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TOP STORIES

Brekke named Vice President for Finance and Operations

Alice Brekke has been named the Vice President for Finance and Operations, President Dr. Robert Kelley announced May 7.

"I am delighted to appoint Alice Brekke as the Vice President of Finance and Operations. Alice brings a depth of understanding of the University, as well as a wealth of experience and expertise, to the leadership of our finance, facilities and residence services units. She has served exceptionally well as UND's Budget Director and as the Interim Vice President for Finance and Operations. I look forward to her continued contributions as part of UND's leadership team," said UND President Dr. Robert O. Kelley.

Interim vice president for finance and operations since Nov. 1, 2008, Brekke has served as Assistant to the President since 1998 and Budget Director since 1992. She was Director of Budget and Grants Administration, 1993-1999, and Director of Grants and Contracts, 1988-1993. Prior to that, she was with the School of Engineering and Mines, 1983-1988, where she served as an accountant, Director of Accounting, and Assistant to the Dean and Director of Support Services. She served as an accountant for the UND Engineering Experiment Station, 1979-1983.

Brekke earned a BSBA in accounting in 1979 and a Master of Accountancy in 1987. Both degrees are from UND.
-- Peter Johnson, Executive Associate Vice President for University Relations, 777-4317,
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U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan to give main address at UND's spring general commencement on Saturday, at the Alerus Center

UND graduate and United States senator from North Dakota, Byron L. Dorgan, will give the main address at UND's general commencement Saturday, 1:30 p.m., in the Alerus Center. More than 1,600 students, including law and medical, in separate events, are eligible to cross the stage when UND President Robert O. Kelley presides over his first UND spring commencement ceremonies. On average, UND graduates about 2,700 students in the summer, winter and spring.

At the general ceremony, UND will award two honorary Doctor of Letters degrees, one to Edwin Benson, known as the living history book of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribes; and LaVonne Russell Hootman, an innovator in nursing education who helped found UND's Recruitment and Retention of American Indians into Nursing (RAIN) program. UND will award its highest honor for faculty, the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorships to Jonathan Geiger, professor and chair of pharmacology, physiology & therapeutics; Michael Mann, professor and chair of chemical engineering; and Kathleen A. Tiemann, professor and chair of sociology and director of women studies.

In addition to the general commencement, the UND School of Law will hold its commencement ceremony at 10 a.m., this Saturday in the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Peter Pantaleo, New York managing partner of DLA Piper, is the speaker.

The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences will hold its commencement ceremonies Saturday, at 2 p.m., in the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Dr. Stephen Tinguely, associate professor and chair of pediatrics at the UND School of Medicine in Fargo, is the Medical School commencement speaker.

Sen. Byron L. Dorgan

Byron L. Dorgan was re-elected to a third term in the U.S. Senate in November 2004 with nearly 70 percent of the vote after serving two previous terms in the Senate and six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Since 1996, he has served in the Democratic Leadership as an Assistant Democratic Floor Leader, and since 1998, also as Chairman of the Senate Democratic Policy committee. He is the first North Dakotan to serve in the Senate Leadership.

In addition, Sen. Dorgan serves on four other Senate Committees. He is Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee and Chairman of the Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee within the Appropriations Committee. Also, he is a senior member of the Energy & Natural Resources Committee and the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, where he chairs the Aviation Operations, Safety and Security Subcommittee.

Sen. Dorgan conceived and created the Red River Valley Research Corridor, an effort to connect North Dakota's world class colleges and universities to federal high tech research and training efforts. The effort not only strengthens the nation, but also expands economic growth in North Dakota by bringing high tech federal research and training projects to North Dakota's institutions of higher learning.

A 2006 study found that, since its creation in 2002, the Red River Valley Research Corridor has generated \$759 million in positive economic impact and added thousands of jobs to the regional economy.

Sen. Dorgan is also working to position North Dakota to play a vital role in the nation's effort to achieve energy independence by reducing the nation's dependence on foreign oil. He is working to make significant long-term investment in renewable fuels, such as bio-fuels, wind energy and ethanol. He is also working to develop clean coal technology, increase energy efficiency, and the use of hydrogen.

Sen. Dorgan is the author of the New York Times bestseller, *Take This Job and Ship It: How Corporate Greed and Brain-Dead Politics Are Selling Out America*. This book, released in July of 2006, makes the case that exporting American jobs is a flawed long-term economic strategy that is turning into an economic disaster.

Sen. Dorgan was born in Dickinson and raised in the farming community of Regent, N.D. His family worked in the farm equipment and petroleum business and raised cattle and horses. He graduated from a high school class of nine students. He is married to Kim Dorgan and has four children: Scott, Shelly (deceased), Brendon, and Haley.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from UND and earned his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Denver. He later worked for a Denver-based aerospace firm.

Sen. Dorgan's public service career began at age 26, when he was appointed to the office of State Tax Commissioner in North Dakota. He was the youngest constitutional officer in North Dakota's history. He was re-elected to that office by large margins in 1972 and 1976, and was chosen one of "Ten Outstanding State Officials" in the United States by the Washington Monthly magazine.

Edwin Benson

Edwin Benson, with his intimate knowledge of the culture, customs, and stories of the three Tribes Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara living on the Fort Berthold Reservation, is widely considered by to be a living history book, a great teacher, and bridge through time. In his own language, Benson is known as I-Numak, which simply means The Man.

Benson has been employed since 1991 at the Twin Buttes School to teach the Mandan language to children. In 1996, at age 67, he received his Educators Professional Certificate from the state of North Dakota to teach Native American Studies. He currently teaches K-8.

One of the letters of recommendation said: His knowledge of our collective history, music, stories, values, customs, and beliefs is so very precious to all of us who regard him as a national treasure of our people. The knowledge that he carries connects us all with our living history, our ancestors, and our homelands. But it is his rare knowledge of, and expertise in, the disappearing Mandan language that makes him the rarest gem of all: he is the only person on the entire planet who is qualified to teach this language, and he has dedicated the remaining years of life to ensuring that it is carried into the future by coming generations of Mandan children.

Another recommender among the several from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation to nominate Benson for the UND honorary degree said: To the people of Fort Berthold, Edwin embodies the best qualities one can inherit of Mandan life.

LaVonne Russell Hootman

LaVonne Russell Hootman earned her bachelors degree in 1954 and a certificate as a family nurse practitioner in 1981, both from UND; a Masters degree in education in 1961 from the University of Minnesota; and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas-Austin in 1989. LaVonne served on the faculty of the UND College of Nursing from 1954 until her first retirement in 1994, and again in 1997-98 to direct the RAIN program, which she was instrumental in launching. She served as an assistant dean, acting dean, as associate dean, and other leadership roles during her tenure and was promoted to full professor in 1981.

Hootman is highly respected by her peers for her ongoing innovations in nursing education, such as teaching health assessment skills, developing the cooperative education course, and the ladder concept. She is recognized as instrumental in the conception, development, and ongoing success of the Recruitment and Retention of American Indians into Nursing (RAIN) program, a national model which has achieved unprecedented success over its 18 year history.

Hootman was appointed by the governor to the North Dakota Board of Nursing, where she served two terms, including time as Board President, as Vice President, and as Treasurer. She has also earned several major awards, including the Edgar Dale Award for distinguished teaching and service (UND, 1979); the North Dakota State Nurses Association Honorary Recognition Award (1980 and 1996); and induction into the North Dakota Nursing Association Hall of Fame (2004). In 1995, LaVonne, together with Loretta Heuer and Helen Kalsdorf, developed An Educational and Cultural Program: Nursing and Health Care in Russia/USA to provide a short-term cultural experience for student nurses.

One of the letters of recommendation said: Dr. Russell reached the pinnacle of her profession as evidenced by the impact she had on the College of Nursing faculty and students. Through her tenure, she initiated courses that remain to be a part of our current undergraduate nursing curriculum. Additionally, she changed the culture and environment of the College of Nursing through the development and implementation of the RAIN program.

