicine through UND programs in the state's four largest cities: Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot and Bismarck. After lengthy discussion, "we concluded that we should invest our limited resources in efforts which are better aligned with our mission and needs of the state. We

have determined that three strong family medicine residency programs are sufficient at this time in North Dakota," said Wilson.

Funds will be shifted to further develop rural educational programs in which medical students and residents receive more training in rural communities throughout the state, said William Mann, chair of Family Medicine, who oversees family medicine training. That program, called Rural Opportunities in Medical Education (ROME), was launched last fall in a pilot project in Devils Lake and Hettinger. ROME allows third-year medical students to spend the majority of that year in a rural community.

The Fargo family medicine residency program will remain intact until the 14 residents currently in the program and those recruited for the term beginning July 1999 have completed their training. In Fargo, physician-faculty members train medical school graduates in the practice of family medicine at the Family Health Care Center, 306 Fourth St. N. The center, which was designated as a community health center several years ago, also receives support from the federal government.

"We have received a clear message to examine our educational programs critically, to make certain that resources are expended as wisely and efficiently as possible," said Mann. "I think the best, long-term interests of the state will be served by increasing our support for our rural mission."

As the rural educational programs are developed, officials of the school are hoping to expand clinical training opportunities to include not only Devils Lake and Hettinger, but also Williston, Dickinson, Valley City, Jamestown, Wahpeton, Rugby and Belcourt.

Wilson expressed appreciation for the support given to the family medicine program by the Fargo medical community. "The Fargo health care facilities have been excellent supporters of medical education, and we expect that the strong relationship between the School of Medicine and Fargo hospitals will continue," he said.

In addition to family medicine, the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences provides training in internal medicine, general surgery and psychiatry, and a one-year transitional program. These programs will continue to be based in Fargo.

-- H. David Wilson, Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Panel Will Discuss Relevance Of Opera

The Departments of Theatre Arts and Music are producing two one-act operas **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 11, 12, and 13**, "The Old Maid and the Thief" by Menotti and "La Divina" by Pasatieri. To place this production into an educational context, Theatre Arts and Music are sponsoring a symposium on "Opera's Relevance in the New Century," **Thursday, Feb. 4**, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Burtness Studio Theatre. The guest stage director, Patrick Woliver from Ohio State University's opera program, is the featured panelist. We also are privileged to have as panelists: Sheryl O'Donnell (English), G. Paul Larson (Economics and head of the North Dakota Metropolitan Opera Association), and Walter Ellis (History), all opera lovers and esteemed members of UND's faculty. The panel will be moderated and panelists questioned by noted Dorothy Keyser (Music). Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited to attend. -- Mary Cutler, Theatre Arts.

Chemistry Department To Host Seminar Speaker

H. Peter Hombach, president and chair of the Board of BioDigestor Technologies, Inc., in Grand Forks, will present a seminar titled "Thoughts of a Chemist to Wastewater Treatment" at noon **Friday, Feb. 5**, in 138 Abbott Hall. Dr. Hombach received his undergraduate and doctorate degrees from Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, and was previously employed at the University with the UND SEM Foundation, EERC, and Chemical Engineering.

BioDigestor Technologies, Inc. is a company in Grand Forks which deals with removal of toxic compounds from wastewater and air. All University personnel and students are invited to attend. -- *Department of Chemistry.*

Anatomy Plans Seminar

The Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology will hold a seminar at noon **Monday, Feb. 8**, in B710, Frank Low Conference Room, Edwin C. James Research Facility, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. James Foster (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) will present "Glucose-6-Phosphatase: A Multifunctional, Multicomponent Enzyme." -- *Patrick Carr, Anatomy and Cell Biology Spring Seminar Series Coordinator.*

Graduate Committee Will Meet Monday

The Graduate Committee will meet **Monday, Feb. 8**, at 3:05 p.m. in 305 Twamley Hall. The agenda will include:

1. Change the program requirements for the M.S. and Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
2. Consideration of a request by the College of Nursing to:
 - a. Change the title and course description for *NURS 556, Epidemiology*
 - b. Change the title and course description for *NURS 532, Family Theory and Assessment*
 - c. Change the credit maximum for *NURS 597, Advanced Clinical Practicum*
 - d. Change the title and course description for *NURS 510, Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice*
 - e. Add *NURS 511, Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology II*
 - f. Add *NURS 505, Advanced Pharmacology I*
 - g. Add *NURS 506, Advanced Pharmacology II*
 - h. Change the program requirements for the Anesthesia, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Adult Health specializations.
3. Consideration of a request by the Biology department to suspend their Doctor of Arts degree program.
4. Consideration of a request by the Geology department to:
 - a. Change the program requirements for the M.S. in Geology
 - b. Change the prerequisites for *GEOL 532, Contaminant Hydrogeology*
5. Consideration of a request by the Mechanical Engineering department to change the title, prerequisites, and course description for *ME 529, Finite Element Analysis*.
6. Matters arising.

-- *Harvey Knoll, Dean, Graduate School.*

UND-Produced Series On POWs To Air Feb. 8-12

An interview series featuring ex-Prisoners of War, produced by the UND AeroSpace Network (ASN), will air at 9:30 p.m. each night of the week of **Feb. 8-12** on Grand Forks Cable Channel 3. The program includes personal interviews with 22 WWII ex-POWs who were captured in Europe or Japan, as well as prisoners capturing the Korean War. All the participants are from the upper Midwest, and most are native North Dakotans.

