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## TOP STORIES

### 2009 achievements named

It was an amazing year at UND. From the Office of University Relations, here—unranked—are some of the top stories which radiated this past year out of North Dakota's oldest university:

\*AgCam, built from scratch by UND students and faculty, is installed on the International Space Station in April and is operated from UND's Space Operations Center. Activated by astronaut Michael Barratt, AgCam takes infrared and near-infrared pictures — handy for judging vegetation — for use by farmers, ranchers, resource managers and teachers.

\*U.S. News and World Report ranks UND's School of Medicine and Health Sciences among the top five family medicine programs and also recognizes UND's Center for Rural Health as a leading national resource for rural health information.

\*In October, Entrepreneur Magazine and the Princeton Review name UND's entrepreneurship program one of the top 25 in the country. UND's program has consistently ranked as one of the nation's best.

\*UND Flying Team captures its 15th national championship with a total of 469 points—an all-time National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) record and 71 points ahead of the runner up—at the NIFA SAFECON competition in St. Louis. The team co-captain's won top pilot award, and the team also received several individual honors. UND Flying Team also won top honors in the Region V National Intercollegiate Flying Association's (NIFA's) Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON). UND's winning score of 802 points was followed by St. Cloud State University with 564 points.

\*UND Aerospace offers a new major—the Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics degree with a major in unmanned aerial systems (UAS). The new major was approved by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education in May and is the first UAS major of its kind in the country and is being offered to meet the increasing demand for qualified UAS pilots and sensor operators in this rapidly growing field. Also, the U.S. Air Force chooses the UND Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Research, Education and Training as the site for an academic outreach conference held Aug. 4-6.

\*The UND Research Foundation dedicates REAC 1, which houses the University's Center of Excellence in Life Sciences and Advanced Technology (COELSAT). The \$16-million-plus, 50,000-square-foot structure provides a research and development hub to increase the University's output of innovative, creative and entrepreneurial patents and get them commercialized with private-sector partners. It also signals the brick-and-mortar launch of the UND Research Foundation's (UNDRF) Research Enterprise and Commercialization (REAC) park, a place where high-tech businesses can set up shop, grow, and build production operations nearby.

\*In October, the UND College of Business and Public Administration celebrates an anonymous \$10 million gift, its largest gift ever and one of the largest given to UND through the UND Foundation. Announced in October and established as a Challenge Grant, the donation could have a \$40 million impact on the College of Business and Public Administration.

\*UND President Robert Kelley approves a tuition-waiver program for all UND students and prospective students who have earned U.S. Armed Forces veteran status as defined by the North Dakota Century Code. The action allows student veterans to attend classes and be billed the same tuition as North Dakota residents, regardless of state of residency.

\*UND students volunteer to assist our neighbors in Fargo in their flood preparation efforts. Recognizing the needs of other communities, UND cancels classes from March 26 through March 30 to allow students to help with sandbagging and other flood protection needs. UND also opens a Volunteer Coordination Center in the Memorial Union for marshaling resources to help with sandbagging and other floodfighting activities in Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, and several other area communities.

\*UND mourns the loss of President Emeritus Thomas J. Clifford, a North Dakota icon regarded as the most dynamic and influential figure in the history of higher education in this state and region. His leadership took UND to the level we know today: an institution known nationally and even internationally, for academic excellence, for enterprise and creativity in meeting challenges, and for building opportunities for students and citizens. Among the many major accomplishments during his tenure, Clifford spearheaded the transformation of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences—the only med school in the state—from a two-year program to a full-fledged, four-year M.D. degree.

\*UND's research enterprise has a state and regional economic impact of just over \$195.3 million in FY2009, an increase of \$21.2 million over last year. The University's research activity in fiscal year 2009 funds 1,648 jobs, including 808 at UND. UND sponsored programs create 1,435 jobs within North Dakota. UND research activity also generates about \$19.3 million in federal and state tax revenue. Overall, UND has an economic impact of more than \$1 billion.