Dr. Russell is well known and respected in the state of North Dakota and on regional reservations. Her scholarship in nursing and education fit well with the honorary doctoral degree. Dr. Russell's nomination for an honorary degree is timely because 2009 marks 100 years of nursing at UND and 50 years since the founding of the College of Nursing.

-- David L. Dodds, Writer/Editor, Office of University Relations, 777-5529, daviddodds@mail.und.edu

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Three UND professors will receive UND's highest faculty honor at commencement

UND President Robert O. Kelley will bestow the University's highest honor for faculty, the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professorship, on three professors during spring commencement ceremonies, Saturday, 1:30 p.m., at the Alerus Center. They are Jonathan Geiger, professor and chair of pharmacology, physiology, & therapeutics; Michael Mann, professor and chair of chemical engineering; and Kathleen A. Tiemann, professor and chair of sociology and director of women studies.

Jonathan Geiger

Jonathan Geiger, one of UND's most distinguished and productive scientific researchers and teachers, earned both his master's degree and Ph.D. in pharmacology and physiology at UND. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Windham College. Born and raised in Syracuse, N.Y., Geiger came to Winnipeg, Man., in 1982 to conduct post-doctoral training with Dr. Frank LaBella in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

In 1984 he accepted an appointment as assistant professor in the department of pharmacology and therapeutics in the faculty of medicine at the University of Manitoba. In 1989, he was promoted to associate professor, and in 1994, he was promoted to full professor. In 1999, he founded, and until, 2003 was the director of the division of neurovirology and neurodegenerative disorders at the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre.

In 2003, he moved to the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences as professor and chair of the department of pharmacology, physiology & therapeutics. Geiger's outstanding research has been consistently supported by a number of agencies, including the National Institutes of Health. He is principal investigator on numerous scientific grants, research awards and contracts.

Geiger's laboratory continuously has been funded by federal agencies since he began his career more than 25 years ago. Geiger is a principle investigator on the \$10-million Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant, focusing on mechanisms within the brain that cause neurological disorders, including Alzheimers and Parkinson's diseases and epilepsy. This is a very prestigious award, and its recent renewal

attests to the great success of this program.

Geiger is an enthusiastic and highly regarded teacher and carries an extensive teaching load. Additionally, he lectures regularly, locally, nationally and internationally, and is regularly quoted in, and interviewed by, the media about his research work.

Geiger has mentored a number of junior faculty and turned his department into a dynamic neuroscience-oriented scholarly program with an outstanding internationally recognized faculty. He also has served as a mentor for a long line of talented undergraduates, graduates and post-doctoral fellows.

Geiger's research is focused on determining underlying mechanisms and potential therapeutic interventions for sleep disorders and against neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, stroke, HIV-1 dementia and traumatic brain injury. His research has been supported by grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the U.S. National Heart, Lung and Blood Associations, the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke and the National Institutes on Aging.

Geiger has received two University of Manitoba "Presidential Outreach" awards for his work related to drug use by athletes and sport enthusiasts. In May 2000, he co-founded the Centre for Substance Use in Sport and Health (SUSH), a federally funded nonprofit organization. He continues to serve on a number of local, national and international committees and advisory boards. He has authored more than 125 publications in journals in his field as well as 10 book chapters. He continues to serve on editorial boards for prestigious scientific journals and grant review committees.

Michael Mann

Michael Mann, professor and chair of chemical engineering, received his bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics from Mayville State University in 1979. He got his master's degree in chemical engineering from UND in 1981. His Ph.D. in energy engineering was received in 1997, also from UND. He also completed an independent study for his master's of business administration degree from UND in 1988.

Mann has established a singular reputation in his academic career at UND as an exceptional researcher and teacher, and for his outstanding track record of service to the University and community. Since 1999, Mann has been awarded 27 grants as principal investigator totaling in excess of \$2.2 million, and more than 50 grants as co-PI with funding totaling more than \$15 million. He is one of UND's most prolific and accomplished researchers, leading the chemical engineering department to the 2005 Fellows of the University Award for Departmental Excellence in Research. He was the recipient of the 2006 Thomas J. Clifford Faculty Achievement Award for Individual Excellence in Research.

Mann is internationally recognized for his expertise and accomplishments in energy technologies. His principal areas of interest and expertise include advanced processes and technologies within the energy industry. Mann also has served as a group and project manager at the UND Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC).

A key indicator of Mann's performance is his outstanding academic record. His efforts in multi-disciplinary proposal submissions have been exceptionally successful. Funding success rates in engineering typically are less than 10 percent. Mann has a documented success rate topping 50 percent. He received a National Science Foundation Career Award, one of the highest achievements in science and engineering, in 2001, two years after joining the chemical engineering faculty as associate professor.

Mann co-founded the Sustainable Energy Research Initiative and Supporting Education group, or SUNRISE, research and education program. SUNRISE is a student centered, faculty organized supercluster comprising 28

faculty in 13 separate academic departments at UND, NDSU, Mayville State, and the North Dakota State College of Science-Wahpeton has received more than \$26 million in funding since its 2004 launch.

Mann has 167 major publications, plus more than 70 client reports, 33 posters, and 15 abstracts.

Mann, an Alsen, N.D., native, has been part of UND for more than 27 years. He was awarded a "Distinguished Alumni Award" from Mayville State University in 2006.

Kathleen A. Tiemann

Kathleen Tiemann, professor and chair of sociology, earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Grand Valley State University, and got her master's degree and Ph.D. from Western Michigan University. Her areas of expertise include gender and sexualities, social problems, teaching sociology and applied sociology.

Tiemann's 21-year academic career at UND is unusual in that she focused on developing improved instructional materials for introductory-level classes as a major component of her scholarly efforts. While virtually every other faculty member with a Ph.D. has dealt with entry-level courses only as a rite of passage, Tiemann made this critical level of instruction the center of her academic concern. Consequently, she remained an anchor for introductory classes and now has to her credit an anthology, the "Intersections Collection," which allows instructors to select articles from extensively reviewed lists of materials for the classroom.

She is managing editor for "Inequalities" and senior editor of the "Intersections Collection." In addition to her research in sociology teaching pedagogy, she has published in areas of traditional scholarship, most notably on gender and sexualities. She also has served as president of the Great Plains Sociological Association and of the Association for Humanist Sociology.

Tiemann's work has been recognized within the American Sociological Association and across the nation. She has written numerous sociology manuscripts including textbooks, instructors manuals and articles on teaching sociology. She has had several articles published in one of the disciplines most prestigious journals, "Teaching Sociology." She recently was appointed executive editor of the journal *Humanity & Society*.

Tiemann continues to devote considerable time and energy to teaching and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students. Her service as an adviser to student organizations, including Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, led to her "UND Memorial Union Leadership Recognition Award for Outstanding Student Organization Adviser." While her teaching and her main scholarly work focus on freshman-level instruction, Tiemann is one of the most productive thesis advisers for graduate students in the department and has encouraged many students to present their research in publications and at conferences.

Tiemann currently is secretary/treasurer of the American Sociological Association's Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology. Her leadership roles in professional organizations are indicators of the respect she has earned in the national arena.

She has published more than 30 articles in academic journals, including "Social Forces," "Teaching Sociology," "Journal of Homosexuality," "Applied Behavioral Science Review," "Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs" and "Humanity & Society," and she has given more than 50 presentations at professional meetings.

-- David L. Dodds, Writer/Editor, University Relations, 777-5529, daviddodds@mail.und.edu

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Open forums set for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Director candidates

The search committee for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Director invites members of the UND campus

community to attend the open forums for the three finalists who will be taking part in on-campus interviews. Each candidate will give a 15-20 minute presentation on "The future of Unmanned Aircraft Systems and how UND's Center of Excellence fits into it" followed by a 20 minute question and answer session.