The idea started with retired Air Force Lt. Colonel Elmer T. Lian. Lian was shot down over Germany in 1944, captured and held prisoner for nine months. During this time Lian kept a journal of his days in the prison camp. Since his retirement in 1964, Lian has worked on documenting his experiences and encouraged others to do the same. He had conducted interviews with other POWs in his home with a camcorder, then contacted the AeroSpace Network, which recognized the historical value in the project.

Over the summers of 1996-97, 22 POWs were interviewed on more than 30 hours of videotape in the ASN studios. The entire collection can be found in the Department of Special Collections at the Chester Fritz Library.

ASN is exploring putting the stories on CD-ROM or web pages so researchers can view the videos as well as text transcriptions, photographs, and illustrations on a searchable multi-media resource. -- *Chris Breiting, A/V/Producer/Director II, AeroSpace Network.*

Exhibit Open At Myers Art Gallery

An installation titled, "Sojourn" by Visual Arts Faculty members Don Miller and Patrick Luber is on exhibit at the Col. Eugene E. Myers Art Gallery in the Hughes Fine Arts Center. Assisting Miller and Luber in this project were Visual Arts graduate students Kris Douglas and Keith Dobranski. This exhibition will be open **Feb. 1 to Feb. 18**, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment. -- *Patrick Luber, Visual Arts.*

Medical Students Plan Activities For Organ Donor Awareness

As part of a nationwide effort, activities to highlight Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week have been planned by the local Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association. The public is invited to participate in these events.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, Mike Blake (Music) will talk about his experience as a heart transplant patient at noon in the Keller Auditorium of the Wold Center, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. On **Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13**, free blood pressure screening and organ donor sign-up will take place at Hugo's at 32nd Avenue South and 19th Street in Grand Forks, Friday, Feb. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The group's goal is to raise people's awareness of the critical need for organ donation in the United States. About 57,000 patients are waiting for transplants of vital organs and tissues. The medical students hope that with more people signing organ donor cards and discussing their decision with family, the problem will diminish.

-- *School of Medicine and Health Sciences.*

Instructional And Learning Technologies Faculty Workshop Sessions Announced

The following Faculty Workshop sessions will be offered next week at the Center for Instructional and Technologies, Sayre Hall:

- ♦ Tuesday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to noon, "How to Prepare a Lecture using Power Point";
- ♦ Wednesday, Feb. 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m., "Digital Camera Orientation";
- ♦ Thursday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. to noon, "Preparing Power Point Lectures for the Web";
- ♦ Thursday, Feb. 11, 2 to 3:30 p.m., "Preparing Images for the Web."

You may register online at <http://www.cilt.und.nodak.edu/services/index.html> or by calling 777-4150. -- *Lynn Weiner, Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies.*

Reception Will Honor Marilyn Bowman

Marilyn Bowman will retire Feb. 22 as data processing coordinator for the Office of Medical School Practice Support. A retirement reception will be held in her honor from 2 to 4 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 10**, at the Vennes Atrium of the James Medical Research Facility at the school, 501 N. Columbia Road. Everyone is invited.

She began working at UND in 1972 at the Medical Center Rehabilitation Hospital when it was located in McCannel Hall, where she managed billing for Donald Barcome and Harry Butler.

Her husband, Farrell (known as "Bow") Bowman, also worked at UND. A member of the Plant Services staff for 14 years, he retired in January 1997. -- *William Mann, Chair and Professor of Family Medicine.*

Women's Center Lists Programs

The **Wednesday, Feb. 10**, Feast and Focus program at noon in the Women's Center, 305 Hamline St., will feature MaryAnne Lustgraaf (Memorial Union), discussing feminism. Feel free to bring your lunch with you. -- *Donna Oltmanns, Coordinator, Women's Center.*

Defensive Driving Courses Offered

A free Defensive Driving course for UND employees and a member of their family will be held Wednesday, **Feb. 10**, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 211 Rural Technology Center; and again Wednesday, **Feb. 24**, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., also at RTC. This course is required in accordance with a memo from received from Paul Feyereisen, State Fleet Manager, Bismarck, on Oct. 2, 1996. The following criteria was given for any UND employee who is authorized to drive State Fleet vehicles:

1. Any individual who operates a State Fleet vehicle daily.
2. Any individual that operates a State Fleet vehicle at least once a month.
3. Any individual who has received a traffic violation or had an accident while operating a State Fleet vehicle within the past calendar year.
4. Any operator of seven-, 12-, or 15-passenger vans transporting four or more passengers at least once a month.

This course may reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly take away points from your driving record. We have also scheduled classes for **March 17** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and

March 31 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and **April 14** from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. These classes will also be held at 211 Rural Technology Center. Please call the Safety Office at 777-3341 to register and for directions. -- *Corrinne Kjelstrom, Safety Office.*

Poetry Reading By Mark Vinz Rescheduled For Feb. 11

A reading by poet Mark Vinz has been rescheduled for 4 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 11**, in 116 Merrifield Hall. The reading celebrates the recent publication of "Affinities," based in part on a collaborative exhibition of his poetry and Wayne Gudmundson's photographs which appeared at the Plains Art Museum (Moorhead, Minn.) During the fall of 1993, and in the Cannon House Office Building Rotunda, Washington, D.C., in October 1994.

Poems, stories, and essays by Mark Vinz have appeared in over 200 magazines and anthologies; his most recent books include "Late Night Calls: Prose Poems and Short Fiction" (New Rivers Press) and "Minnesota Gothic" (poems, in collaboration with Wayne Gudmundson photographs, published by Milkweed Editions). He is also the co-editor of two anthologies published by the University of Minnesota Press, "Inheriting the Land: Contemporary Voices from the Midwest" and "Imagining Home: Writing from the Midwest," as well as co-editor of three anthologies published by New Rivers Press, "Beyond Borders: New Writing from Manitoba, Minnesota, Saskatchewan, and the Dakotas," "The Party Train: An Anthology of North American Prose Poems," and "The Talking of Hands, Unpublished Writing by New Rivers Press Authors" (1998). A Professor of English at Moorhead State University, Mark Vinz is editor of Dacotah Territory Press, which, since 1974 has published collections of poetry by writers in this region.

