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You're invited to take part in UND's Strategic Planning Process: www.und.edu/stratplan.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED; EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUESTED

The President's Office announces a new set of programs designed to promote campus discussion of significant issues in higher education and to support the professional development of faculty and staff interested in leadership roles within the University.

Co-sponsored by the President's Office and the President's Advisory Council on Women, the programs will be open to both men and women, with special emphasis placed on the professional development of women faculty/staff for leadership and administrative roles within the University. Only a small fraction of the administrative leadership positions are currently held by women.

All three programs are expected to be annual ones, with a new group of participants selected each year for the foreseeable future. They include the following:

Issues in Higher Education
Leadership Program:
begins fall 2001

The Issues in Higher Education Leadership Program is designed for faculty and staff interested in a broad view of leadership in higher education and will be available to approximately six individuals each year (at least 50 percent women and at least 50 percent faculty). Applications for this program will be reviewed and ranked by a panel made up of three members of the President's Advisory Council on Women, plus Associate Provost Sara Hanhan and the University Senate president (or designee). Recommendations by this group will be sent to the president for final selection. During the course of the academic year in which participants are enrolled, each participant will attend at least one national higher education conference (for example, the American Association for Higher Education or the American

Council on Education) and at least one meeting of the North Dakota Board of Higher Education as part of a team consisting of at least one other program participant and one upper-level UND administrator (president, provost, etc.) Throughout the year, the participants will take part in a monthly brown-bag luncheon discussion series. Participants will be expected to organize a campus forum on a higher education topic of their choosing. The campus conference may be an invitation-only event, or may be open to the larger campus community at the discretion of the organizers.

In addition to travel expenses, each participant in this leadership program will receive a \$250 stipend.

Administrative Internship Program:
begins fall 2001

The Administrative Internship Program will also be sponsored by the President's Office and the President's Advisory Council on Women. It is designed for faculty and staff interested in additional administrative experience and will be available to approximately eight individuals each year (at least 50 percent women; at least 50 percent faculty). The President's Office will accept expressions of interest from administrators who wish to sponsor interns. Internship projects may also be initiated by prospective interns. The panel described above will serve as the review body to select interns and will work with the President's Office to match applicants with appropriate internship projects and mentors. The timing and length of internships will vary. Opportunities for informal networking with other interns will also be provided to this group through monthly brown-bag luncheon sessions. Each intern will receive a stipend of \$500 to \$1,000, the actual amount depending on the length of the internship project.

Of special note: An intern is needed to help administer the Professional Development Leadership Programs described here. This intern would work in concert with Associate Provost Hanhan and Libby Rankin, director of the Office of Instructional Development.

Summer Professional Development Opportunities

Up to two individuals each year will receive support to participate in a national-level summer professional leadership institute, such as those at Bryn Mawr and Harvard. This program is for individuals already in administrative roles who want to expand the breadth of their experience in anticipation of moving to another level of responsibility.

Application Process and Deadlines

To express interest in any of these programs, potential applicants should call Associate Provost Sara Hanhan (7-4824) by May 15, 2001. Final applications, consisting of a short form with appropriate endorsements by supervisors, mentors, etc., will be due August 20.

Charles E. Kupchella, President.

EVENTS TO NOTE

SAMUEL BECKETT'S "ENDGAME" RUNS THROUGH APRIL 29 AT BURTNESSTHEATRE

The Department of Theatre Arts is pleased to announce the closing of their season with Samuel Beckett's "Endgame," directed by senior Bachelor of Fine Arts student Nina Berg as her senior project. "Endgame" reminds us that if we rush through life to prepare for a future, the present is wasted. In both "Endgame" and "Waiting for Godot," Beckett portrays humanity as waiting for someone or something to give meaning to life, and each play stresses that life is now, not tomorrow. What we do with our time is the question. The title refers to a final position in a game of chess as a metaphor for life.

"Endgame" runs nightly until Sunday, April 29. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. It is general seating so arrive early. Tickets are \$5; call 777-3446 for show information.

-- Department of Theatre Arts.

FISCHER LECTURE ASKS "WHO IS TEACHING CHILDREN OF COLOR?"

The College of Education and Human Development invites all interested persons to attend the 2001 Fischer Lecture Thursday, April 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 202. Dr. Mary Lou Fuller, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of Elementary Education and Rose Isabelle Kelly Fischer Endowed Chair, will discuss "Who Is Teaching Children of Color and Other Interesting Questions." A reception with refreshments will follow the lecture.

Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter, for the College of Education and Human Development.

"BARBER OF SEVILLE" TO BE PERFORMED AT EMPIRE ARTS CENTER

The Minnesota Opera will present "Barber of Seville" at the Empire Arts Center Thursday and Friday, April 26-27, at 7:30 p.m. This two-hour adaptation is fully staged and costumed with piano accompaniment and sung in English. The story of a cunning barber who assists an incognito count in wooing and winning a young heiress delights audiences with its humor and sparkling music. Call 746-5500 for tickets, which are only \$15 each for a rare evening of music and laughter. There is a discount of \$2 per ticket for groups of 20 or more. This production is a Heartland Arts Fund Program with the National Endowment for the Arts and the North Dakota Council on the Arts. Local school residencies are supported in part by Dayton's. For more information about the Minnesota Opera and "Barber of Seville," check their web site at www.mnopera.org. The Empire Arts Center is located in downtown Grand Forks at 415 DeMers Ave.

Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter, for the North Valley Arts Council.

"EVOLUTION IN GULF OF CALIFORNIA" IS SEMINAR TOPIC

Dr. L. Lee Grismer, professor of biology at La Sierra University, Riverside, Calif., will present a biology seminar Friday, April 27, at noon in Starcher Hall, Room 105. The seminar topic is "Old Islands and Ancient Lineages: Evolution in the Gulf of California, Mexico." It should be of interest to the expert and novice alike. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Austin at 777-3439. Please join us!

Department of Biology.

SPRING SHOWCASE INTRODUCES FOOTBALL IN THE ALERUS

An afternoon and evening of fun events and festivities will usher in a new era in UND football Saturday, April 28. The Sioux Spring Football Showcase at the Alerus Center begins with tailgating at 3 p.m. A dunk tank and musical entertainment will be provided. All events are free, and everyone is invited. The rest of the schedule is:

3 to 4:30 p.m.: Kids' games and contests on the Alerus playing field, conducted by members of UND athletic teams.

3 to 6 p.m.: "Select-a-Seat" opportunities to preview seating arrangements and purchase season football tickets.

4 to 6 p.m.: Free grill-out with hot dogs, chips and soft drinks.

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Kids' football clinic on the field, conducted by UND football coaches.

5:30 to 6:10 p.m.: Area high school dance lines and cheer teams perform.

6:10 p.m.: Player introductions and video board presentations.

6:45 p.m.: Native American performance of the national anthem.

7 p.m.: Fireworks and light-and-sound show as UND players take the field.

7:05 p.m.: Kickoff for the spring football game.

Kelly Sauer, UND Athletic Media Relations.

BIOLOGIST, WHEELER DESCENDANT WILL GIVE SEMINAR, PRESENT AWARD

Diana Wheeler, Professor of Entomology and Chair of the University of Arizona's Interdisciplinary Program in Insect Science, presents a Biology seminar Monday, April 30, at noon in 141 Starcher Hall. The Wheeler name is familiar to the UND campus since her grandfather, Dr. George C. Wheeler, played a key role in the Biology Department from 1926 to 1967. His zeal for the study of ants has been passed down to Dr. Diana Wheeler. Her research interests are dominated by the physiological basis of caste differences in social insects, especially ants. She is specifically interested in the relevance of these physiological mechanisms to social organization and evolution of insect sociality. Dr. Wheeler's research includes oogenesis, storage of proteins by adult workers and queens, mechanisms of sperm storage by queens, and caste determination. Please join us Monday for an intriguing seminar. Dr. Wheeler will also announce the winner of the Esther Wadsworth Hall Wheeler Award for Support of Graduate Student Research at that time.

Biology Department.

GRADUATE COMMITTEE LISTS APRIL 30 MEETING AGENDA

The Graduate Committee will meet Monday, April 30, at 3:05 p.m. in 305 Twamley Hall. The agenda will include:

1. Request from Teaching and Learning for a reduction in graduate advisory committee.
2. Request for change in listing of required courses for the Master of Engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering. New paperwork will be distributed.
3. Request for change in program requirements for the early childhood education M.S. Delete T&L 548. Add T&L 530, T&L 590.
4. NURS 500 Theories and Concepts in Nursing: Change in frequency and course description.
5. Proposal for the addition of a mental health nursing specialization within the existing master's degree program. New courses NURS 540; NURS 541; NURS 542.
6. Subcommittee to begin evaluation of the academic areas and the graduate program faculty to serve as the electorates.
7. Matters arising.

-- Carl Fox, Interim Dean, Graduate School..

SPACE LECTURE SERIES FEATURES FOUR FACULTY

Bob Andres, associate professor of space studies, will present "Looking at Earth From Space" Tuesday, May 1, for the Dakota Science Center Space Lecture Series. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor Room of the Dakota Science Center, 308 S. Fifth St. If we can see from space the birth of hurricanes or that the wheat harvest in Russia will fail this year, why don't we answer more questions with space-based views of Earth? Observations from space have given humans a new and valuable perspective about the world we inhabit. This perspective will play an ever-larger role in the future as Earth observations become more familiar.

The second lecture in this series will be presented Thursday, May 3, by George Seielstad, associate dean of the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences. His presentation is titled "Cosmic Ecology." Is our tiny home planet insignificant when we realize the vastness and age of the universe? We are at an unprecedented time in the long history of Earth; never before has an intelligent being had so much potential to influence the ecosystem. Seielstad will present an overview of space and time, discuss the history of the Earth, and explain how we are at a moment in time that will determine the future of our home planet.

The lecture series will continue with "Space Vehicles and Spacecraft" on Tuesday, May 8, by John Graham, assistant professor of space studies; and "Space Law" on Thursday, May 10, by Joanne Gabrynowicz, professor of space studies.