\*West Hartford, Conn., native Alice Brekke is named the Vice President for Finance and Operations and Grafton, N.D., native Phyllis E. Johnson is named Vice President for Research and Economic Development. Both women are UND alumni. Paul LeBel officially begins his duties as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Kathryn Rand takes over as interim dean of the UND School of Law.

\*The country's first fully accredited online Master's of Social Welfare (MSW) degree that includes both concentration and foundation in social work graduates its first class. A special MSW hooding ceremony for graduates of the program takes place in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl.

\*UND offers the state's first online master's degree in early childhood education.

\* UND football players Brandon Hellevang (K, Fargo, N.D.) and Andrew Miller (LB, Menomonie, Wis.) are among the 55 student-athletes named by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) to the 12th annual Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star team. UND student-athletes combined for a 3.085 grade point average (GPA) during the 2008-09 academic year, including a 3.112 GPA during the spring semester.

The highest GPA among UND's teams belongs to head coach Tom Wynnes' tennis squad, which produced a 3.654 GPA during the academic year. UND senior golfer Amanda Kaler (Fargo, N.D.) is named an ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America, becoming UND's sixth student-athlete to garner Academic All-America honors during the 2008-09 season, the most in school history.

The previous school-record number of Academic All-Americans was five, set in 1984-85 and matched in 2001-02 and 2005-06.

To view more UND achievements, go to [www.und.edu/news](http://www.und.edu/news) .

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## **FAA names UND's Andrew Leonard Outstanding Center of Excellence Student of the Year**

Andrew (Andy) Leonard, a graduate student in aviation management at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences was named "Outstanding Centers of Excellence Student of the Year" by the Federal Aviation Administration Centers of Excellence program.

In her letter nominating Leonard for the award, aerospace director of graduate studies Kim Kenville said he is committed to personal academic achievement and always is willing to assist others. Moreover, Kenville said,

Leonard is doing valuable and original research.

Leonard, a Dent, Minn. native with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, obtained his private pilot license in 2007 and is working toward completion next month of his commercial pilot license. He is a graduate research assistant, teaching undergraduate courses in long-range navigation, airline operations and management and others. Leonard also is an operator of the UND altitude chamber, manipulating simulated altitudes for training and research activities, monitoring chamber and individual safety, and serving as an instructor of altitude chamber procedures, Kenville said.

Leonard's research looks at how accurately helicopter pilots could fly predetermined GPS routes of flight both into and out of the Grand Forks International Airport, Kenville said. The routes are layered over predetermined helicopter arrival and departure procedures using latitude and longitude data. Leonard retrieves the research data using multiple software tools and digitally recreates each flight route. Routes are measured, and the maximum deviation for each section of flight is recorded in an attempt to determine which sections of flight are usable, Kenville said.

Leonard and his parents, along with Kenville, UND Aerospace Assistant Dean Paul Lindseth, and FAA COE Program Director Patricia Watts, will be on hand in Washington, D.C., Saturday, January 9, for the awards banquet and ceremony. Everyone in the UND community is welcome to attend. For more information about the awards banquet and ceremony, contact Deborah (Debbie) Landeis, UND Aerospace, at 777-2935 or [landeis@aero.und.edu](mailto:landeis@aero.und.edu).

-- Juan Pedraza, *Writer/Editor, University Relations*, [juanpedraza@mail.und.edu](mailto:juanpedraza@mail.und.edu), 777-6571

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## EVENTS TO NOTE

### Research and Economic Development hosts faculty forums

The Division of Research and Economic Development announces a series of faculty forums that will provide critical input into the development of a strategic plan for the Division.

Four forums, on Jan 14, Feb 11, March 11 and April 15, will provide faculty an opportunity to have input into identifying the important questions in their disciplines and the strengths that UND has to address them.

Outlining a vision for the future will be critical; we do not want to have a plan that will just maintain the status quo. Although each session has a major area of disciplinary emphasis, we hope to have broad interdisciplinary participation at every forum. While we will invite key people, such as department chairs, to specific forums, every session is open to faculty from any department. Faculty who participate will be eligible for a drawing at each forum, with the prize being a stipend of up to \$2,000 for travel related to research or scholarly work.