Dennis Mischel - Chief, Target Systems, Department of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, DC;
Thursday, May 14, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Clifford Hall, Room 210

Doug Marshall - Associate Professor of Aviation, UND;
Friday, May 15, 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., Clifford Hall, Room 210

Jeff Kappenman - Director Army UAS, Aviation Center, Ft. Rucker, AL;
Friday, May 29, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Clifford Hall, Room 210

-- Debbie Landeis, Admin. Secretary, Aerospace, Dean's Office, landeis@aero.und.edu, 777-2935

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EVENTS TO NOTE

Doctoral examination set for Kathleen J. Hanna

The final examination for Kathleen J. Hanna, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Teaching & Learning, is set for 10 a.m., May 14, in room 135, Starcher Hall. The dissertation title is: Student Perceptions of Teacher Comments: Relationships Between Specific Aspects of Teacher Comments and Writing Apprehension. Dr. Dave Yearwood and Dr. Gail Ingwolson (Technology and Teaching & Learning) are the committee co-chairs.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, gradschool.und.edu, 777-4005

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Nursing conference brings nation's experts to Grand Forks

National nursing experts will be in Grand Forks, ND, May 18-20 to take part in the Midwest Nurse Educator's Academy. The event is being held at the Alerus Center.

The conference, which brings together nurse educators from across the nation, aims to help educators develop faculty skills and provide education on the technology that is changing the face of nursing education - clinical simulation.

Clinical simulation is quickly becoming a key educational tool in nursing programs across the country.

Healthcare has progressed to the point where prevention of disease and serious illness is the focus. Very few patients stay in hospitals for an extended period of time and, as a result, the clinical experiences available to nursing students present few opportunities for care.

Through the use of clinical simulation equipment, students have the opportunity to learn hands-on what it takes to work in an emergency situation, how to diagnose more effectively and ultimately to be better prepared for any critical situation they could face. These simulations help to make students more efficient in their approach to patient care.

"We are very excited about this conference," said Helen Melland, interim dean of nursing.

"This conference is the first of its kind for North Dakota," said Cheryl Stauffenecker, project coordinator. "LPNs

to Ph.D. - prepared nurses have collaborated on the planning to offer enhanced learning opportunities for educators, as well as strengthening educator-to-educator partnerships."

All attendees will be given hands-on simulation opportunities and will learn how to incorporate this exciting new technology into their nursing curriculum. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues experiencing similar issues and to network with experts in the world of nursing academia.

Keynote speakers include Pamela Jeffries, associate dean for academic affairs at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, who 'wrote the book' on clinical simulation in nursing and Christine Keenan, education coordinator at Washington Hospital Center in Arlington, VA, who is nationally known for her work with simulation education.

"We are excited to be a part of this groundbreaking event," shares Pat Traynor, president of Dakota Medical Foundation. "This event links directly with our mission to improve health and access to healthcare services. Nurse educators are coming together to learn new and more efficient ways of educating tomorrow's workforce. The knowledge gained will have a direct impact on how new nurses will deliver healthcare."

Nearly 200 nurse educators from across the region have already registered for this stimulating conference. For further information or to register <http://www.conted.und.edu/nurseeducator/>

The conference is sponsored by the UND College of Nursing, the North Dakota Nursing Education Consortium, Partners Investing in Nursing's Future, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Dakota Medical Foundation.
-- Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Officer, College of Nursing, beckycournia@mail.und.edu, 777-4526

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Open session for Nursing Dean candidate Sally Reel is May 12

Dr. Sally Reel, a candidate for Dean of Nursing and currently a clinical professor, associate dean for academic practice, coordinator/director of nurse practitioner specialties at the University of Arizona College of Nursing as well as director of the Arizona Area Health Education Centers Program, will make a campus presentation on Tuesday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the East Asian Room of the Chester Fritz Library. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Dr. Reel has a Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Virginia, a MSN from West Virginia University, and a BSN and ASN from Salem College in West Virginia. Before her move to Tucson in 2001, Dr. Reel was a clinical associate professor and project director/PI, Appalachian Rural Outreach Primary Care Nursing Center in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Marshall University, WV.

-- Martha A. Potvin, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

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Open forums set for Vice President for Research and Economic Development candidates

The search committee for the Vice President for Research & Economic Development is pleased to invite all members of the UND campus community to attend the open forums for the four finalists who will be taking part in on-campus interviews. Refreshments will be served at all open forums.

Dr. John Sladek - Professor of Pediatrics & Neuroscience, School of Medicine; former Vice Chancellor of Research, University of Colorado Denver

Monday, May 18, 4 to 5 p.m., Badlands Room, Memorial Union.

The forums for candidate Dr. Jerry Malayer, Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Education, Oklahoma State University, Dr. Sadiq Shah, Associate Vice President for Research & Economic Development, Western Kentucky University, and Dr. Phyllis Johnson, Research Associate, Smithsonian Institute; former director, USDA Agriculture Research Service, are complete.

-- Hesham El-Rewini, Chair, VPRED Search Committee, and Dean, School of Engineering & Mines.

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Farewell reception for Keith Wildermuth is May 13

The Information Technology Systems and Services staff invites you to a farewell reception honoring Keith Wildermuth, senior systems administrator, in the ITSS Conference Room, 371 Upson II, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13. Please join us in wishing him well.

-- Carol Hjelmstad, Administrative Assistant, ITSS.

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3621

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Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics Seminar is May 13

Zhigang Xiong, M.D., Ph.D., Senior Scientist and Director, Neurophysiology Program, Robert S. Dow Neurobiology Laboratories, will present a seminar titled "Acid-sensing ion channels as novel therapeutic target for neurological disorders" on Wednesday, May 13 at 2 p.m., School of Medicine and Health Sciences, room 3933.

This seminar is sponsored by the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence Pathophysiological Signaling in Neurodegenerative Disorders and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics. All are welcome to attend.

-- Deb Kroese, Administrative Officer, Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics,

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Art Camps for Children accepting applications

The Summer Arts Camps for children offered by the North Dakota Museum of Art are filling quickly. The following camps have openings:

June 29 - July 3, One, Two, Three Print

July 6 - 10, Close-Up Painting

July 20 - 24, It's So Easy Being Green

July 27 - Aug 1, Animal Zoo

August 3 - 7, Mosaic Madness and More

Camps allow youth to imagine and create alongside a professional artist. Each camp brings a new project and a new artist. No experience is needed.

Call the Museum for details or to register. Or visit the Museum's website www.ndmoa.com for these and other children's programs.

-- Sue Fink, Director of Education, North Dakota Museum of Art, sfink@ndmoa.com, 777-4195

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Staff Recognition Luncheon tickets on sale

The 2009 Recognition Ceremony for Staff Personnel will be held Tuesday, May 19 at the Memorial Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m. Employees will be recognized for years of service in five-year increments, 10 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 Human Resources, 313 Twamley Hall, for \$4 each or from the human resources manager in your department. Tickets must be purchased no later than Wednesday, May 13. All members of the University community are invited.

Anyone wishing to participate in the luncheon that may require an accommodation should contact me at 777-4367 or e-mail joyjohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu.

-- Joy Johnson, Human Resources

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Advanced screenwriting camp offered

An advanced screenwriting camp will be held May 18-22, from 6 to 8 p.m., on UND campus. The camp is intended for the writer who has completed a feature-length screenplay and wishes to polish it before submitting to contests, producers, or even producing it themselves. We will examine each screenplay using a check-point system based on David Trottier and Linda Seger's work. At the end of the week, the instructor will collect revised scripts and provide written coverage on them, usually costing hundreds of dollars. However, we are offering 10 hours of instruction and coverage for \$100. Twenty percent of all registration fees will go toward providing scholarships for this summer's UND moviemaking camp for youth at UND. Six participants are needed in order to run the camp.