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the English Department Lecture Series, the reading is free; the public is cordially invited to attend. -- *Martha meek, Coordinator, English Lecture Series.*

International Centre Plans Culture Night

The International Centre, 2908 University Ave., will hold Indonesia and Malaysia Culture Night in the Sharon Rezac Anderson Culture Room, International Centre, **Thursday, Feb. 11**, at 7 p.m. Join students from Indonesia and Malaysia when they host a journey to their countries. Experience the culture, traditions and food and the warmth of these tropical nations. -- *Chaminda Prellis, International Centre.*

Alcohol And Drug Abuse Prevention Team Plans Program

The UND Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (ADAPT) will present a Valentine's Day Program, "What's Love Got To Do With It?" **Thursday, Feb. 11**, at 7 p.m. in the Johnstone/Fulton Lounge. The program is designed to offer students a chance to ask questions and discuss issues involved in relationships and intimacy and will feature a panel discussion and a brief program.

Panel members for the program will be Jeffrey Holm (Psychology), Donna Oltmanns (Women's Center), Frank White (Sociology), and Karin Walton (Counseling Center). ADAPT members will also be available to answer questions and distribute educational materials. The program is free and open to the public. In conjunction with this program ADAPT members will hand out "Kisses and Condoms" in the Memorial Union Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 9-11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- *Heather Scott, ADAPT Team Leader.*

Mock Interview Day Set

Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to participate in the Mock Interview Day **Thursday, Feb. 11**, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Local professionals will conduct and critique practice interviews at no cost to the students. This provides all students, in any major, an excellent opportunity to assess their interviewing strengths and weaknesses. Sign up for 45 minute time slots at the Career Services office, 280 McCannel Hall. -- *Mark Thompson, Director, Career Services.*

Live Interactive Forum To Address "Evil And Suffering"

Is there meaning in evil and suffering? This question will be discussed in a live presentation via satellite at the Chester Fritz Auditorium **Thursday, Feb. 11**, at 6 p.m. The broadcast will originate from the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, Ga.

The forum will blend broadcast and interactive technologies for viewers at satellite locations and those viewing across the Internet. After the discussion, viewers may e-mail questions to the panelists. Last year's event attracted world-wide attention among scholars and university professors.

Scheduled panelists include Dr. Ravi Zacharias, Dr. Bernard Leikind, Dr. Jitendra Mohanty, and Dr. William Lane Craig.

Zacharias is listed as a distinguished lecturer with the Staley Foundation. Representing a naturalist world view will be Leikind, a plasma physicist familiar for his pioneering work in explaining the physics of fire walking. Representing an eastern world view will be Mohanty, Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Philosophy and Asian Studies at Emory University, and Professor of Philosophy at Temple University. Craig currently teaches at Talbot School of Theology, where he works as a writer and speaker. Moderating the forum will be Kerby Anderson, who has written over 12 books including "Vanity and Meaning" (1995).

The live event is offered at no charge. For more information, visit the web site at <http://www.leaderu.com/events/rz>. The event is co-sponsored by the Faith and Science Lecture Forum (FSLF), Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, Christian Leadership Ministries and other individuals and organizations. The program is sponsored locally by BUIC (Believers United in Christ), the UND campus ministries of Intervarsity, FOCUS, Campus Crusade and several area churches. For more information call 777-4940. -- *Frank Hutton, Campus Pastor, United Campus Ministry.*

Noted Cancer Researcher To Present Lecture

A noted scientist whose work holds promise for the treatment of cancer will visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Carmen Clapp, Professor of Neurobiology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Queretaro, will deliver the annual Distinguished Physiologist Lecture at noon **Friday, Feb. 12**, in Room 5220 at the Medical School. Her address is titled "Antiangiogenic Actions of Prolactin." The public is invited to attend. Faculty members who wish to schedule time with her should contact Willis Samson, chair and professor of Physiology, 777-3974.

Describing Dr. Clapp's research, Dr. Samson said: "Cancer cells grow uncontrollably until they form large masses of cells called tumors. To live, these masses need blood. Thus, the invasion of the tumor mass

by new blood vessels is a critical step in the formation and maintenance of these cancerous growths. New findings from Dr. Clapp's laboratory have uncovered an important mechanism by which the body attempts to prevent the growth of new blood vessels into tumors, thus providing natural protection against cancer growth.

"From her work we have learned the importance of protective chemicals, made naturally in our bodies, to the prevention of cancer cell growth and tumor formation. Even more importantly, she has opened new doors for potential treatment strategies for cancer patients that may reduce the need for expensive and often painful treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation therapy."

Dr. Clapp, who has received numerous awards for her work, was recently named an International Research Scholar by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She will be honored at UND Friday, Feb. 12, as the recipient of the annual Distinguished Physiologist Award by the faculty of medicine. Hers is the sixth presentation in the Distinguished Physiologist Series.