Because of special funding made available to us, we will also have a session on Jan. 28 involving both faculty and private sector participants to discuss the future of life science-related business in the Grand Forks region.

These will be professionally facilitated forums. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided at no cost to participants. Pre-registration will be required to ensure we have enough food for everyone.

The information derived from these forums will be an important part of the information used in the development of a draft strategic plan for the Division of Research and Economic Development, and more generally, for the entire research enterprise at UND. This plan will be posted on the Division's website for your feedback before it is finalized and submitted to the President.

#### Schedule of Sessions -

Jan. 14: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Life Sciences for the 21st Century - Memorial Union/Ballroom - A faculty forum  
Jan. 28: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Life Sciences Enterprise for the 21st Century - Memorial Union/Ballroom - Faculty and representatives from regional life sciences companies and economic development agencies  
Feb. 11: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Physical Sciences and Engineering for the 21st Century - Hilton Garden Inn - Faculty forum  
March 11: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Social and Behavioral Sciences for the 21st Century - Memorial Union Ballroom - Faculty forum  
April 15: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Creative and Scholarly Work in the Arts and Humanities for the 21st Century - Hilton Garden Inn - Faculty forum

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## Special Denim Day for March of Dimes is Jan. 15

President Kelley has approved Friday, Jan. 15, as a Special Denim Day to benefit the March of Dimes. More than 1,000 babies are born prematurely in North Dakota every year and face huge health risks, both short and long term. Almost half of all premature births are unexplained. March of Dimes is dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Wear your denim on Friday, Jan. 15, and give what you can afford to your Denim Day coordinator, and know you are helping to make a difference. If you pay by check, make it out to: March of Dimes.

-- Patsy Nies, Special Project Assistant, Enrollment Services, [patsynies@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:patsynies@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-3791

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## Bookstore Book Club meeting is Jan. 18

The University Bookstore invites the campus community and the greater Grand Forks area to join the staff of the bookstore for our second reading and discussion at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, in the University Bookstore meeting room. The January selection is "Olive Kitteridge," by Elizabeth Strout. As a special offer to book club participants, UND Bookstore is offering a double punch on your Book Club card (available at the cash register) for each book purchased for the discussions.

-- Maria Northington & Sheri Johnson, Book Club Leaders, UND Bookstore, [ieditorwrite@gmail.com](mailto:ieditorwrite@gmail.com), 777-4980

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## Emerald and Ice Gala is Feb. 6

All benefited UND and related foundation employees and a guest are invited to the Emerald and Ice Gala from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Alerus Center Ballroom.

There will be a social hour from 7 to 8 p.m. featuring free appetizers and a cash bar. Downtown Horns will play live music from 8 p.m. to midnight, and guests may participate in a Mock Casino night provided by the Grand Forks Jaycees. Participants can use their casino winnings to bid on prizes at the end of the evening! The event will also feature a silent auction, with auction proceeds used to fund scholarships given by the Staff Senate.

Admission is \$20 per person. Tickets may be purchased from any UND Staff Senator or at the following locations:

Aerospace Human Resources, Sheri Sponsler; Ralph Englestad Arena, Main Office; Twamley Hall, Human Resources Office; Alumni Center, Stone House 2nd floor, Sigrid Letcher; Memorial Union Information Desk; EERC Human Resources Office; and the School of Medicine and Health Affairs, Office of Public Affairs.

For more information, contact any UND Staff Senator, Gala Chairperson Janice Hoffarth at 777-2646, [Janice.hoffarth@und.edu](mailto:Janice.hoffarth@und.edu) or Staff Senate President Loren Liepold 777-2865 [loren.liepold@und.edu](mailto:loren.liepold@und.edu).

This event is sponsored by the UND Staff Senate.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Assistant to the Director of Communications, Public Affairs,

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UND athletes named to national Academic All-Star team

UND student athletes Brandon Hellevang, Fargo, and Andrew Miller, Menomonie, Wisc., were named to the 12th annual Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Academic (FCS ADA) All-Star team.