For more information, go to www.english.und.edu or call 777-2787

-- Kathleen King, Sr. Lecturer, English & Women Studies, kathleen_king@und.nodak.edu, 777-2787

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International Symposium on Restorative Justice will take place June 15-19

You are invited to the International Symposium on Restorative Justice, June 15-19, hosted and sponsored by the UND Conflict Resolution Center, with generous support from the N.D. Tribal Judicial Institute.

Featured Events:

June 15, 16, & 17: Learn to become a Facilitator the Circle Process - with Kay Pranis

June 18 & 19: Featured Presentations on Restorative Justice

- In Schools and the Community
- In Juvenile Court & with Youth
- In Prisons, Rehabilitation & Corrections
- Victim-Offender Mediation
- Special Luncheon Featuring Ojibwe Elder, Spiritual Leader Tony DePerry (Thursday)

Special Opening Ceremony / Cultural Event, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Hopper/Danley Center at UND

Featured Guests:

- Kay Pranis - Formerly with MN Dept. of Corrections / Author / National Reputation
- Paul Redekop - Menno Simon & U. of Winnipeg / Author / International Reputation
- Experts in Policing, Corrections, Victim-Offender Mediation

Susan Stacey (MN Dept. of Corr.)

David Hines (former MN Police Officer)

John Gehm (SD, Victim-Offender work)

Wesley Black Elk (MN Prisons, Corrections)

Dr. Maria Cuzzo (University of Wisconsin Superior - Prisons, Organizations, Transformative Mediation)

- Experts in Juvenile Corrections & Youth Programs in the Community

Jill Wenger (Clay County Sheriff's Dept.)

Kathy Bergseth (Clay C. Sheriff's Dept)

Deb Carlson (Grand Forks Juvenile Court)

Janell Regimbal (Lutheran Social Services)

- Experts in Schools & Community-Based Restorative Justice

Nora Antoine (Peace Courts, Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota)

Cindy Skalsky (MN Schools RJ Programs)

Lorrie Meier (The Village Family Services - Family Group Conferencing)

Cara Halgren (UND Dean of Students office - campus based restorative justice)

Tony DePerry, Ojibwe Nation, American Indian Circles and Restorative Justice

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-- Kristine Paranica, Director, UND Conflict Resolution Center, 777-3664

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Institutional Review Board will meet June 3

UND's Institutional Review Board will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, in 404 Twamley Hall, to consider all research proposals submitted to the IRB Office before Friday, May 22.

Clinical medical projects must be reviewed by the Clinical Medical Subcommittee before being brought to the Full Board. Proposals for these projects are due in the Institutional Review Board Office before Friday, May 15.

Minutes from the meeting will be available in the IRB Office approximately one week after the meeting.

-- *Kathy Smart, Ed.D., Chair, Institutional Review Board, janetelshaug@mail.und.edu, 777-4279*

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Hamline Square Apartment tours are May 13, 14

Tours of the new apartments managed by UND Housing, currently under construction, near Ralph Engelstad Arena are now available. Dates for the tours are as follows: Wednesday, May 13, from 3 to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, May 14, from Noon to 2 p.m. All units are not complete; however, students, faculty and staff are welcome to tour a 3-bedroom unit in the west building.

Park near the retail strip mall and meet at the south entrance of the west building (1100 Hamline St). Tours will be ongoing during the times above. For more information, contact the Housing Office at 777-4251. Find rental rates and floor plans on the website at <http://www.housing.und.edu/apartments/hamline.html>.

Hamline Square includes 77 spacious apartments with air conditioning, dishwashers, microwaves, laundry hook-ups and underground heated parking. Water and garbage collection will be included in the monthly rent. To be eligible for Hamline Square, the leaseholder needs to be a UND student, 21 years of age or older, by December 31, or eligible for family housing.

-- *Judy Sargent, Director, Residence Services, judysargent@mail.und.edu, 777-4251*

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Retirement reception honoring George Seielstad is May 14

All are welcome to attend a retirement reception in honor of George Seielstad, Thursday, May 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the North Dakota Museum of Art. Please join us. George Seielstad has served UND since 1993. He

developed the Upper Midwest Aerospace Consortium (UMAC), a major research collaboration dedicated to delivering benefits to society derived from Earth observing, including the Agricultural Camera (AgCam). Seielstad served as director of the Northern Great Plains Center for People and the Environment, principal investigator of the National Suborbital Education and Research Center (NSERC), and Oliver Benediktson Professor of Astrophysics. Before coming to UND, he had an active career as a radio astronomer, first at the California Institute of Technology's Owens Valley Radio Observatory, then at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, W.Va., where he was Site Director.

-- Karen Katrinak, *Science Analyst, Center for People & Environment*, katrinak@aero.und.edu, 777-2482

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University Within the University (U2) lists new classes

Defensive Driving

May 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Skalicky Tech Incubator, Room 211

This workshop is required by State Fleet for all UND employees who drive State Fleet vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a State Fleet vehicle. Employees are encouraged to bring a family member (spouse and/or dependents). This workshop may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record. Presenter: Tom Brockling

Internet Safety for Kids: A Parent's Guide

May 21, 1 to 3:30 p.m., Upson II, Room 361

The Internet can help kids learn, communicate, and socialize, but it also exposes them to certain risks. This seminar will help parents learn how to protect their young children and teens and keep them safe online. Some of the topics include risks associated with popular Internet tools and social networking sites; how to filter objectionable Web content and use parental control software; cyberbullying and how to prevent it; how to educate children about Internet predators; and Web resources for parents to learn and then use to educate their children. Presenter: Brad Miller.

-- Patricia Young, *U2 Coordinator, Continuing Education*, patriciayoung@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-0720

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UND Alumni Association celebration is June 12

The UND Alumni Association will celebrate 120 years with a champagne toast during its annual meeting on Friday, June 12, at 11 a.m. in the J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center. All are invited to stop Attend.

-- Amanda Hvidsten, *Director of Alumni Relations & Marketing*

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VP research candidate Johnson discusses experience

Phyllis Johnson, research associate with the Smithsonian Institute, adjunct assistant professor at the University of Maryland College Park and a candidate for vice president for research and economic development, discussed her experience at an open forum May 6. Johnson, a Grand Forks native, holds bachelor's and doctoral degrees in chemistry from UND. She served as a laboratory instructor at what is now the University of Mary in Bismarck from 1971 to 1972. She began working at the Grand Forks USDA Human Nutrition Research Center as a graduate student in 1975, and moved through the ranks as a postdoc, chemist, research chemist, and research leader. She was named associate director of the Pacific West Area, USDA Agricultural Research Service in California, in 1976. That same year she became associate director of the Beltsville Area USDA ARS. She was named director of that branch in 1997 and remained in that position until 2008, when she chose early retirement rather than transfer to California. She then moved to her present positions, where she works with scientific policy and represents the U.S. government at an international level regarding scientific collections.

Johnson said she has exposure to a large range of scientific disciplines, including every area of food and agriculture. As director of the Beltsville ARS, she supervised 325 people with doctorates and 1,800 staff. When she transferred to Beltsville, she said they were just beginning to commercialize their research, and she pushed technology transfer there. "It became a model for federal laboratories," she said. She has managed a broad range of research, from etymology to genomics to remote sensing.

She then took questions from the audience, the answers to which are summarized below.

Regarding the possibility of transitioning to a university setting, Johnson said there are more similarities than differences between the ARS and a university. The difference, she said, is that a university has a teaching mission, where the Center employed students in labs. She said that scientists and scholars tend to be similar, with an inner vision of where they want their work to progress, and that her job would be to provide the tools and get out of their way. Johnson said she has worked with programs to bring students into the labs, and would like to teach a course. She said that economic development and commercialization activities would be similar, and that she would work to bridge the gap between scientists and business people to create salable products.