This lecture program allows us to bring outstanding medical researchers to North Dakota for the purpose of local faculty development and student enrichment. It also gives us an opportunity to showcase our research accomplishments to internationally recognized experts in the field of human physiology. This program is an important part of our ability to attract federal funds for research and provide new insights into the causes and potential cures for the diseases most prevalent in North Dakota, such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

-- *Willis Samson, Professor and Chair, Department of Physiology.*

Winter Powwow Scheduled For Feb. 13

The University will host the Annual Winter Powwow **Saturday, Feb. 13**, in the Hyslop Sports Center. Grand Entry will be at noon and 7 p.m., with an evening meal at 5 p.m. The spiritual leader for the event is William "Ambrose" Little Ghost, a member of the Spirit Lake Nation, and the arena director will be Russ McDonald of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Last year, more than 150 people attended the powwow, and 13 drums from Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota participated.

The INMED (Indians Into Medicine) Student Organization is currently selling raffle tickets at a dollar each for two star quilts to raise money for the event. This event is co-sponsored by INMED, the UND Multicultural Awareness Committee, and the University of North Dakota. Admission is free. For more information, contact INMED at 777-3037. -- *INMED Student Organization.*

Lecturer Will Discuss Early Red River Valley People

Michael Michlovic, Professor of Anthropology, Moorhead State University, will present a slide talk **Tuesday, Feb. 16**, at 12:10 p.m. in 100 Leonard Hall, the Geology Lecture Bowl. His talk is titled: "The Earliest People of the Red River Valley: The Rustad Archaeological Site." This 9,800 year-old archaeological site is the earliest to be investigated in eastern North Dakota and in the Red River Valley region, and provides one of the most substantial records of the presence of early human populations in this region of the northern plains. The evidence from this site poses serious challenges to previous models of prehistoric human settlement and behavior in this region. -- *Fred Schneider, Anthropology.*

Psychology Will Hold Colloquium

The Psychology Department will hold a colloquium in which Thomas Petros (Psychology) will present "The Impact of Alcohol on Cognitive Performance on Males With and Without a Family History of Alcoholism," from noon to 1 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 16**, in Room 202, Nursing Building. Everyone is welcome. -- *Joan Peterson, Psychology*.

First Early Music Festival Planned

The First Northern Plains Early Music Festival will be held **Saturday, Feb. 20**, in the Hughes Fine Arts Center. The festival will feature concert performances by Early Music groups from the Universities of North and South Dakota, Macalester College, and St. Olaf College, and the Early Dance Ensemble from St. Cloud State University. A massed instrumental and vocal group will perform music by Praetorius, Victoria, and Gastoldi, under direction of distinguished early music pioneer Shelley Gruskin, who will also solo in the concert.

Events will take place in the Josephine Campbell Recital Hall, Hughes Fine Arts Center. The schedule follows: 1:30 to 4 p.m., Exhibits, Workshops, Rehearsals for out-of town groups in recital hall; 1:30 to 2 p.m., Workshop, Early Dance Instruction; 2 to 2:30 p.m., Workshop, How fast does it go? Renaissance Mensuration Signs, Gary Towne; 2:30 to 3 p.m., Workshop, Early Dance Instruction; 3 to 3:30 p.m., Workshop, Learning to Read Music in the Renaissance, Gerry Hoekstra; 4 to 5:30 p.m., Massed ensemble rehearsal; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Dinner and dressing; 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Concert.

Admission is \$4, \$2 for students, and free for festival participants. -- *Gary Towne, Associate Professor of Music*.

Visiting Scholar Will Present Lecture

Visiting scholar Frances Carter Jackson, Oakland University, Rochester, Mich., will present "Delivery of Culturally Sensitive Health Care" at noon **Tuesday, Feb. 23**, in Room 201 of the College of Nursing. Dr. Jackson's scholarly work focuses on hospice nursing and health care of Black populations. This event is a celebration of Black History Month. -- *Liz Tyree, Nursing*.

UND Students Sponsor Annual Feast of Nations

The 37th Annual Feast of Nations will be presented by the UND International Organization at 6 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 27**, at the Grand Forks Civic Auditorium.

The Feast of Nations is a multicultural extravaganza which features world vignettes, a candlelight dinner, intercultural entertainment, and international attire. The dinner will include dishes from Algeria, Greece, Thailand, Jamaica, and Colombia. UND students from around the world will host the event and showcase traditional international song and dance.

One highlight of the evening will be a presentation by Apollo, a Greek dance troupe from Winnipeg. The troupe, comprised of seven dancers and two actors, will present the history of Greece through storytelling and dance.

Tickets for the event are \$7 for students and children and \$15 for adults; for ticket information and reservations call 777-6438. The event is partially sponsored by the UND Office of International

Programs, The Multicultural Awareness Committee (A division of the UND Student Government), The UND Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the UND Cultural Awareness Committee. For more information, please call the International Organization at 777-4231. -- *Barry Stinson, International Centre*.

John Odegard To Be Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

The late John Odegard, former Dean of the Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, has been selected for posthumous admission to the North Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame and will be inducted at the annual Hall of Fame banquet **Tuesday, March 2**, in Bismarck at the Radisson Inn. The banquet is held in conjunction with the annual Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium.

The Aviation Hall of Fame identifies and recognizes those who have contributed to aviation in the state. Individuals selected into the North Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame have a plaque with the highlights of their aviation career and portrait located at the Bismarck Municipal Airport commercial terminal building.

Dean Odegard's nomination was submitted by Acting Dean Dick Nelson.

It would be very nice to have a good group from UND attend the induction banquet on March 2. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jennifer Foss at 777-2645 for banquet ticket information. -- *Tim Burke, UND Aerospace*.

30th Annual UND Writers Conference Set For March 16-19

The 30th Annual UND Writers Conference, "Expressing the Sacred," will be held **Tuesday through Friday, March 16-19**, in the Memorial Union. The week includes panel discussions, readings from participants and students, the Presidential Lecture, and a film festival.