Only 55 college athletes nationwide were accorded this honor, and UND was the only school in the country with two student athletes called to this prestigious team.

Both Hellevang, a kicker/punter, and Miller, a linebacker, hold a perfect 4.0 academic grade point average.

Along with the all-star team accolade, the two UND football players are also among the six finalists selected for the Ninth Annual FCS ADA's \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship. Two student-athletes will receive postgraduate scholarships during the Association's annual membership meeting held in conjunction with the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Convention, being held at the Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, Calif., June 22-25, 2010.

-- Juan Pedraza, Writer/Editor, University Relations, [juanpedraza@mail.und.edu](mailto:juanpedraza@mail.und.edu), 777-6571

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### Federal loan forgiveness program benefits public service employees

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) established a Public Service Loan Forgiveness program for students who pursue a career in public service. Public service includes employment in most public schools, colleges and universities, public child or family service agency, non-profit organizations, tribal college or university, public safety, law enforcement, public health and certain other private organizations that are not a for-profit business.

More information on this program is available at: [www.finaid.org/loans/publicservice.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/loans/publicservice.phtml).

-- Robin Holden, Director, Student Financial Aid, [robinholden@mail.und.edu](mailto:robinholden@mail.und.edu), 777-3121

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### Taxation rate has changed for employee graduate tuition waivers

According to a new legal opinion that was issued, employee graduate tuition waivers, less than \$5,250 per calendar year, are not taxable to employees. Spouse and dependent graduate tuition waivers are still taxable and employees will continue to get taxed on the value of those tuition waivers.

-- Payroll

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### Accounting Services announces in-state mileage rates

Mileage reimbursement for use of personal vehicles within the state is allowed as follows: the lesser of the privately owned vehicle mileage reimbursement rate established by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for an automobile if no government owned vehicle is available or the standard mileage rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. As of Jan. 1, the GSA website showed 55¢ per mile and the IRS showed a rate of 50¢ per mile. Therefore, the allowable mileage rate would be 50¢ per mile. By law, the GSA mileage rate cannot exceed the IRS mileage rate, but the GSA does not update their web site until later in the year. Previous mileage rates/periods are published on their website. Use the rate applicable to when the travel occurred.

## University Within the University (U2) lists new classes

Be Well: New Wellness Program and You!

Jan. 12, 9 to 10 a.m., Upson II, Room 361

I keep hearing about this \$250 from BCBS for exercising or tracking nutrition. How do I start? Join Kim Ruliffson, Coordinator of Work Well at a computer and activate this program to earn big bucks for caring about your health! Presenter: Kim Ruliffson

Radiation Safety

Jan. 12, 1 to 4 p.m., School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Room 5006

This session will cover basic principles of radiation protection. Attendance is required for all individuals working with radioactive materials at the University. Topics include, but are not limited to, types of radiation, methods of protection, exposure monitoring, handling techniques, decontamination, security, and waste disposal.

Presenter: Eric Pearson

How to Inspire and Motivate Employees

Jan. 13, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Memorial Union, Lecture Bowl

Managers and supervisors are expected to inspire and motivate the workforce. This can be especially important during difficult times when organizations or businesses make adjustments to meet the demands of the changing world. Workers may worry how the changes will affect their work and their job security. Sometimes work can become routine and tedious, resulting in bored and unmotivated workers. This can affect the morale and performance in the workforce. This presentation will address how managers and supervisors can inspire and motivate workers during ordinary times as well as difficult times. Presenter: Chuck Motis, St Alexis Employee Assistance Program

GroupWise 8.0: Beginning

Jan. 13, 9 a.m. to Noon, Upson II, Room 361

You will navigate through the GroupWise environment, create and send messages, reply to and forward messages, use the Address Book, create a personal address book, create a mail group, work with the calendar, schedule posted appointments and recurring events, and work with the junk mail folder and other mail-handling features. Presenter: Heidi Strande

20 Ways to Manage Frustration

Jan. 13, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Memorial Union, Lecture Bowl