About supporting the humanities, Johnson said she was an honors student as an undergraduate at UND, and was required to take more arts and humanities courses than many other students. "I'm grateful for that," she said. "Arts and humanities are important." All creative activities, she added, are valuable. "Arts and humanities set us apart, help us understand the world, help us learn to think and communicate better," she said. She added that if the University values creativity and scholarship, we should find ways to support it. "Part of my job would be to find the money, help people learn to write grants, and look at the rewards systems," she said. For example, she said, at Founders Day, we could recognize scholarship with awards for art, books, and more. "If people are going to feel valued, they need to be recognized when they do well."

One audience member asked if it would be possible to be paid for their time spent writing and thinking. It's hard to have an opinion without knowing more, Johnson said, but it would be worth examining. "Funds are always limited, and we need to set priorities and seek input." A follow-up question asked whether these types of activities should be funded. Johnson said that she prefers to function without making unilateral, top-down decisions, especially when she doesn't know anything about it. "I would bring people together, hear what they have to say, and then make a decision," she said. "I don't want to be the czar of research and creative activity, I want to be a facilitator who listens before making a decision."

Another questioner then asked whether lab work would receive similar scrutiny regarding funding. The issue is not whether research in the arts and humanities needs to be done, but how to allocate resources, Johnson replied, adding that she would need input before making decisions both on humanities and scientific activities. Another audience member said that people in the arts and humanities want to know that the person in charge of research understands and supports what they do: produce knowledge. "There is some anxiety," that person acknowledged, "and we seek passion for our research. Arts and humanities grants won't cover time, and we need support for time to write and think." Johnson said there are many kinds of research, and knows that research takes extensive periods of time. Though she is not an artist, musician, or author, she enjoys the products of that creativity, and would like to better understand arts and humanities needs. Without that understanding, she said, it's very hard to help. "I would like to sit down and learn how you write, paint, create, and then figure out how to make things better."

If she were to be named vice president, an audience member asked Johnson how she would prepare for the transition to dealing with arts and humanities. "The best way to find out what arts and humanities need is to talk to people doing those activities," she said. "I learned a long time ago that saying, 'I'm from the

government and I'm here to help you,' doesn't work." She said she would draw on her experience with community organizing, find out what people are interested in, and identify issues to address.

It's important for faculty to have a role in developing research policy, as well as priority use of money, said Johnson. "It's important to have input from faculty and anyone else affected," she added. "It's easy to issue fiats, but then you have to fix the consequences." She said that no policy will make everyone happy, but more workable policies emerge when there is input. "I will make decisions, but I prefer input first."

Undergraduate research is invaluable, said Johnson, who performed research both in high school and as an undergraduate. The experience helps students understand how big their field is beyond the textbook. "It gives students confidence and makes them competitive."

The role of the vice president for research and economic development is to serve as a focal point for research and scholarly activities, Johnson said. In addition to ensuring compliance, that person would facilitate planning and funding. "Where the potential for commercial applications exists," she said, she would figure out how to make it happen. She said she would be the chief marketer for research and creative activity, and help legislators and others understand its importance.

When asked how else she'd encourage research, Johnson said that she would reward behavior and encourage interdisciplinary work. At Beltsville, she said, there were 35 labs, which are similar to university departments. Once a year, she gathered all investigators in a room to discuss their work. She said she learned a great deal, people appreciated the opportunity to talk about their work, and she would like to do something like that at UND.

Regarding economic development, she said there are obvious areas, such as aerospace and EERC. However, she said that the research division has patents, but she doesn't know if they have licensed technology. She said she would work to translate research into products and jobs. For example, she said, a project involving engineering at both UND and NDSU, as well as the medical school, could result in commercialization. "I want to help graduates in other fields stay and get jobs here," she said.

When asked if she would advocate for faculty regarding the control of indirect cost monies, Johnson said she would. She added that another funding source is needed to encourage activity, since there is very little discretionary money. In response to a follow-up questions, she said that if the University values research and creative activity, it has to be in the budget, and other funding sources could include the legislature, public, and private sources. "The state worries about outmigration of young people, and we must create jobs for them," she said.

An audience member asked Johnson to describe a time she made a wrong decision and how she dealt with it. Johnson said that when she was in California, she had deputy responsibility for three labs in Hawaii, and that, under her director's orders, whenever she visited the labs, the first thing she did was visit the Hawaii senator's office, "get beat up," and then try to work with the University of Hawaii, which was ordered not to cooperate with the USDA. This went on for five years, she said. Then, after she was put in charge, she decided to hold a workshop and invite the agricultural community in Hawaii. They expected around 50 people and had 125. She learned, she said, that the fruitfly research that USDA had been conducting for the last 20 years was not what was needed. The real problems were a virus and nematode that affected pineapple and other areas, which posed a danger to agriculture in the state. So she convinced her headquarters to research the problems. It was a turning point in Hawaii," she said. "We redirected the research, the Congressional delegation was thrilled, and we were funded for a new building."

Johnson said she recognizes that faculty who are expected to increase research without a corresponding

decrease in other responsibilities can burn out. She said that UND can't grow research and creative activity without more faculty, and one solution may be to assign a postdoctoral student to each faculty member. "UND has increased its research in the last 10 years, and it will continue to grow," she said. "But we can't sustain that upward trajectory indefinitely without more people."

"Chance favors the prepared mind," Johnson replied to a question asking how she would set priorities if a large sum of money were suddenly available. She said one of her favorite questions is what she would do with a million dollars, and that she would have that information in mind. That and a sense of strategic priorities would help the University respond quickly. She said that her process would involve dialogue with faculty and not be entirely top-down. "The administration can lay out a vision, but we need input," she said.

When asked how she perceives the UND strategic plan, she said there are a lot of little operational goals and some vague strategies. She said the University needs to identify areas on which to build, and that we can't be all things to all people. She would continue energy research, biomedicine (especially neuroscience), proteomics, and human nutrition. One audience member commented that her list contained scientific areas instead of humanities. Johnson responded that the audience member made a good point, and that should be addressed if the University develops another strategic plan.

Regarding a fissure between humanities and sciences, Johnson said she would try to heal the wound by paying attention to the arts and humanities and find points of intersection and dialogue, looking for ways to work together.

Responding to a comment that a significant portion of the general public doesn't know much about UND, Johnson said she would like to create opportunities for people to come together. For example, she said, she would bring in speakers who could engage and bring the community and University together.

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3621

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Faculty and administrative staff are encouraged to participate in 2009 general spring commencement

Faculty and administrative staff are encouraged to march in UND's General Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 16. The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Alerus Center. Faculty and administrative staff are asked to wear academic regalia, report to the Hawk Room at the Alerus Center, and then assemble in the Ballroom no later than 1 p.m. For easiest access to the Hawk Room, enter the Alerus Center through door #6 on the east side of the building. Staff volunteers and student marshals will be on hand to help all faculty and administrative staff participants.

Faculty members recently received an invitation from Vice President for Academic Affairs, Paul LeBel, inviting them to participate in the ceremony. As outlined in that invitation, faculty members are asked to contact their dean's office by May 13 to confirm their plans to participate in the ceremony.

Administrative staff members are also cordially invited to march in the commencement processional in academic regalia. During the ceremony, administrative staff will be seated with the faculty of the college representing the discipline of their highest academic degree. Those planning to participate should contact Terri Machart in the Office of the Vice President for Student and Outreach Services at 777-2724 by May 13 to confirm their plans.

Please contact the Office of Ceremonies and Special Events at 777-2724 with any questions.

-- Robert O. Kelley, President, President's Office, rokelly@mail.und.edu, 777-2121

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UND to offer online master of science in early childhood education

Starting this fall, UND will offer the state's first online master's degree in early childhood education.

"The Early Childhood Education master's degree from the University of North Dakota is being offered nationwide because of the quality of the program, cost, and because graduates have given positive feedback about the program over the years," said Dr. Glenn Olsen, professor and chair of UND's Department of Teaching and Learning.