Participants in the 1999 UND Writers Conference include Joseph Bruchac, Abenaki author, poet and storyteller; Victor Masayesva, Jr., producer and director of experimental, Native American film and video; Lucille Clifton, author of a memoir, poetry and children's books; Peter Matthiessen, explorer and writer of remote regions in the world; Mark Doty, poet and author of a memoir; Ruhama Veltfort, religious and spiritual novelist; Galway Kinnell, poet; and Terry Tempest Williams, writer of gender, geography and culture.

All events are free and open to the public and in the UND Memorial Union Ballroom, unless otherwise stated. The schedule follows:

Tuesday, March 16:

11 a.m., Student and Public Readings (Memorial Union River Valley Room).

Noon, Panel: "Defining the Sacred" -- Joseph Bruchac, Mark Doty, Terry Tempest Williams. Moderated by Jeanne Anderegg.

3 p.m., Joseph Bruchac.

8 p.m., Terry Tempest Williams.

Wednesday, March 17:

11 a.m., Student and Public Readings (Memorial Union River Valley Room).

Noon, Panel: "Faith and the Sacred" -- Joseph Bruchac, Lucille Clifton, Mark Doty, Terry Tempest Williams. Moderated by Rebecca Moore.

3 p.m., Mark Doty.

8 p.m., Lucille Clifton.

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Writers Conference Set For March 16-19, continued

Thursday, March 18:

11 a.m., Student and Public Readings (Memorial Union River Valley Room).

Noon, Panel: "Art and the Sacred" — Lucille Clifton, Galway Kinnell, Victor Masayesva Jr., Petter Matthiessen, Ruhama Veltfort. Moderated by Robert King.

4 p.m., Victor Masayesva Jr. (North Dakota Museum of Art).

5 p.m., Exhibition Opening, Masayesva (North Dakota Museum of Art).

8 p.m., Galway Kinnell.

Friday, March 19:

11 a.m., Student and Public Readings (Memorial Union River Valley Room).

Noon, Panel: "Politics and the Sacred" -- Victor Masayesva Jr., Peter Matthiessen, Ruhama Veltfort. Moderated by Scott Lowe.

2 p.m., English Alumnus Panel.

3 p.m., Ruhama Veltfort.

8 p.m., Presidential Lecture featuring Peter Matthiessen (Chester Fritz Auditorium).

A Film Festival will accompany the Writers Conference, with showings from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. daily in the Memorial Union Fred Orth Lecture Bowl.

The participants of the 1999 Writers Conference are:

Joseph Bruchac is an internationally recognized and award-winning Abenaki author, poet and storyteller, as well as a scholar of Native American Cultures. His writings have appeared in more than 500 publications, from *Parabola* to *National Geographic* and *Smithsonian* magazines. He is author of the novels *Dawn Land* and *Long River* as well as co-author of the *Keepers of the Earth* series. He and his wife live in the house where his grandparents raised him in upstate New York. Regional audiences have encountered Bruchac in *North Dakota Quarterly*.

Victor Masayesva Jr. was raised in the conservative Hopi village of Hotevilla, which to this day refuses electric lines. Masayesva is a widely recognized independent producer and director who has been at the forefront of experimental film making in the Native American film and video community. Besides *Imagining Indians*, the first feature length film produced and directed by a Native American, he has made 15 other films and videos, which have been featured in invited screenings all over the globe. Masayesva has also served as guest artist in residence at such major art centers as the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney and the Walker Art Center.

Lucille Clifton currently holds endowed chairs at both St. Mary's College in Maryland and Duke University. She has published ten collections of poetry, a memoir, and 19 children's books. Besides appearing in over 100 anthologies of poetry, she has come to popular attention through appearances on the "Today Show," "Sunday Morning" with Charles Kuralt, "Nightline," and Bill Moyers' series "The Power of the World." Among her many awards are the Shelly Memorial Prize and a Emmy. Her most recent book, *The Terrible Stories*, was a finalist for the National Book Award.

Peter Matthiessen has been a member of expeditions to, and written about, remote regions of all five continents as a naturalist-explorer.

Three of his many books, *At Play in the Fields of the Lord*, *The Tree Where Man Was Born*, and *The Snow Leopard*, were nominated for the National Book Award, a prize which the latter won in 1979 in the category: Contemporary Thought. Among his many other distinctions, Matthiessen is an elected fellow to the Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has won both the Gold Medal for Distinction in Natural History, and the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation Award. A Zen Buddhist, Matthiessen has lived the last four decades in the potato country of Long Island. He is UND's 1999 Presidential Lecturer. The Presidential Lecture series was established by President Kendall Baker in 1995 to further enrich the intellectual life and learning environment of the campus by demonstrating the excitement, relevance, and interdisciplinary nature of scholarship.

Mark Doty's five books of poems which include *My Alexandria* and *Sweet Machine*, have received the National Book Critics Circle Award, a Whiting Writers Award, and the T.S. Elliot Prize for Poetry. He is also the author of *Heaven's Coast*, a memoir which won the PEN Martha Albrabd Prize for Nonfiction for 1996, and was named a Notable Book of the Year by the New York Times Book Review. A recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the national Endowment for the Arts. He lives in Provincetown, Mass. and Houston, Texas, where he teaches in the graduate writing program at the University of Houston.