The Space Lecture Series is a program of four presentations setting the stage for the public grand opening of the NASA "Living in Space" exhibit Saturday, May 12. The exhibit will run through Wednesday, May 23. Tours will provide visitors with a personal experience of life on the International Space Station, now under construction in orbit. All four lectures in the series will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Dakota Science Center. The admission fee is \$5 per lecture, or \$10 for all four lectures. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited to 50 persons; reservations should be made by calling (701) 795- 8500. The lecture series is recommended for ages 13 and up; no science background is necessary.

Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter, for the Dakota Science Center.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION HONORS DON PIPER

An open house retirement reception for Don Piper, associate vice president for enrollment management, will be held Tuesday, May 1, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., at the J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center. If you are unable to attend and wish to send Dr. Piper personal greetings, please send them to the Enrollment Management Office, Box 7119.

Office of Vice President for Student and Outreach Services.

LECTURER CONSIDERS "GENETIC DISEASES, MEDICAL INSURANCE"

On Wednesday, May 2, the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center are sponsoring a noon lecture titled "Genetic Diseases, Causation and Medical Insurance," featuring visiting scholar and author Robert T. Pennock. The lecture will be held at the Medical School's United Hospital Lecture Bowl, Room 1370.

Dr. Pennock graduated with honors from Earlham College, majoring jointly in biology and philosophy. He holds a doctorate in history and philosophy of science from the University of Pittsburgh. He is the author of the highly acclaimed *Tower of Babel: The Evidence against the New Creationism* (1999, MIT Press). Among his numerous honors and awards, Dr. Pennock was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award and the PEN Award; was awarded the Templeton Prize for Exemplary Paper in Theology and the Natural Sciences and a National Endowment for the Humanities and National Science Foundation Fellowship on Scientific, Ethical, and Social Challenges of Contemporary Genetic Technology.

Dr. Pennock speaks regularly around the country on issues of science and values. His lecture will explore the ethical, legal and social implications of the discovery of "disease genes" in the human genome and how this new knowledge will

affect our system of medical insurance. For more information, please contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, at 777-3204.

Kathy Williams, Office of Continuing Medical Education.

AGENDA LISTED FOR U SENATE MEETING

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Annual report from the Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct Committee. Sue Jacobs, chair.
5. Annual report from the Scholarly Activities Committee. Garl Rieke, chair.

BUSINESS CALENDAR:

6. Recommendations from the University Curriculum Committee for program terminations, new course requests, course deletions, and course suspensions. David Perry, chair.
7. Candidates for Degrees in May 2001. Nancy Krogh, registrar.
8. Recommendation from the Student Policy Committee for a proposed change to the Code of Student Life regarding stalking. Rebecca Urlacher, chair.
9. Recommendation from the Student Policy Committee for a proposed change to the Committee's judicial responsibilities. Rebecca Urlacher, chair.
10. Recommendation from the Student Policy Committee for a proposed change to the Code of Student Life regarding alcohol sanctions. Rebecca Urlacher, chair.
11. Recommendation for a change to the Code of Student Life regarding directory information. Nancy Krogh, registrar.

Nancy Krogh, University Registrar and Secretary, University Senate.

RECEPTION WILL HONOR FRANK KARNER

Frank Karner, professor of geology, will be retiring at the end of this semester after 39 years at UND. A reception in his honor is set for Thursday, May 3, in the Leonard Hall Museum from 10 a.m. to noon. Frank received his B.S. from Wheaton College in 1957, and his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Illinois in 1963. He joined the faculty in the Department of Geology in 1962. He served as department chair from 1987 to 1992.

Please join us in wishing Frank a happy retirement.

Richard LeFever, Chair, Geology and Geological Engineering.

"HEALTH OF CANADIAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES" IS SUBJECT OF DEAN'S HOUR PRESENTATION

A professor at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg will deliver a talk, titled "Aboriginal Peoples in Canada: Health of a Population in Transition," for the next Dean's Hour Thursday, May 3, at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The guest speaker, Dr. T. Kue Young, is professor and head of the Department of Community Health Sciences of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

The presentation, free and open to the public, will take place in the Reed T. Keller Auditorium of the Karl Christian Wold, M.D., Bio-Information Learning Resources Center, the southwest addition to the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences at 501 N. Columbia Road. Guests should use the south door.

The Dean's Hour Lecture Series is a forum designed to analyze and discuss ideas and current issues concerning the health care system and the practice of medicine.

For more information, contact the Office of the Dean at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 777-2514.

Pamela Knudson, Office of Public Affairs.

SIOUX ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM IS SET FOR MAY 6

The University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux Athletics Championship Awards program is set for Sunday, May 6, in the UND Memorial Union Ballroom. A 1:30 p.m. social will be followed by the program at 2 p.m. All UND athletes, families and friends are welcome. Pick up a free ticket at the Hyslop Ticket Office.

Kelly Sauer, UND Athletic Media Relations.

EMPIRE ARTS CENTER TO HOST MARCOUX CORNER

The a cappella group Marcoux Corner will perform at the Empire Arts Center Friday and Saturday, May 11-12, at 7:30 p.m. Marcoux Corner delivers a lively, entertaining and fun-filled show that grabs the attention of every audience member, no matter what the age or musical preference. They sing songs from every genre of popular music, giving each one a unique and distinctive Marcoux Corner twist. Tight harmonies and infectious rhythms make every performance by these four young men a great crowd pleaser. Make your reservations early for an evening of energetic and refreshing music by calling 746-5500. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. There is a discount of \$2 per ticket for groups of 20 or more. These performances are presented by USbank and USbancorp Piper Jaffray. The Empire Arts Center is located in downtown Grand Forks at 415 DeMers Ave.

Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter, for the North Valley Arts Council.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR STAFF RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The 2001 Recognition Ceremony for Staff Personnel will be held Tuesday, May 15, at the Memorial Union Ballroom beginning at 11:30 a.m. Employees will be recognized for years of service in five year increments, ten Meritorious Service Award winners will be presented, and the winner of the Ken and Toby Baker UND Proud Award will be announced. Tickets may be purchased in the Office of Personnel Services, 313 Twamley Hall, for \$3.50 each or from the personnel manager in your department. Tickets must be purchased no later than Wednesday, May 9. All members of

the University community are invited.

-- Diane Nelson, Director, Personnel Services.

N.D. BALLET PRESENTS "SONG AND DANCE" MAY 19

The North Dakota Ballet company will present "Song and Dance" on Saturday, May 19, at 2 p.m. in the Empire Arts Center, 415 DeMers Ave. in downtown Grand Forks. The Company will perform ballet, jazz and modern selections from its repertoire and show selected works-in-progress. Special guest artist E. Dwayne Moore will perform a variety of songs ranging from gospel to Broadway show tunes. Don't miss this entertaining afternoon of song and dance that will delight the whole family. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors, are available at the Empire Arts Center box office or by calling 746-5500.

Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter, for the North Dakota Ballet Company.

ARTRAINUSA FEATURES SPACE ART

The North Valley Arts Council brings ArtrainUSA, the only traveling art museum on a train, to Grand Forks Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20. The current exhibit, "Artistry of Space," is an exhibition of artworks from the NASA and National Air and Space Museum art collections that reflects the excitement and energy of space and exploration. The exhibit will be located at the Grand Forks BNSF Railroad Yard on DeMers Avenue. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. Hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. ArtrainUSA's national tour is sponsored by Daimler Chrysler. Our local tour is sponsored by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, Ecolab and the Myra Foundation. Don't miss this exciting event. For more information, contact the North Valley Arts Council at 746-4732.

Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter, for North Valley Arts Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAGECENTER OFFERS STUDENT CLASS LISTS, SECTION STATUS REPORTS

Student Class Lists and Section Status Reports for both summer and fall are now available through PageCenter. These reports will be run daily through April 27 and will be frequently updated throughout the summer. You will know what date they were run by the date and time information on each report. This means you can get the information right after the report runs.

You will find the reports in your department mailbox (UNDxxxx) where xxxx is your department's four-digit number. In the department mailbox is the UND REGISTRAR application. Open the application and you will see four page sets:

1. Summer Section Status Reports
2. Summer Class List
3. Fall Section Status Reports
4. Fall Class List

If you or someone in your office needs this information and gets a Primary Authorization Check FAILED, please

contact Carol Drechsel, Office of the Registrar, 777-2487.

If someone in your office or department needs PageCenter Web Access training, please call U2, University within the University, at 777-2128 to register. The following training dates and times are available: Wednesday, May 9; Tuesday, May 22; and Wednesday, May 23. All three training dates will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in 361 Upson II. You will need a CICS or TSO userid and password to attend training.

The Registrar's Office and the PageCenter Team are excited to make these reports available to you. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact the Registrar's Office at 777-2487.

Office of the Registrar.

FACULTY INVITED TO APPLY FOR EXTENDED WAC WORKSHOP

The June 2001 session of the Extended WAC Workshop will be structured around John Bean's recent book, "Engaging Ideas: The Professor's Guide to Integrating Writing, Critical Thinking, and Active Learning in the Classroom." Bean writes for an audience of "busy college professors from any academic discipline" who are most interested in helping students learn the ideas, skills, and thought processes unique to the field. His approach to writing assignments, critical thinking activities, active learning, and grading reflects that discipline-rooted emphasis. And, according to the 10 UND faculty who read this book during last summer's workshop, Bean accomplishes his goal through a book that's readable, interesting, provocative, and persuasive.

In the Extended WAC Workshop, Bean's advice will be considered by a group of up to 10 faculty members as they think about developing or re-developing their own courses. Members of the group will seek to apply the ideas discussed to the courses of all participants, which could include faculty from the traditional arts and sciences fields as well as a variety of professional/pre-professional programs, with courses spanning the first year through graduate level.

This summer's workshop will take place during six mornings in June. Dates will be June 11, 13, and 15 and 18, 20, and 22 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week), and sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day. Workshop participants will receive stipends of \$600.

Faculty participating in the workshop should have a course project in mind (i.e., a new course to be developed or an existing course to be revised) that includes a writing component, and they should be available for each of the six workshop sessions. For more information about this workshop, please contact Joan Hawthorne (joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu or 777-6381 as soon as possible.

Joan Hawthorne, WAC Coordinator.