Life is full of frustration. On those bad days when everything seems to go wrong and we need to blow off steam, we must be careful to do it in a way that will not create more problems. This presentation will identify common causes of frustration and discuss both ineffective and ways of dealing with frustration. Presenter:

Chuck Motis, St Alexis Employee Assistance Program

Laboratory Safety

Jan. 13, 1 to 3 p.m., Abbott Hall, Room 115

Learn general lab-safety principles for the use of chemicals in laboratories. This session covers potential health hazards in the laboratory, protective measures, and response to incidents and emergencies. This training is required for all University employees working in a laboratory. Presenter: Eric Pearson

Employee Self-Service Training

Jan. 13, 3 to 4 p.m., or Jan. 20, 9 to 10 a.m., Memorial Union, Lecture Bowl



Attend one of these sessions to learn about the wealth of information that is available with Employee Self-Service and how you access, review and make changes to your employee information. Presenter: Pat Hanson

#### Data Protection & Privacy

Jan. 14, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Upson II, Room 361

Learn secure practices for handling and storing sensitive University and personal data. Topics will include a discussion of the types of information to protect and why it needs to be protected; practices and configurations for securing your operating system, Web browser, e-mail, and other software applications; protecting your personal information online; must-have security software for your computer; and encrypting sensitive data.

Presenter: Brad Miller

#### Performance Management\*

Jan. 14, 9 to 11 a.m., Twamley Hall, Room 305

Supervisors will learn the fundamentals of conducting honest, fair, and consistent evaluations. Presenters: Desi Sporbert and Joy Johnson

\* Required training for all Finance and Operations supervisors, (future supervisors encouraged to sign up)

#### Running, Reading, & Reconciling Key Finance Reports in PeopleSoft

Jan. 14, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Gamble Hall, Lanterman Center, Room 9

Prerequisite: Must have previously attended either a "Budgets Overview Inquiry" or "Budget vs. Cash Inquiry" U2 session and must have a PeopleSoft user ID and password for Finance Module.

This training provides the tools necessary to navigate through PeopleSoft in order to run, read, and understand PeopleSoft financial reports. Important tips will be provided to help you recognize why, when, and how to reconcile revenue and expense transactions posted to your funds. Troubleshooting tips and tools to help you resolve budgeting errors will also be provided. This session includes hands-on practice activities. Presenter: Tom Swangler

#### Preventing Workplace Violence

Jan. 19, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Memorial Union, River Valley Room

Workplace violence occurs all too often. Communication and training can help to prevent and deal with employee and/or client violence. This session will identify: underlying causes of workplace violence, warning signs, methods for heading off serious situations, as well as planning for prevention. Presenter: Jason Uhrir

#### Forms Management

Jan. 20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Swanson Hall, Room 16-18

According to the Business Forms Management Association, eighty percent of all business records are forms. This session will help coordinators understand their role in managing this vital resource according to state and university policy. Presenter: Christopher Flynn

#### GroupWise 8.0: Intermediate

Jan. 21, 9 to Noon, Upson II, Room 361

You will work with advanced message options; set mail properties; customize message headers; use Web Access interface; create and use rules to automate e-mail responses; set access rights; and work in depth with the Junk Mail folder and archive feature. Presenter: Heidi Strande

#### Defensive Driving

Jan. 21, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Skalicky Tech Incubator, Room 211

This session is required by State Fleet for all UND employees who drive State Fleet vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a State Fleet vehicle. Employees

are encouraged to bring a family member (spouse or dependents). This session may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record. **Presenter:** Eric Pearson

-- Patricia Young, U2 Coordinator, Continuing Education, [U2@mail.und.edu](mailto:U2@mail.und.edu), 777-0720

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## Staff Senate congratulates all 31 Days of Glory winners

Congratulations to all of the Staff Senate 31 Days of Glory winners. Also, a big "Thank You!" to all who purchased raffle tickets (the proceeds go to student scholarships). Following is a complete list of all of the winners.