Galway Kinnell's *Selected Poems* (1982) won both the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry and the National Book Award, an indication of his standing as what Morris Dickstein calls "one of the true master poets of his generation." His most recent collection, *Imperfect Thirst*, brings together poems which delicately consider the loss of loved ones from childhood, which rejoice in the late love of women, and which face head-on the imminence and power of the shadow of death. A MacArthur Fellow, Kinnell divides his time between Vermont and New York, where he is Erich Maria Remarque Professor of Creative Writing.

Terry Tempest Williams says she writes "through my biases of gender, geography, and culture, a woman whose ideas have been shaped by the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin. These ideas are then sorted out through the prism of my culture — and my culture is Mormon." Besides editing several significant anthologies growing out of these interests, she has written a number of books including the beautiful *Desert Quartet -- An Erotic Landscape* and the widely acclaimed *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*. A Guggenheim Fellow, she was recently named one of *UTNE Reader's* 100 "visionaries," "people who could change your life."

Ruhama Veltfort born in Massachusetts, but a resident of California's Bay area for most of her life, has written a challenging debut novel. *The Promised Land* tells the story of a group of Polish Jews who cross the Great Plains on their way to Oregon in the mid-nineteenth century, a modern exodus that echos the American quest for spiritual fulfillment. An eclectic, life-long student of religious and spiritual traditions, she spent several years doing extensive research in the bay area Jewish Libraries to complete this novel. Veltfort has also published several short stories and two chapbooks of poetry.

-- James McKenzie, Professor of English.

Announcements

Computer Prices Available Online

The University has campus or state agreements with Apple, Dell and Gateway computers that allow purchasing without the need for bids or quotes and at discounted pricing for institutional purchases.

UNDInfo now includes links to each of the company web sites. Look under Computing, then Computer Purchases or go directly to <http://www.und.nodak.edu/computing/reseller/> Students, faculty and staff can also find links on these sites for information on purchasing personal systems.

For institutional purchases, you will want to print out the configuration you develop on-line and attach it to your purchase requisition. For both institutional and individual purchases, computers will be delivered directly to you. For assistance in configuring a system for your needs, contact the Computer Center Help Desk at 777-2222. -- *Dorette Kerian, Computer Center Interim Director.*

Mark Vinz Book Available At Bookstore

Autographed copies of visiting author Mark Vinz's book, "Affinities" will be sold at the University Bookstore for \$15. -- *University Bookstore.*

Students Leaving UND Must Use Withdrawal Form

Students completely withdrawing from the 1999 Spring Semester must use the UND "WITHDRAWAL" form, which is available at the Office of the Registrar, 201 Twamley Hall. Students are not to use the Registration Action Form for this process. — *Alice Poehls, University Registrar.*

Participants Sought For Alcohol Impact Study

As a professor in the Department of Psychology, I am seeking participants for a study on the impact of alcohol on memory in males. The project would require about seven hours of time, typically on a weekend. Participants will be paid \$25. If you are 21-35 years old, ingest alcohol at least once a week, and are in good health and think you are interested in participating, call Tom Petros at 777-3260 to discuss your interest and eligibility. -- *Tom Petros, Professor of Psychology.*

Research Participants Sought

Participants are needed for research projects dealing with language and memory. You must be over 55 years of age to participate. All projects take less than one hour, are conducted on campus, and participants will receive \$10 for their time and effort. If interested, please call me. -- *F. Richard Ferraro, Psychology, 777-2414.*

Mothers Of Preschoolers Sought For Study

Mothers of preschool-aged children (ages 3-6) are needed for a study of parents' thoughts and feelings about parenting. Participants complete a set of questionnaires and take part in a short interview. Participation takes approximately 60 minutes, and participants will be paid \$15 for their time. If you are interested in participating, please contact me. -- *Andrea Zevenbergen, Psychology, at 777-3017.*

Presidents Day Hours Listed

Health Sciences Library:

The Library of the Health Sciences Presidents Day weekend hours are: Saturday, Feb. 13, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m. to midnight; Monday, Feb. 15, 8 a.m. to midnight. -- *April Byars, Library of the Health Sciences.*

Memorial Union:

The Memorial Union building hours for the Presidents Day holiday weekend are:

Lifetime Sports: Fri., Feb. 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15, noon to 5 p.m.

Info/Service Center: Fri., Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15, noon to 5 p.m.

Copy Stop: Fri., Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., Feb. 13-14, closed; Mon., Feb. 15, noon to 5 p.m.

Union Food Court: Fri., Feb. 12: *Juice Works*, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., *Subway* and *TCBY*: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; *Little Caesars*: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; all closed Sat. through Mon., Feb/ 13-15.

Bookstore: Fri., Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15.

Administrative Office: Fri., Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15.

Craft Center/Sign Design: Fri., Feb. 12, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15.

Dining Center: Fri., Feb. 12, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15.

Barber Shop: Fri., Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed Sat. and Sun., Feb. 13-14; Mon., Feb. 15, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

University Learning Center: Fri., Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15.

Union Station: Fri., Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15.

Passport IDs: Fri., Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15.

Credit Union: coming soon.

Computer Lab: Fri., Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 13, 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 14, noon to 5:45 p.m.; Mon., Feb. 15, 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Building Hours: Fri., Feb. 12, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. through Mon., Feb. 13-15, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Regular building hours resume Tuesday, Feb. 16.

-- *Marsha Nelson, Facilities Coordinator, Memorial Union.*

February is American Heart Month

February is a time to focus on romantic matters of the heart.

It's also American Heart Month, a time when the American Heart Association educates people about scientific matters of the heart.

Heart disease and stroke are the number one threat to the overall health and lives of American women. This year's slogan, "Take Charge," urges women to understand their risks and work with their doctor to reduce them.