NATIVE YOUTH MEDIA INSTITUTE INVITES APPLICATIONS

UND's Native Media Center received a three-year grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to support four programs, including the Native Youth Media Institute (NYMI). Native high school students, grades 8-12, are invited to participate in the free summer program to be held June 10-16 on the UND campus. The Native Youth Media Institute promotes leadership skills and offers hands-on experience in newspaper, online newspaper, radio and television production. Students and others interested in receiving an application for the NYMI or other information may e-mail me at lynda_kenney@und.nodak.edu, or call (701) 777-6388. The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation promotes excellence in journalism worldwide and invests in the vitality of 26 U.S. communities.

Lynda Kenney, Director, Native Media Center, School of Communication.

LIBRARIES LIST HOURS FOR FINALS

Chester Fritz Library:

The Chester Fritz Library hours for finals are: Friday, May 4 (Reading and Review Day), 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m. to midnight; Monday through Thursday, May 7-10, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, May 11, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Karen Cloud, Chester Fritz Library.

Thormodsgard Law Library:

The Law Library hours for finals and commencement are: Monday, April 30 through Saturday, May 5, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m. to midnight; Monday through Thursday, May 7-10, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday, May 11, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, May 12, (graduation), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, May 13, closed.

Cherie Stoltman, Thormodsgard Law Library.

PARTICIPATION INVITED ON PRAIRIE HERITAGE GARDEN PROJECT

You will be seeing people working around the site of the Soaring Eagle statue. The preparation for the UND Prairie Heritage Garden is now under way. The following provides a brief analysis of why the garden is important for our time, how it got started, how it will be designed, what its potential use will be, and how volunteers may be involved.

Why is it important? The grasslands region has been among the most misunderstood and most degraded ecosystems of the great North American continent. Arriving from forested regions of Europe and the eastern Atlantic region, many of our ancestors believed the open and bright prairie was "barren," even desert. At first glance, they believed the lack of trees meant the land was not fertile. As the settlers sunk their homes and plows into the soil, they found rich fertile soils which provided the very basis for our abundant agricultural system. In their exuberance, much of the grasslands was removed before our time; those diverse prairie plants (supporting whole communities of beings) became "weeds." The tallgrass prairie (the easternmost prairie, including the Red River Valley) was home to the richest soils, making it the most suitable for cultivation and ultimately the most threatened. Today less than one percent of this prairie type remains (and a minuscule one-tenth of one percent in eastern North Dakota). Yet, we live at a time when our people are increasingly recognizing the significance of our prairie heritage. Indeed, prairie restoration is a growing movement throughout the Great Plains. It is out of this context that the UND Prairie Heritage Garden at the site of the Soaring Eagle statue will soon make its historic place on our beautiful campus.

How did it get started? The spark for this historic prairie garden is Kristy Berger (2000-2001 student body vice president). During the spring of 2000, she participated in the class "Knowing Nature," in which students learned about our connection to prairie landscapes and then planted the first prairie planting on campus at the Lotus Meditation Center. Through this experience, Kristy discovered the significance of prairie to her life and the lives of many in the region. It took her right back home to the family farm in Center, N.D. Prairie is a part of her story and our story. She recognized that planting prairie (putting her hands into the soil and bringing prairie back) served an important bridge between her very busy life as a student/future professional and a greater peace of being. The experience also provided a link between western Euro-centric and indigenous ways of being. Through this experience, she and others gave back to the University and the Earth. As a result, she became committed to giving a second, much larger prairie garden back, one that would place prairie at center of campus through the combined efforts of a community of students, staff, faculty and administrators. Throughout this academic year, she has worked toward achieving this vision, sharing this idea with others, and gaining the necessary clearances within the institution to put it into place. Curiously, she discovered that many, many others (for many, many years) also had similar ideas of a prairie planting on the University campus. And sharing the idea grew much like prairie fire in the hearts of many on this campus and in the surrounding community.

How will it be designed? The prairie garden will surround the beautiful "Soaring Eagle" statue (original work by Bennet

Brien commissioned by UND alumnus and benefactor Colonel Meyers). Its name will be the "Prairie Heritage Garden." The garden is designed by Kathleen Brokke (Integrated Studies and Women Studies), an environmental historian and horticulturalist. The planting will be a beautiful expression of prairie plants to complement UND's landscaping. Plants will be primarily from the Red River Valley region, which makes them and the garden very rare indeed.

What will be its potential use? The Prairie Heritage Garden is intended to be deeply educational. Plants will be marked for identification. Two faculty members Kathleen Brokke and Fred Schneider (Anthropology) -- are planning the development of a booklet which will describe plants, names given by indigenous peoples, and uses. This would be similar to an earlier very popular work on trees of the UND campus which was used as a basis for classes. The planting will have use in prairie plant identification for classes and for members of our University community. Many students and others have wanted prairie restoration experience. This experience will teach them about restoration and encourage their own restoration initiatives. Numerous initiatives are stirring which are only the beginning of activities which will evolve from this garden. A teacher and an administrator from White Shield School, Fort Berthold Reservation, plan to visit the garden at dedication; the project at UND will provide a model for their own educational efforts with school children. Numerous students who are graduating are eager to work on the garden; the typical comment is, "I can't wait to come back to UND and see how this planting that I worked on will flourish." We envision gatherings and story telling about prairie at the Garden. The Prairie Heritage Garden will provide an important focal point for environmental classes and learning lessons of place. Its placement will provide enjoyment for many just by walking by. Its installation at UND, like a work of art, will allow numerous related initiatives to unfold as UND continues to take its place in education during these transformational times on the Great Northern Plains.