Dec. 31: Alice Brekke  
Dec. 30: Kathy Johnke  
Dec. 29: Sandy Krom  
Dec. 28: Judy Sargent  
Dec. 27: Diana Knain - \$500  
Dec. 26: Connie Borboa  
Dec. 25: Sue Rundquist  
Dec. 24: Guodong Du  
Dec. 23: Kristy Peterson  
Dec. 22: Paulette Lindquist  
Dec. 21: Linda Grinde  
Dec. 20: Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm - \$500  
Dec. 19: Bob Denning  
Dec. 18: Celia Rosencrans  
Dec. 17: Pat Campbell  
Dec. 16: Alice Brekke  
Dec. 15: Katrina Landman  
Dec. 14: William Neuerberg  
Dec. 13: Dawn Drake - \$500  
Dec. 12: Doug Norgard  
Dec. 11: Doug Norgard  
Dec. 10: Rob D'Hilly  
Dec. 9: Dave Knittel  
Dec. 8: Jena Pierce  
Dec. 7: Ken Useldinger  
Dec. 6: Nathan Clough - \$500  
Dec. 5: John Czapiewski  
Dec. 4: Peggy Lucke  
Dec. 3: Lars Helgeson  
Dec. 2: Steve & Evelyn Slominski  
Dec. 1: Marsha Nelson

-- Shari Nelson, Assistant Director of Learning Services, Student Success Center,  
[sharinelson@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:sharinelson@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2117

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## Museum Cafe weekly menu listed

Museum is now open during regular hours.

Salads

Tomato Basil Cucumber Salad:

Thinly sliced English cucumbers, yellow squash and sweet red onion, served with crusty bread.

Roasted chicken, potato and french bean salad:

Roasted chicken, rosemary roasted new red potatoes, French green beans, tossed in a Dijon vinaigrette.

Sandwiches (Served with fruit and chips)

Beef Tenderloin Sandwich:

Thinly sliced roasted tenderloin with garlic butter, baby greens and sliced Parmesan on a French baguette.

Pull-Apart Pork Sandwich:

Savory pulled pork on an onion roll, topped with coleslaw, with a horseradish blend dressing.

Asparagus Enchilada:

Tortilla wrap with asparagus, mushrooms, onion and bell pepper with a sour cream spread. Topped with Monterey Jack cheese and served with chips and salsa.

Cabbage Rolls:

Combination of mild Italian sausage, ground beef, brown rice and Italian spices. Topped with diced tomatoes.

Soup

Vegetable Lentil:

Lentils, carrots, celery, onions, barley, kidney beans, chili beans, potato, and spiced with oregano and rosemary.

Dessert

Ask a server about selections

Museum Café hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, with lunch served from 11 to 2 p.m. Take-out available •

UND billing accepted • 777-4195

-- Jessica Mongeon, Events Coordinator, North Dakota Museum of Art, [jmongeon@ndmoa.com](mailto:jmongeon@ndmoa.com), 777-4195

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## Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, receive BC/BS health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

To apply: Please complete UND Application/Control Card form. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010 Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications must be received by the deadline date.

Line Service Operator

Posting Number: #10-173

Closing Date: 1/11/2010

Minimum Salary: \$12.02 plus/hour

Position Status: Full-Time

Hours per week: 40

Benefits Eligibility: Benefitted  
Department: Flight Support Services

Turbine Instructor  
Posting Number: #10-174  
Closing Date: 1/11/2010  
Minimum Salary: \$48,000 plus/year  
Position Status: Full-Time  
Hours per week: 40  
Benefits Eligibility: Benefitted  
Department: Flight Operations

Building Services Supervisor  
Posting Number: #10-172  
Closing Date: 1/8/2010  
Minimum Salary: \$29,000 plus/year  
Position Status: Full-Time  
Hours per week: 40  
Benefits Eligibility: Benefitted  
Department: Facilities Total

Building Services Supervisor  
Posting Number: #10-171  
Closing Date: 1/7/2010  
Minimum Salary: \$29,000 plus/year  
Position Status: Full-Time  
Hours per week: 40  
Benefits Eligibility: Benefitted  
Department: Facilities - Housing

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## Preproposals sought for some NSF programs

The National Science Foundation has issued the following program announcements which allow UND to submit only a limited number of submissions. Thus, if you are interested in submitting a proposal to NSF for any of the programs, please let us know by January 14,2010 ([barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:barrymilavetz@mail.und.nodak.edu) or [juliesolheim@mail.und.edu](mailto:juliesolheim@mail.und.edu)) or phone 777-4278.