Heart attacks are the top killers of American women. Stroke is their number three killer and a leading cause of serious, long-term

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disability. Together, these diseases kill more women than the next 16 causes of death combined and nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer.

But the most alarming news is that only eight percent of women recognize these diseases as a serious health threat. It's time for women to take charge of their cardiovascular health. Women should ask their doctor to do a regular cardiovascular risk assessment that addresses weight, cholesterol, smoking status, blood pressure, physical activity and diabetes. They should ask questions about lowering their risks.

For more information, call 1-888-My-HEART or visit the AHA web site at www.women.americanheart.org. -- *Jan Orvik, Editor, for the American Heart Association.*

Grants and Fellowships

Research, Grant Opportunities Listed

Following are research and grant opportunities. For more information, contact the Office of Research and Program Development at 777-4278.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The deadline date for the Field-Initiated Studies (FIS) Research Grant Program has been extended to 3/26/99. Application packages are now available from the Department of Education or the internet site listed below. **Contact:** Veda Bright, 202/219-1935; veda_bright@ed.gov; <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OERI/FIS/> (to download application forms); <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm> or <http://www.ed.gov/news.html> (to view program announcements).

The Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program will provide approximately 43 fellowships, averaging \$25,300 each, to students to undertake graduate study leading to a doctoral or Masters of Fine Arts degree in selected fields of the arts, humanities, or social sciences. Duration may be up to 48 months. Eligible applicants are students who, at the time of application, will not have completed their first year of graduate study or will be entering graduate school in year 1999-2000. They must also be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance; intend to pursue a doctoral degree or MFA degree in fields selected by the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Board; and be U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents of the U.S., or a citizen of any one of the Freely Associated States. The stipend for the first year is \$15,000. **Deadline:** 3/19/99. **Contact:** Melissa Burton, 202/260-3574; <http://ocfo.ed.gov>.

The Research to Improve Services for Children with Disabilities—Model Demonstration Projects program provides support to develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate new and improved approaches for providing early intervention, special education, and related services to infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities, ages birth through 21. A model project must develop and implement the model with specific components or strategies based on theory, research, or evaluation data; evaluate the model by using multiple measures of results; and produce detailed procedures and materials that would enable others to replicate the model. Projects must address one or more of the following focus areas: Instructional Models to Improve

Early Reading Results for Children With Learning Disabilities, Appropriate Services for Children with Deaf-Blindness, Local or State Child Find, or Services Through Age 21. Duration may be up to 48 months. Budgets may not exceed \$180,000, exclusive of matching funds, for any single 12-month budget period. **Deadline:** 3/1/99. **Contact:** 202/260-9182; fax 202/205-8717; <http://ocfo.ed.gov>.

The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)—Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnerships (LAAP) program supports projects to enhance the delivery, quality, and accountability of postsecondary education and career-oriented lifelong learning through technology and related innovations. Funds must be used for one or more of the following: to develop and assess model distance learning programs or innovative educational software, develop methodologies for the identification and measurement of skill competencies, develop and assess innovative student support services, or support other activities consistent with the statutory purpose of the program. Priorities for 1999 are projects to: 1) address the need to ensure that significant development costs can be justified by wide-scale applicability and long-term sustainability of technology-mediated distance education, and the need to find new ways to overcome the barriers that may inhibit faculty across institutions from working collectively; 2) address the proper balance of interactivity, flexibility, and cost in order to ensure that educational opportunities are as convenient as possible but still instructionally effective and affordable; 3) develop high quality, interactive courseware that can be implemented to achieve the scale necessary to recoup large investments, but is modular and sufficiently flexible for faculty to shape and modify academic content; 4) package courses and programs to assist students who wish to draw from the offerings of multiple providers and assist institutions to cooperate and share resources; 5) use skill competencies and learning outcomes in order to measure student progress and achievement in technology-mediated distance learning programs; 6) improve quality and accountability of technology-mediated distance education to ensure that credentials are meaningful, educational providers are accountable, and courses meet high standards; 7) create new technology-mediated education opportunities for underserved learners, especially those who have not always been well-served by traditional campus-based education or common forms of distance education; and 8) improve support services for students seeking technology-mediated distance education to ensure that they have complete and convenient access to required services. Funding will not be provided for more than 50% of project costs. Awards are expected to range from \$100,000-\$500,000/year for project periods up to 60 months. **Deadlines:** 4/2/99 (Preapplication); 6/18/99 (Formal Application). **Contact:** 202/358-3041 (to request applications); 202/708-5750 (for information); LAAP@ED.GOV (to request applications; include name of competition, name, post office address); <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE/> (for application text).

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

Innovative Approaches to Prevention of Obesity. The National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), Aging (NIA), and Child Health and Human Development (NICHD); Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and Offices of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) and Disease Prevention (ODP) invite applications for pilot studies to explore interventions for prevention of obesity in high risk individuals or populations. Applications incorporating unique cultural or social features specific for women or for special populations defined by race/ethnicity and/or socioeconomic status are encouraged. The research project grant (R01) award

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mechanism will be used. Duration may be up to 3 years. Grants may be up to \$125,000 in direct costs in the first year; up to \$375,000 over a 3-year period. **Deadlines:** 3/26/99 (Letter of Intent); 4/27/99 (Application). **Contact:** Barbara Harrison, NIDDK, 301/594-8858, fax 301/480-8300, HarrisonB@extra.nidk.nih.gov; Eva Obarzanek, NHLBI, 301/435-0377, fax 301/480-1773, ObarzanE@gwgate.nhlbi.nih.gov; Chhanda Dutta, NIA, 301/435-3048, fax 301/402-1784, DuttaC@exmur.nia.nih.gov; or www.nih.gov.