How may volunteers be involved? The garden itself will be developed by volunteers: students, staff, faculty, administrators, members of the surrounding community (with support from Paul Clark and Dale Kadelbach and their staff in Facilities). Volunteers will (in April/early May) set the edge of the bed (from bricks of Old Science), prepare the soil, and (in early June) plant. If you are interested in helping to put this historic garden into place, these times have been set aside for "gardening": Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., from now through May 11. We are anticipating that the project will go quite fast; this stage of the project will likely be complete by May 4. Just show up if you would like to be a part.

Many on campus and in the surrounding community have enthusiastically committed toward working on this garden. It is with great excitement we invite tallgrass prairie into our lives. After 120 years of decline and absence, we are bringing back prairie to the place it had known as home for thousands of years.

-- Glinda Crawford, Professor of Sociology, and the other members of the organizing team: Kristy Berger, Kathleen Brokke, Richard Crawford and Carrie Berg.

TEAMS SOUGHT FOR CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

You can help beat cancer and have fun doing it! The annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life is set for Friday, June 1, in the University Park.

The Relay For Life is a 12-hour event that involves teams of eight to 10 people who take turns walking, running or strolling around a walkway in University Park. Team members can divide up the 12 hours among themselves in any way they like, but at least one member must be on the track at all times. Special activities will take place throughout the relay. Fun activities and entertainment are planned for all family members.

The event opens with registration from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The first relay lap begins at 7 p.m., and the relay concludes with a closing ceremony at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2. A lighting of luminarias is set for 10 p.m. Friday. Each luminaria represents a donation of \$5 or more in honor of someone who has survived cancer, is fighting cancer, or has died of cancer. If you would like more information or wish to dedicate a candle in honor of someone, please call 780-1700.

Each registered team member receives a "Relay For Life" T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for the team that raises the most money, the individual who raises the most money, the team with the best theme, and the team with the best

campsite. Door prizes and raffles will be held the night of the event.

To form a team, mail your team registration and fee of \$120 by May 1, 2001 (recommended deadline), to: Altru Cancer Center, ATTN: Relay For Life, 960 S. Columbia Road, Grand Forks, ND 58206-6002. Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society.

Each team's goal is to raise \$1,000. All monies raised must be turned in before the Relay For Life event. We can help with suggestions for fund raising. For more information, call the Relay For Life phone line at 780-1700, and leave a detailed message. We'll get back to you as soon as possible. You can also e-mail us at bgillund@altru.org.

Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter, for Angie Baumann, Brenda Jo Gillund and Tracy Jamieson, Co-Chairs, Relay For Life.

DEPARTMENTS REMINDED OF FISCAL YEAR-END PROCEDURES

For accurate financial statement presentation we SHOULD charge all materials and services received by June 30, 2001, to fiscal year 2001 funds. This is true for all funds, appropriated and non-appropriated, including grants and contracts.

Payments for new subscriptions will be processed from fiscal year 2001 funds until June 1, 2001. Renewals for subscriptions that expire in fiscal year 2002 should be paid from fiscal year 2002 funds.

For prepayments, the department should verify with the vendor that delivery will be made by June 30. This should be documented on the Purchase Requisition and/or Request for Payment. If the company does not guarantee delivery by June 30, the payment cannot be made from the fiscal year 2001 budget.

Allison Peyton, Accounts Payable Manager.

INFO SOUGHT ON ALCOHOL PREVENTION, RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The UND Commission on Student Use of Alcohol is compiling a list of all alcohol prevention activities and alcohol-related research sponsored or conducted by campus partners during the past year. Submissions may be e-mailed to jane_croeker@und.nodak.edu or mailed to Student Health Services, Box 9038, by May 1.

Jane Croeker, Student Health Services.

PARENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT PROJECT

Parents of children ages 6-16 are invited to participate in a study of families. The study requires one parent and the child to complete confidential questionnaires for approximately one hour. Each family is paid \$15. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Leadbetter in the Psychology Department at 777-3212 for more information.

Lisa Leadbetter and Andrea Zevenbergen, Department of Psychology.

CAR ENTHUSIASTS, TEACHERS AS SCHOLARS ON THE NEXT EDITION OF "STUDIO ONE"

The fascination people have with classic cars will be featured on the next edition of "Studio One. Building custom cars has become a popular hobby today, and car shows are popping up everywhere. Many people attend these shows not only to showcase their hard work and to admire that of others but also to socialize and share their love of custom cars.

Also on "Studio One," Teachers as Scholars is a program that provides teachers with the opportunity to go back to school. The program first started at Harvard University five years ago. It is set up for kindergarten to 12th grade teachers. The educational seminars include subjects in humanities, science, and social sciences.

"Studio One" is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program airs live on Thursdays at 5 p.m. on UND Channel 3. Rebroadcasts can be seen at noon, 7 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 and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Tanya Frank and Jessica Ruppert, Studio One Marketing Team.