The online degree typically takes 18 to 24 months to complete. To graduate, students must complete 33 credits. The program is designed for working adults who are unable to complete a traditional, on-campus program. The online program may be completed on a full or part-time basis from anywhere in the world. Tuition for online courses is charged at the North Dakota resident rate regardless of where the student lives.

Olsen commented, "The online delivery has been in the planning stages for several years, and we have the resources and expertise in online development and teaching to support the growth of graduate students. We look forward to many positive experiences with students around the country and the world."

Students pursuing this degree come from a variety of work settings including public and private schools, Head Start programs, child development and child care centers, and other programs relating to the education of young children.

Job growth is expected, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, due to a push to improve early childhood education in many states by offering full-day kindergarten and universal preschool programs. These programs, along with projected higher enrollment growth for preschool age children, will create many new jobs for preschool teachers.

For more information about the degree, contact UND Online & Distance Education at www.distance.und.edu/degrees or 1-800-342-8230.

About UND College of Education & Human Development

The College of Education and Human Development at UND is among the largest and most extensive colleges of its kind between Minneapolis and Seattle. The College possesses an excellent reputation in the region and boasts highly reputed and popular academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, productive and innovative faculty and staff, extensive network of distance programs, and a talented and diverse student body.

-- Jennifer Swangler, Assitant Director to Marketing, Continuing Education, jenniferswangler@mail.und.edu, 777-6374

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New courses offered in the College of Business and Public Administration

The College of Business and Public Administration is pleased to announce two new course offerings for Fall semester 2009, available to all graduate and undergraduate students at UND.

The graduate course, Entrepreneurship Strategy (Mgmt 575), will be taught by Dr. Jeffrey Stamp and will explore entrepreneurial theory and strategic actions taken by entrepreneurs to gain competitive advantages in the marketplace. The course will involve the study and investigation of cases and business plans developed by entrepreneurs and what strategies can be utilized to change outcomes. This course is open to all UND graduate

students who are interested in the entrepreneurial process and who wish to pursue business ventures during their career. For more information about the course, please contact Dr. Jeffrey Stamp at 777-3116 or via email at: jeff.stamp@und.edu.

The second available course offering is a special topics course in Renewable Energy Economics (BADM 395). This course does not have any required prerequisites and is available to all UND undergraduate majors. The course will explore the fundamentals of renewable energy economics, a recent phenomenon that will drive vital changes in the energy industry in 21st century. The course will also introduce students to various sources of renewable energy and discusses their economic impact and the potential for enhanced investor wealth. This course may be of particular interest to science, engineering, and business students who are interesting in green energy and seek to understand how to benefit financially from next-generation renewable energy projects. Dr. Yong Hou will serve as the course instructor and students may register through standard registration procedures. Any additional questions about the course and its content can be addressed to Dr. Hou at 777-3116 or via email at Yong.Hou323@gmail.com.

The College of Business and Public Administration offers 15 undergraduate and 4 graduate degree granting programs from nine academic departments. The College of Business and Public Administration is also host to two bureaus and two outreach divisions: the Bureau of Governmental Affairs, the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, as well as the Center for Innovation and the Small Business Development Center. The college enrolls an average of 1,750 undergraduate and 170 graduate students per year and carries accreditation endorsements from the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), and the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT). The College of Business and Public Administration has been nationally rated by Entrepreneur magazine and Princeton Review as one of the Top 10 best schools for undergraduate programs in Entrepreneurship for the past three years.

For more information, check out www.business.und.edu

-- CK Braun-Schultz, Director, External Relations, College of Business & Public Administration,
ck.schultz@mail.business.und.edu, 777-6937

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Reflecting on Teaching conference: Call for proposals

The Office of Instructional Development and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs are sponsoring Reflecting on Teaching: An All-Campus Colloquium on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL), to be held on Friday, October 16 at the UND Memorial Union. The all day colloquium will provide an opportunity for faculty from across campus and the Northern Plains region to engage in discussion about their research on teaching and learning in concurrent panel discussions, forums, workshops, round tables, and individual presentations.

The featured keynote speaker will be John Tagg, Professor of English at Palomar College and a Core Faculty Member with The Collaboration's Institute for Academic Innovation. Mr. Tagg is co-author, with Robert Barr, of "From Teaching to Learning: A New Paradigm for Higher Education," (Change, 1995) which launched a nationwide discussion of the mission of higher education. Tagg has authored several books on teaching and learning, including The Learning Paradigm College (2003). He serves on the Editorial Review Board of the International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and the Journal on Centers for Teaching and Learning.

We invite proposals for the concurrent sessions, each of which will be one hour and fifteen minutes in length. Presenters might want to propose a topic and format for an entire session, a 20 minute presentation within a

session, or perhaps an idea for a theme or issue that could be developed into a panel with the assistance of the colloquium organizers.

Appropriate topics for any of the above session formats might include, for example: innovative teaching approaches (e.g., experiential/service learning, active learning, problem or case-based learning); assessment of student learning in courses; the journey to effective assessment of programs; classroom research; engaging and motivating students; the purpose and nature of a university education; innovative curricular design (e.g., interdisciplinary collaboration), etc.

Please submit proposals by May 22 to Anne Kelsch, Office of Instructional Development, Box 7104, 7-4233, anne.kelsch@und.edu, or Melinda Leach, Anthropology, Box 8374, 7-3697, melinda.leach@und.edu.

Proposals should include name(s) and titles of presenters, department/unit, telephone and e-mail address, presentation title, a 1-2 paragraph description of presentation (including structure, objectives, content, etc.), technology requirements, and whether you have a preferred presentation time (8:30-11:30, 2:00-4:30, or either).

Notification of proposal acceptance will be provided by June 5.

-- Melinda Leach, Associate Professor, Anthropology, melinda.leach@und.nodak.edu, 777-3697

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ND EPSCoR awards graduate student research assistantships

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) is pleased to announce the 2009 - 2011 Graduate Student Research Assistantship (GSRA) awards at UND.

UND GSRA awardees and their faculty advisors are Daniel V. Roggenbuck, II, Minot State University, Dr. G. Kanishka Marasinghe, Department of Physics; and Eric Schmid, Jamestown University, Dr. Frank Bowman, Department of Chemical Engineering.

The goal of the GSRA program is to increase educational research opportunities for graduating seniors from North Dakota baccalaureate universities to obtain M.S. and/or Ph.D. degrees in science, engineering, and mathematics at North Dakota's two research universities, UND and NDSU.

-- Mark R. Hoffmann, Assistant Vice President for Research and Co-Project Director, ND EPSCoR, 777-2492

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Intro to Music Therapy offered in three-week summer course

MUSC 180, Intro to Music Therapy, will be offered for the first time in a three week summer semester, beginning June 29.

Please make advisees aware that this class does satisfy three credits of Gen Ed/Essential Studies requirements in the area of Social Sciences. Majors in affiliated fields to music therapy, such as occupational therapy, psychology, speech-language pathology, and counseling are especially encouraged, as topics touching all these areas are discussed in terms of clientele and music perception.

-- Andrew Knight, Asst. Professor, Music, andrew.knight@und.nodak.edu, 777-2836

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Extended Writing Across the Curriculum workshop

offered in June

A six-session afternoon workshop on Writing Across the Curriculum will be offered for faculty on June 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 23 from 1 to 4:30. This workshop is designed to enable faculty to focus intensively, and in collaboration with colleagues from across campus, on developing or redeveloping the writing component of a particular course or course sequence. Up to 10 faculty can be accommodated in this workshop, and participating faculty will receive stipends of \$600 (subject to standard deductions).

For more information about this workshop, or to apply, please contact Shane Winterhalter(777-6381) or shanewinterhalter@mail.und.nodak.edu as soon as possible.