Geoscience Educations (GeoEd), Program Solicitation #10-512,  
[http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10512/nsf10512.htm?WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_25](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10512/nsf10512.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25).

Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, Program Solicitation #10-514,  
[http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10514/nsf10514.htm?WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_25](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10514/nsf10514.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25).

As a result of the limited number of proposals that can be submitted, UND will conduct an internal review of preproposals. Preproposals should consist of the following sections:

- Cover page listing the project name, collaborators, contact person, total budget amount
- Instrument(s) to be purchased or developed and its(their) function(s)
- Impact on the research program of the collaborators, department(s), and college(s)

Impact on the university's mission as a whole

Detailed budget.

Preproposals should be no more than three pages in length using a reasonable format (1 inch margins, font size 11, single-spaced). Preproposals are due in Research Development and Compliance (RD&C) by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010. Criteria used for reviewing preproposals will include appropriateness to the goal of the program; probability for funding by NSF; reasonableness of budgetary requests; and impact of the request on the university and the academic units involved. Investigators will be notified of the review results as soon as possible in order to provide as much time as possible to prepare a final proposal for submission.

#### NSF PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT SUBMISSION RESTRICTIONS

Research on Gender in Science and Engineering, (GSE), Program Solicitation #10-516,

[http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10516/nsf10516.htm?WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_25](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10516/nsf10516.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25).

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## IN THE NEWS

### Ghribi and Geiger appointed as editors of the "Journal of Alzheimer's Disease"

Othman Ghribi, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Therapeutics at The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, was named a senior editor for the "Journal of Alzheimer's Disease" (JAD). Senior editors solicit and handle review articles.

Jonathan Geiger, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Therapeutics, has been named a handling associate editor for the journal. Geiger will solicit articles for the journal from colleagues in the field—interesting work he sees at meetings, conferences, etc. — and have the manuscript submitted through him. The goal is to have the work in the "JAD" reflect the breadth of the associate editors' interests, not just the editors-in-chief, reviews editor, or senior editors. He will then shepherd the articles through the journal publication process.

Ghribi and Geiger were selected based on their acts of service for the "JAD": publishing articles, book reviews, commentaries, or guest editing special issues.

The "Journal of Alzheimer's Disease" is an international multidisciplinary journal with a mission to facilitate progress in understanding the etiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology, genetics, behavior, treatment and psychology of Alzheimer's disease. Drawing from worldwide resources, the "JAD" aims to bring to the forefront the latest in Alzheimer's disease research.

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### Murphy, Rosenberger, Combs and Picklo reappointed as editors of "Lipids"

Eric Murphy, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Therapeutics (PPT) at The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, was recently reappointed to a five-year term as editor in chief of "Lipids" by the governing board of the American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS). Founded in 1909, AOCS is an

international scientific society with more than 4,000 members in over 90 countries.

Thad Rosenberger, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Therapeutics, was reappointed as a senior associate editor for "Lipids." As a senior associate editor, he is responsible for maintaining the integrity and rigor of the peer-review system as well as having the authority on the final disposition of a manuscript. Rosenberger is responsible for manuscripts focused on lipid biochemistry in mammalian systems, with an emphasis on those dealing with inflammation and enzyme kinetics.

Colin Combs, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Therapeutics, has been reappointed as an associate editor for "Lipids." As an associate editor, he is responsible for initiating peer-review, ensuring that the process is fair and rigorous, and making a recommendation to the assigning senior associate editor or editor in chief regarding the disposition of the manuscript. Combs handles manuscripts primarily in the area of inflammatory response.