PEXS ADDS GOLF 101 SECTION

The Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science wishes to notify all interested persons of another section of golf for summer that is NOT listed in the booklet. This is PEXS 101 Golf, instructor Mike Grandall, call number 95001. The class will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday from June 11 until July 5 at the Ray Richards Golf Course. Space will fill up fast, so register early. Any questions can be directed to the PEXS office at 777-4324.

Anita Bostad, Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science.

RECYCLING ENVELOPES HELPS LIBRARY BUDGET

Thanks to everyone who sent their used mailing envelopes to the Chester Fritz Library. These envelopes work perfectly and really help to extend the library budget. The library needs manila, Tyvek or padded envelopes for sending out interlibrary loan request items. You don't need to remove old labels, as these will be covered with a CFL label. Is there a location in your office where you could set a small box for collecting envelopes? You can send them to Pat Berntsen at Box 9000 or Janice Troitte at Box 9032. Thanks again for helping save resources.

Janice Troitte, Chester Fritz Library.

UPCOMING U2 WORKSHOPS LISTED

The following list contains U2 workshop titles for the next few weeks. Please log on to our web site for a full listing of May/June workshop titles. The address is www.conted.und.edu/U2. You may register by calling 777-2128, by e-mail U2@mail.und.nodak.edu or online at www.conted.und/U2.

The May/June newsletter should be in your mailbox in the next few days.

Fiscal Year-End Procedures, May 8, 9 to 11 a.m., Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union. This session will cover fiscal year-end procedures for the Business Office, Accounting Services, Grants and Contract Administration, Payroll and Purchasing. Instructors are Judy Grinde, Payroll; Allison Peyton, Accounting Services; Linda Romuld, Purchasing; David Schmidt, Grants and Contracts; and Wanda Sporbert, Business Office.

Access 00: Level II, May 8-10, 9 to 11:30 a.m. (7.5 hours), 361 Upson II. Prerequisite: Access 00: Level I. Create queries and tables, customize forms, and format reports. Instructor: Jim Malins, Computer Center.

(New Workshop) Supervisory Perspectives on Sexual Harassment, May 9, 8:30 to 10 a.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union. Be able to identify sexual harassment's impact on the workplace, understand the role and responsibilities of supervisors, and learn approaches to claim investigation. Instructor: Dick Werre, St. Alexius EAP.

(New Workshop) Dealing With Workplace Crisis, May 9, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., River Valley Room, Memorial Union. Identify signs of staff crisis, understand effective responses, and learn approaches to prevention. Instructor: Dick Werre, St. Alexis EAP.

PageCenter, May 9, 2 to 3:30 p.m. (check U2 newsletter or web site for more dates), 361 Upson II. PageCenter allows users to view, save, print, and retrieve electronic mainframe reports with their favorite web browser. Participants must have a RACF (TSO/CICS) user ID and password to attend training. Instructor: Rose Keeley, Computer Center.

-- Judy Streifel Reller, University Within the University Coordinator.

ITEMS FOR SALE TO PUBLIC THROUGH BIDS

The University is offering for sale to the public on a sealed high-bid basis the following items: older computer equipment, natural gas furnaces, tables, desks, janitorial equipment, and miscellaneous items. These may be seen at the Central Receiving warehouse on the southwest corner of the campus. Bids will be taken between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, April 30 to May 3.

Lee Sundby, Central Receiving.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR INVESTIGATORS CONDUCTING RESEARCH USING HUMAN SUBJECTS

As a result of recent suspensions of research organizations because of noncompliance to regulations governing human subjects research, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has emphasized the need for those individuals involved in this kind of research to understand their obligations under the regulations. Recent regulations have specified that an educational program must be provided to investigators by institutions operating under the federal regulations governing human subjects research.

The UND Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviewed educational programs conducted by other institutions, as well as those offered by federal agencies, and has elected to use an internet-based set of modules sponsored by The Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) and the University of Miami. The CITI course consists of 13 modules encompassing the history of the IRB system, the regulations governing human subjects research, and topics specific to areas of particular importance, controversy or complexity. Each module has a quiz associated with it.

After consulting with UND faculty and students who took the course, the IRB determined a core curriculum of modules 1, 4, 6, 10, 11, and 13 to be taken by all investigators. Additional modules will be required when the research project covers topics within areas covered by those modules. The course is accessible from a link on the ORPD web site at <http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/orpd/regucomm/irb/irb.htm>, or investigators may go directly to the course registration at the URL www.miami.edu/citireg. Those registering for the course will receive a password by e-mail, generally within 24 hours. Specific UND requirements are listed on the UND institutional page available on the course site.

Completion of the course will be required of all participants in a project who are in a position to protect the rights of the subjects participating in the research. Since every project is different, the specific positions are difficult to identify. A general rule is that principal investigators, those in contact with the subjects, and those in contact with data with identifiers will be required to complete the program. Investigators submitting protocols for review by the IRB will be expected to identify the persons involved in the research who will need to complete the program. The course will need to be completed annually.

In order to avoid taxing the system, the education requirement will be phased in. Effective June 1, 2001, UND will start

requiring that investigators submitting proposals to be reviewed by the IRB will complete the CITI educational program. In addition, by that date it is expected that investigators conducting research using human subjects and funded by a federal grant will have also completed the educational program. As continuing reviews become due on ongoing projects, investigators on those projects will need to complete the modules. Full implementation is required by October 1, 2002.