**HEALTH AND RESEARCH SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)**

The goal of the Centers of Excellence (COE) program is to assist eligible schools in supporting programs of excellence in health professions education for underrepresented minority individuals. Funds must be used to develop a large competitive applicant pool through linkages with various institutions and establish an education pipeline for health professions careers; establish, strengthen, or expand programs to enhance the academic performance of underrepresented minority students; improve capacity to train, recruit and retain underrepresented minority faculty; carry out activities to improve the information resources, clinical education, curricula and cultural competence of the graduates of the school as it relates to minority health issues; facilitate faculty and student research on health issues particularly affecting underrepresented minority groups; carry out a program to train students of the school in providing health services to a significant number of underrepresented minority individuals through training provided to the students at community-based health facilities at sites remote from the main school; and provide stipends. The \$400,000 minimum award is no longer required. Estimated project duration is 3 years. **Deadline:** 3/29/99. **Contact:** Roland Garcia, 301/443-2100; rgarcia@hrsa.dhhs.gov; http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/.

The goal of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) is to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake education to enter a health profession. Funds may be used to identify, recruit and select individuals for education/training; facilitate entry of such persons into school; provide counseling, mentoring, etc., to assist such persons to complete their education successfully; provide preliminary education/health research training or refer them to an institution providing the needed training; pay scholarships (not implemented in FY 1999); pay stipends; carry out programs under which individuals gain experience regarding a career in a field of primary health care; and conduct activities to develop a larger and more competitive applicant pool. Preference will be given to programs involving a comprehensive approach by several health/educational entities to establish, enhance and expand educational programs that will result in the development of a competitive applicant pool from disadvantaged backgrounds. Estimated project period is 3 years. **Deadline:** 4/9/99. **Contact:** Mario Manecchi, mmanecchi@hrsa.dhhs.gov; http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/.

**EVERETT M. DIRKSEN CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERSHIP RESEARCH CENTER**

The Congressional Research Grants Program provides up to \$3,000 to individuals with an interest in studying the U.S. Congress, especially congressional leadership. Eligible applicants include political scientists, historians, biographers, scholars of public administration or

American studies, and journalists, as well as graduate students.

Duration is usually one year. Topics could include external factors shaping the exercise of congressional leadership, institutional conditions affecting it, resources and techniques used by leaders, and the prospects for change or continuity in the patterns of leadership. Proposals are sought that link Congress and congressional leadership with the creation, implementation, and oversight of public policy. Some policy areas of interest include trade, regulation, the environment, labor relations, and technology development. Support is provided for original research intended for publication in some form or application in a teaching or policy-making setting. Also invited are applications dealing with the public's lack of trust in Congress. Possible topics include the public's perceptions of Congress and how people form those opinions; the role of media coverage or congressional processes themselves in fostering cynicism; or how teachers can improve instruction about Congress. **Deadline:** 4/30/99. **Contact:** Frank H. Mackaman, Executive Director, 309/347-7113; fax 309/347-6432; fmackaman@pekin.net; http://www.pekin.net/dirksen/.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)/
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)/
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)**

The goal of the Water and Watersheds competition is to develop an improved understanding of the natural and anthropogenic processes that govern the quantity, quality, and availability of water resources in natural and human-dominated systems. The program also seeks an improved understanding of the structure, function, and dynamics of the coupled terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems that comprise watersheds. Particularly emphasized is well-integrated, interdisciplinary research on important scientific, engineering, and social principles for understanding, protecting, and restoring watershed resources. A systems approach and general applicability of the research to watershed-scale questions are required in each proposal. The most competitive proposals will be those that help integrate multiple goals of EPA, NSF, and USDA programs. To assist in understanding this criterion, abstracts from the 1995-1998 awards may be reviewed by accessing http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa. While this is a collaborative program among EPA, NSF, and USDA, proposals are submitted through EPA. Additional description of this program may be obtained from the EPA website at http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/rfa/water.html. **Contact:** Brian Sidlauskas, sidlauskas.brian@epa.gov, 202/564-5181; Bernard Bauer, bbauer@nsf.gov, 703/306-1754; Maurice Horton, mhorton@reeusda.gov, 202/401-5971. **Deadline:** 5/28/99.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIP) will provide approximately \$17 million in grants to extend the benefits of the Internet and other information technology services to all Americans, especially those in underserved communities. Applicants are encouraged to consider the use of advanced network technologies to enhance the quality and efficiency of services delivered through non-profit networks, and to demonstrate an involvement in cross-cutting projects utilizing partnerships among 5 application areas--community networking, education, culture, and lifelong learning, health, public safety and public services. The TIIP in the past has funded projects focusing on innovations in education and training, support for the creation of more responsive public institutions, enhancement of economic development in rural and disadvantaged areas, and increased public access to health care. **Contact:** 202/482-2048; http://www.ntia.doc.gov. **Deadline:** 3/11/99.

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DAKOTA MEDICAL FOUNDATION

The mission of the Foundation is to promote community health improvement through the sponsorship of specific demonstration grants; direct provision of needed services, either new or those that complement existing health care providers or other health-related community services; sponsorship of clinical research; support of medical education, community education, patient education; and preservation of an endowment to insure the continuation of the

community hospital concept. The Foundation requests a 2-page letter of intent (form available at ORPD). **Deadline:** Quarterly, contact the Foundation for dates. **Contact:** Marge Nelson, 701/280-4150; fax 701/280-4552.

-- Sally Eckert-Tilotta, Assistant to the Director of Research and Program Development.