Matthew Picklo, adjunct associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics, has also been reappointed as an associate editor for "Lipids." Picklo handles manuscripts primarily in the area of lipid oxidation. He is a former associate professor in PPT who recently moved to the Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center.

"Lipids" focuses on publishing high-quality, peer-reviewed papers and invited reviews in the general area of lipid research, including chemistry, biochemistry, clinical nutrition and metabolism. In addition, "Lipids" publishes papers establishing novel methods for addressing research questions in the field of lipid research.

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Thelma E. Willett remembered

Thelma E. Willett, 86, former associate professor of music, died Dec. 21, 2009, at 4000 Valley Square, Grand Forks.

Thelma Elizabeth Willett was born the daughter of Philip S. and Betty (Jones) Willett on Feb. 6, 1923, in Mansfield, Ohio. She attended high school in Granville, Ohio. Following her graduation she attended the Denison University College in Granville where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree. She received her Masters Degree in Music from the University of Illinois and later attended the University of Michigan and the University of Indiana. Thelma taught music and piano at the University of Illinois and moved to Grand Forks in 1949. In Grand Forks, she taught at Wesley College until transferring to UND in 1953 to become associate professor of Music. She retired from the University in 1989.

Thelma's life touched many musicians in our community, both colleagues at the University and countless students. She also inspired her church family at the Federated Church with her musical leadership and dedication. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Mary Alice Willett.

The memorial service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5 in the Federated Church, 2122 17th Ave. South, Grand Forks. The interment will be at Welsh Hills Cemetery in Granville, Ohio. Memorials in Thelma's name may be sent to the Federated Church, 2122 17th Ave. South, Grand Forks, N.D. 58201, or the UND Foundation, designation Music Department at 3233 University Ave., Stop 8157, Grand Forks, N.D. 58202. The online memorial registry may be signed at [www.normanfuneral.com](http://www.normanfuneral.com)

## Gene A. Homandberg remembered

Gene A. Homandberg, chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, passed away in Grand Forks Monday, Dec. 21, at the age of 59.

Homandberg has held the respected William Cornatzer Chair in Biochemistry at UND since his appointment as professor and chair in 2002. He was a highly recognized researcher in osteoarthritis and cartilage physiology. In recognition of his work, he was bestowed the Dr. Ralph and Marian C. Falk Professor of Biochemistry endowed chair for six years at Rush Medical College in Chicago before his appointment at UND. In 1999, Homandberg was awarded permanent membership in the Frontiers in Bioscience Society of Scientists, based on his work in the regulation of cartilage metabolism in osteoarthritis.

An Iowa native, Homandberg pursued his education at the University of South Dakota where he earned his B.S. in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry. He served as a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Chemistry, Division of Biochemistry, at Purdue University, and later took advanced training as a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health Laboratory of Chemical Biology in the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolic and Digestive Disorders, Bethesda, Md.

Homandberg was a member of the American Society of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Biology, the Orthopedic Research Society, the Osteoarthritis Research Society and the American Cancer Society among others. He has written more than 75 research journal articles in addition to invited reviews and book chapters; reviewed manuscripts for prestigious journals and applications to a variety of federal and private funding organizations; and mentored six Ph.D. students and numerous undergraduates and medical students.

His favorite hobbies were: hiking, biking, rock climbing, photography, camping and all things outdoors. He also enjoyed technology and applying it to everything that he did.

Homandberg is survived by: his mother, Darleen Homandberg of Sioux Falls, S.D.; four sisters including Becky Richeal (Ron) of Oregon, Wis.; Vicky Gannon of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Connie Homandberg of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Mary Summey (Todd) of Lennox, S.D. He is also survived by one brother, Al Homandberg (Beth) of Four Seasons, Mo.

The family requests that memorials be directed to either the American Cancer Society or to the University of North Dakota Foundation—Cornatzer Endowment, 3100 University Ave. Stop 8157 Grand Forks, N.D. 58202-8157, (800) 543-8764 or 777-2611.

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