-- *Shane Winterhalter, Interim Writing Center, University Writing Program,*
shanewinterhalter@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-6381

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Steven Parsons named men's and women's swimming coach

UND Director of Athletics Brian Faison announced today that Steven Parsons has been named head men's and women's swimming coach.

A former assistant at UND, Parsons spent the past four years as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at East Carolina University, a Division I program that competes in Conference USA. While at East Carolina, Parsons coached 58 all-conference performers and had 40 school records broken during his tenure. He mentored one NCAA Division I national qualifier and two DI B cut performers.

During the 2005-06 season, Parsons helped lead East Carolina to Conference USA runner-up finishes on both the men's and women's side. In his four years at ECU, the Pirates amassed a 36-7 womens dual meet record and a 26-12-1 mens dual meet record.

"Coach Parsons brings a unique combination of Division I experience and a personal familiarity with the UND swimming and diving program that will serve us well as we continue the Division I transition," said Faison.

Before joining the ECU staff, Parsons spent the 2004-05 season as an assistant coach at UND and helped the lead the men's team to a third-place finish and the women's team to a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Division II Championship. In his lone season with UND, Parsons mentored four national champions, 18 All-Americans, 21 national qualifiers and 26 North Central Conference champions. UND's men's program won the 2005 NCC championship and the women's program took runner-up honors, while five conference records were broken by UND swimmers.

"I am very excited to be coming back to the University of North Dakota and the swimming and diving program," said Parsons. "This is a great time to be part of the UND athletics family and I am looking forward to the challenge of moving the swimming and diving program forward."

"I am extremely impressed with the amount of pride everyone has in the UND athletics programs, from the administration to the coaches to the athletes to the fans. It is great knowing that I am coming into a program and athletic department with such a strong level of support and spirit."

Parsons' other NCAA coaching experience includes stints as an assistant coach at Ashland University (2003-04) and Wheeling Jesuit University (2000-02). He helped lead WJU to two consecutive combined conference team titles and two straight men's conference championships. Parsons also served as interim head coach and aquatics director at WJU during the spring of 2001 and guided four NCAA Division II qualifiers to seven All-

America awards.

A 1997 graduate of Ashland University with a bachelors degree in biology, Parsons was a three-time All-American and served as a team captain as a junior and senior. He received a masters degree in business administration from Wheeling Jesuit in 2002.

Parsons is certified by the American Swim Coaches Association (ASCA) and is a member of both the ASCA and the College Swim Coaches Association of America.

UND's swimming and diving program recently completed its first season as a Division I program. UND competed in the Conference USA Championship and Invitational in February, where the UND men and women broke 19 school records and recorded four NCAA Division I B cut times. UND placed fourth in the men's standings and fifth in the women's standings.

Prior to the Division I transition, UND won 25 NCC womens team championships and 21 mens team championships. The men placed in the top five in each of their last eight appearances at the NCAA Division II Championship, while the women earned top-five showings in six of their last eight years.

-- Jayson Hajdu, Media Relations Director, Athletics, 777-2985, www.fightingsioux.com

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Christopher L. Flynn named Records Manager

Join us as we welcome Christopher L. Flynn as the new Records Manager for UND. Chris is an experienced records manager, having consulted in this field and worked as a Records Officer for the University of Idaho. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and participated in a graduate program in History Archives and Records Management. He is a Certified Records Manager. He replaces our previous records manager, Chris Austin.

As the University's Records Manager, Chris will continue to develop the University's comprehensive Records Management Program and assist all members of the University community with ongoing issues regarding records management, retention, and disposition. Chris is available and would be pleased to help retiring faculty and staff with the appropriate handling of their records as well as those of the University. Please remember, a record can be in paper and electronic formats.

To help Chris with the University's record management program, each academic and administrative department should have a Records Coordinator. The Records Coordinator should be someone who is familiar with the current filing configuration. This person serves as a liaison between the department and Mr. Flynn. All new and current Records Coordinators should contact Mr. Flynn, via e-mail, as soon as possible and no later than May 15.

Mr. Flynn is a member of the Office of General Counsel and reports to Julie Evans, General Counsel for the University. The Office of Records Management is currently located in room 2E of O'Kelly Hall. Chris can be contacted by telephone at 777-6797, by e-mail at Christopher.L.Flynn@und.nodak.edu, through the Records Manager's web page at <http://www.und.edu/dept/records/>, or through intra-campus mail directed to Box 8196.

-- Julie Ann Evans, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

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Payroll forms manual available

The payroll forms manual has been updated and is available on the forms page of the payroll website. Please use this to assist in filling out the forms you will be submitting to Payroll. It is a line-by-line guide of each form. If you need more assistance, please call payroll, and we will be happy to help you.

-- Joanne Goldade, Payroll Specialist, Payroll, joannegoldade@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2156

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Please return policies memorandum by May 15

The 2009 Annual Notification of Policies acknowledgment memorandum recently mailed to all active UND employees was sent to comply with requirements by North Dakota Risk Management and the State Board of Higher Education. It is important that you read these policies and acknowledge that you understand them by returning the acknowledgment memorandum with your signature. Please return this form to the Office of Human Resources through your supervisor, your department HR manager or directly to the Office of Human Resources by May 15. If you have not returned your signed statement, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your copy, one can be accessed at

<http://humanresources.und.edu/html/PoliciesAnnualNotice.htm> or by contacting human resources at 777-4361.

-- Diane Nelson, director, human resources.

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North Dakota state fleet adjusts rates

The North Dakota state fleet has adjusted their rates effective May 1, 2009. Stabilized fuel costs have allowed some rates to decrease. Please use the following rates to plan for upcoming trips:

VEHICLE TYPE --- PER MILE RATE

Sedan \$0.323

Minivan - 7 passenger \$0.443

Van, 12 & 15 passenger \$0.623

Compact 4x4 SUV \$0.523

Expedition, 6 passenger \$0.573

Suburban, 6 passenger \$0.623

Pickup, ext. cab, 4x4; 6 ft. box \$0.573

Cargo Van-Full Size \$0.623

Mini Cargo Van \$0.573

REMEMBER...Always present your valid drivers license when picking up a vehicle. BUCKLE UP...BE SAFE!

-- Mary L. Metcalf, Manager, Transportation, marymetcalf@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4123

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Summer yoga classes offered at Lotus Center

Summer Yoga classes will begin June 16 at the Lotus Meditation Center and will continue until August 20th.

Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. For information contact Dyan Rey at 772-

8840 or dyanre@aol.com

-- Dyan Rey, Adjunct lecturer, Visual Art, dyan_rey@und.edu, 701-772-8840

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Parking ramp closed May 18-22

On May 18-22, the parking ramp will be closed for its yearly spring-cleaning, which consist of floor sweeping, covering all 40+ drains with screens, washing down walls and floors, removing pigeon nests, cleaning windows, replacing burned out lights, and inspecting all areas for needed maintenance or repairs. The skywalk and towers will be open to use if you choose to park in the surface lot east of Columbia Rd (lot 10). For the summer, the lot 10 converts to a G zone, so any space with a current permit will work. Sorry for any inconvenience this needed work my cause.

-- UND Parking and Enforcement

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Wellness Center lists summer hours

Wellness Center summer hours will start Friday, May 15. They are:

Monday-Friday: 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: noon to 6 p.m.

Please refer to www.wellness.und.edu for holiday hours.

-- *Monica Nilson, Coordinator of Guest Experience, Wellness Center, monicanilson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-0232*

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Chester Fritz Library announces hours for Memorial Day weekend

Chester Fritz lists hour for the Memorial Day weekend:

Saturday, May 23, The Library will be closed

Sunday May 24, The Library will be closed

Monday May 25 (Memorial Day), open 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

-- *Laura Eider, Central Services Clerk, Chester Fritz Library, lauraeider@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2189*

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Chester Fritz Library announces summer hours

Chester Fritz Library lists summer hours in effect Monday, May 18 through Friday, August 7:

Monday - Thursday - 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday the library will be closed,

Sunday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

-- *Laura Eider, Central Services Clerk, Chester Fritz Library, lauraeider@mail.und.nodak.edu, 70177702189*

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Library extends hours for finals

The Chester Fritz Library will extend building hours during finals week. Increasing hours of operations will give students more opportunity to use library resources and the quiet study spaces as they prepare for tests and complete papers and projects.