For questions on this requirement, or if you have difficulty with the course, please contact Cindy Rerick, IRB coordinator, 777-4079, or Sally Eckert-Tilotta, ORPD Interim Director at 777-2049.

-- Sally Eckert-Tilotta, Interim Director, Office of Research and Program Development.

RESEARCH, GRANT OPPORTUNITIES LISTED

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

RGK FOUNDATION

Research and conferences are supported in the areas of medicine and education, with a focus on three main components: Educational, Medical and Community. Grants in these areas also provide support for programs that promote academic excellence in institutions of higher learning; programs that raise literacy levels; programs that attract minority and women students into the fields of math, science and technology; and programs that promote the health and well being of children. Conferences supported by the Foundation have been designed to enhance information exchange as well as develop linkages among business, academia, community and government. Deadlines: Requests for less than \$50,000 accepted at any time. Proposals for projects requiring over that amount must be received at least 6 weeks before the next scheduled committee meeting date. Meeting dates are May 7, 2001; August 6, 2001; and November 5, 2001. Contact: 512/474-9298; <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/guide.htm>.

COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS (CIES)

The Middle East/North Africa/South Asia Regional Research Program provides support for research projects of historical or contemporary focus, or comparative or regional in scope, or where data must be collected in several countries. Field work must be conducted in two or more countries of the region. Projects may be undertaken in the following areas of the Middle East, North Africa, or South Asia: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestinian National Authority (Gaza or West Bank), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Possible research fields include, but are not limited to, architecture, area studies, biological sciences, communications, education, environmental sciences, humanities, law, medical sciences, physical sciences, and social sciences. Award benefits include a base research stipend of \$1,700 per month for all faculty ranks and professional equivalents. A monthly maintenance allowance of \$1,700-\$3,000 is provided, as are travel and relocation funds. A research allowance of \$3,000 is also provided. Deadline: 8/1/01. Contact: Gary L. Garrison, 202/686-4019; ggarison@cies.iie.org; http://www.cies.org/cies/us_scholars/2002_2003AwardsBook.pdf.

AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION

Support is provided for programs that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge. Programs must demonstrate potential for directly benefitting American children in a large geographic area (more than one state). Awards are made for one year. Grants have ranged from \$1,500-\$70,000, and average about \$16,000. Deadline: 8/15/01. Contact: William A. Pease, Executive Secretary, 317/630-1202; <http://www.cwf-inc.org>.

OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH (ONR)

Young Investigator Program awards are made for research in science and technology areas of interest to the Navy. Eligible investigators are U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents holding tenure-track or permanent faculty positions at U.S. universities, who received their graduate degrees (Ph.D. or equivalent) on or after November 1, 1996. Approximately 24 awards of \$100,000 per year for 3 years are available. Deadline: 1/1/01. Contact: Dr. Donald E. Polk, Director, 703/696-4111; polkd@onr.navy.mil; http://www.onr.navy.mil/sci_tech/special/onrpgadk.htm.

COMMONWEALTH FUND

The Fund supports independent research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health care practice and policy. Grants are awarded for projects in four major program areas: International Health Care Policy and Practice; Improving the Quality of Health Care Services; and Improving Insurance Coverage and Access to Care. The Fund is dedicated to helping people become more informed about their health care, and improving care for vulnerable populations such as children, elderly people, low-income families, minority Americans, and the uninsured. Deadlines: Proposals are reviewed by the Board of Directors, which meets each year in April, July, and November. Contact: Andrea Landes, Director of Grants Management; 212/606-3800; GMO@cmwf.org; <http://www.cmwf.org/grantseekers/index.asp?link=4>.

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU)

The Americas 2000 All Media Competition provides support for the exhibition of works in any medium, traditional or experimental. All works must be original and not measure over 60" in any direction. Work must be ready to exhibit, completed within the last 2 years, and not previously exhibited in an Americas 2000 exhibition. A maximum of 5 entries is allowed per artist. Deadlines: 6/1/01 (submission of slides); 8/14/01 (receipt of works). Contact: Americas 2000: All Media, Northwest Art Center, 500 University Avenue West, Minot, ND 58707; 701/858-3264.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES (NIEHS)

Applications are requested for Planning Grants for Molecular Epidemiology in the Environmental Genome Project. The purpose of this request is to build collaborations between scientists working in the fields of epidemiology, environmental health sciences, molecular biology, and biostatistics to plan novel and innovative molecular epidemiology studies of environmentally induced diseases. A focus on using high through-put technology in molecular epidemiology studies of environmental response genes is intended, as well as the development of new biostatistical methods to support such studies. NIEHS intends to commit approximately \$2 million in FY 2002 to fund 8-10 new awards in response to this RFA. An applicant may request a project period of up to 3 years and a budget for direct costs of up to \$150,000 per year. Deadline: 6/13/01 (Letter of Intent), 7/13/01 (Proposal). Contact: Gwen W. Collman, Ph.D., Scientific Program Administrator, 919/541-4980; collman@niehs.nih.gov; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-01-005.html>.

-- Sally Eckert-Tilotta, Interim Director, Office of Research and Program Development.

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