The schedule will be:

Tuesday, May 12 - Thursday (May 14th) - 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Friday, May 15 - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The circulation and periodical desks will be staffed during all hours of operations, but other departments such as reference services and special collections will maintain regular hours.

Contact the Chester Fritz Library Administration at 777-2189 with any questions regarding the extension of building hours.

-- *Wilbur Stolt, Director of Libraries, Chester Fritz Library, wilburstolt@mail.und.edu, 777-2189*

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Artist applications available for 2009 Art & Wine Walk

Artists are invited to show their work at the 2009 Art & Wine Walk, which takes place the third Saturday of the month, May through October, from 1 to 5 p.m. in downtown Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.

Artists that participate in the Art & Wine Walk can show their work at participating businesses. The North Valley Arts Council works with the artist to provide them with a business that best fits their artwork and display needs. Participating businesses include galleries, restaurants, retail shops, jewelry stores and much more.

Artists are welcome to have their work available for sale each month, and artists keep 100% of the sale price of their artwork. Artists must be present at the event to discuss their work with patron and handle any sale of their artwork.

There are 15-18 slots open for artists at each event. The application deadline is the Tuesday prior to each Art & Wine Walk. Space is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis. An average of 230 patrons attended each event in the 2008 Art & Wine Walk season.

To register for the event, visit www.novac.org and download an artist agreement, or contact NoVAC at 777-6120 or info@novac.org.

To learn more about the event, visit www.culturepulse.org.

Art & Wine Walk 2009 event dates: May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17.

The Art & Wine Walk is organized by the North Valley Arts Council and the Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau.

-- Nicole Derenne, Executive Director, North Valley Arts Council, nicolederenne@novac.org, 772-3710

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May 25 is Memorial Day holiday

Monday, May 25, will be observed as a Memorial Day holiday by faculty and staff members of the University.

Only those employees designated by their department heads will be required to work on this holiday.

-- Paul LeBel, vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Diane Nelson, director, human resources.

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American Physiological Society names local nursing student as Undergraduate Research Fellow

The American Physiological Society (APS) has awarded Christine Seames, nursing student at UND, a 2009 Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

Fellowship winners spend the summer in the laboratory of an established scientist and APS member. Now in its 10th year, this program aims to excite and encourage students about careers in biomedical research. In 2009, 51 applicants vied for the 24 research positions.

Seames will be working in the laboratory of Dr. Cindy Anderson, interim associate dean of research and assistant professor at the UND College of Nursing, on Anderson's research to study vitamin D deficiency in pregnant women from the rural, northern plains.

The research project involves biochemical analysis to determine relationships between maternal nutrient status and peri-natal outcomes. Christine will complete experiments on placental tissue to identify differences in nutrient transport in women with hypertension in pregnancy and those who had normal blood pressure. She has been involved in this project for one year, participating in recruitment and data collection. Now she will be involved in the analysis and interpretation of data.

Selection of Fellowship participants was based upon academic merit, the perceived quality of the proposed experience and the availability of appropriate faculty mentors. Special consideration was given to applicants whose socioeconomic background, access to educational opportunities, and other life experiences suggest that they would especially benefit from this type of program.

Each fellow receives a \$4,000 stipend to cover living expenses during the 10-week fellowship. Fellows also will receive an additional \$1,300 in travel funds to present their research at the Experimental Biology 2010 meeting, which is expected to attract nearly 14,000 scientists.

The Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships program is sponsored by the APS Career Opportunities in Physiology Committee and funded by the APS Council. To find out more about APS log onto www.the-aps.org/education/index.htm.

-- Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Officer, College of Nursing, beckycournia@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4526

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Staff Senate announces the May "U Shine" award winner

UND Staff Senate is proud to announce the May "U Shine Award" recipient Vicki Thompson. Vicki was nominated by Connie Hodgson and was presented with a check for \$50 and a certificate by Staff Senate President Janice Hoffarth on May 1st.

This award is presented monthly to a UND staff member who when out of their way to make UND a better place. Here is an excerpt of what Connie had to say about Vicki:

"Vicki teaches computer classes to our OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) members. She had an OLLI student in her (winter) computer class who broke her ankle early on in the schedule. So this woman is skipping along with walker, cast, etc. and missing some of the classes. The student had been so excited about this course because she just bought a brand new computer - then all these unfortunate events happened. Vicki called her and offered to go over to her house, work with her one-on-one and set up an e-mail account for her. Well, the student is absolutely "over the moon"! How cool is that? This generous offer to go the extra mile, not just for OLLI@UND, but for all the programs in the Division, is what makes Vicki and the entire IT unit shine."

All UND staff members are eligible to receive this award. Nominations can be submitted through the Staff Senate Website, <http://www.und.edu/org/undss/>, or forms are available at UND Facilities, Dining Services and the Memorial Union Post Office.

Nominations must be received by the 15th monthly and awards presented the first business day of the following month.

-- Janice Hoffarth, President, Staf Senate, Janice_hoffarth@und.nodak.edu, 777-2646

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UND mechanical engineer George Bibel's aviation crash book nets Bravo! from Boeing, FAA

George Bibel, a mechanical engineer who knows a thing or two about what causes things to fail, wrote what's become a widely acclaimed read in aviation circles. "Beyond the Black Box: The Forensics of Airplane Crashes" is a leading seller in an academic field that doesn't often produce stars. Professor Bibel is in demand nationally as a speaker and teacher-largely because of this book, which clearly demonstrates his "inside" technical and scientific expertise behind the how and why of airplane crashes caused by mechanical or structural problems.

Among many other honors and invitations, Bibel, professor of mechanical engineering at the UND School of Engineering and Mines recently was appointed as a distinguished lecturer by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

Beyond the Black Box, a book detailing aviation disasters caused by mechanical failures, was released in 2007 by the Johns Hopkins University Press and launched at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., to wide acclaim in the aviation sector. The book has now been favorably reviewed, recommended or featured by the New York Times, Discovery Magazine, New Scientist, National Science Teachers Association, Air Safety Week, Avionics Magazine, RAF News and Airliner World.

In his capacity as AIAA distinguished lecturer, Bibel has been invited to give presentations about his book at AIAA meetings organized by the General Electric Co., the General Dynamics Gulfstream division, the U.S. Air Force, and others. Bibel also has been appointed to a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety team and has lectured at FAA conferences and safety meetings.

Bibel also was invited recently by the Boeing Co. to deliver training seminars for its new engineers. Boeing is evaluating incorporating Bibel's book and seminar into training for new engineers and George Washington University is using the book in an introductory aerospace course.

Our plan is to work with Dr. Bibel to add some detailed proprietary information to the course content and to make it a regularly scheduled course offering, and we are considering breaking it into two four hour long sessions, said Boeing engineer and UND alum David French, who is the curriculum development integrator for the company.

Beyond the Black Box teaches science through accident and crash stories. Bibel wrote a guest column Listen Up and Fly Right for the New York Times; the column was reprinted around the world. Bibel was recently interviewed about his book by Neal Conan on National Public Radio Talk of the Nation and on NPR KPCC Los Angeles and WPHT Philadelphia.

Bibel's research into the catastrophic failure of planes, trains, and other engineering structures has led him to develop classroom case histories as a vital part of his engineering curriculum.

For additional information see <http://www.discovery.und.edu/Discovery/blackBox.html>

-- George Bibel, professor, Mechanical Engineering, 777-4918, georgebibel@mail.und.nodak.edu

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