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## TOP STORIES

### Faculty, administrative staff encouraged to participate in commencement

Faculty and administrative staff who serve as unit heads are encouraged to march in the University of North Dakota's general commencement ceremony Saturday, May 12. 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 Greg Weisenstein inviting them to participate in the ceremony. As outlined in that invitation, faculty members are asked to contact their dean's office by May 9 to confirm their plans to participate in the ceremony.

Administrative staff members serving as unit heads are also cordially invited to march in the commencement procession 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 9 to confirm their plans.

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

-- Charles E. Kupchella, President, Office of the President, [ckupchella@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:ckupchella@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-2121

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### M.D. commencement ceremony set for May 13

Fifty-five senior medical students will receive the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree during the May 13 commencement ceremony for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Open to the public, the ceremony begins at 3 p.m. at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. It will be officiated by President Charles Kupchella, and Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean H. David Wilson. State Board of Higher Education President John Q. Paulsen of Fargo will deliver greetings from the board.

The keynote address will be presented by Bret Haake, clinical professor of clinical neuroscience at the medical

school and executive partner for neurology services with the MeritCare Medical Group, Fargo. His address is titled "The 'Value Equation.'"

Ten physician-faculty members have been invited to participate in the ceremony to receive the Dean's Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer Faculty. They are (by community):

Bismarck - Richard Arazi, clinical assistant professor of clinical neuroscience, and Brenda Miller, '95, clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine.

Fargo - Naveed Haider, (psychiatry residency program '99), clinical assistant professor of clinical neuroscience; Richard Marsden, (B.S. Med. '72), clinical associate professor of radiology; and Denise Rondeau, '94, clinical assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

Grand Forks - Lori Sondrol, '89, clinical professor of pediatrics, and Keith Swanson, '01, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine.

Mandan - William Altringer, '90, clinical associate professor of surgery.

Minot - Erdal Diri, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine, and Jay Kiessling, clinical assistant professor of surgery.

The ceremony will be broadcast over UND-TV (Channel 3 on Grand Forks cable system) at 12:30 a.m., noon and 8:30 p.m. May 22, 23, 24 and 25. A videotape or DVD of the ceremony may be purchased through the dean's office (701-777-3021 or e-mail: [tanderson@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:tanderson@medicine.nodak.edu)).

Outstanding students and faculty members will be recognized during an awards luncheon set to begin at 11:30 a.m. May 13 at the UND Memorial Union. Tickets may be purchased through the dean's office (701-777-3021 or [tanderson@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:tanderson@medicine.nodak.edu)).

The graduates have completed four years of medical education to earn the M.D. degree, beginning with two years of instruction at the UND campus in Grand Forks, followed by two years learning and working with practicing physicians who serve as their teachers in hospitals and clinics throughout the state.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, [spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-4305

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## EVENTS TO NOTE

### **Nationally renowned futurist to present "Forging the New American Heartland"**

While the collision of technology, entrepreneurship, education, energy and community in today's volatile global economy creates a wealth of dilemmas, it also creates a wealth of opportunity for economic development – especially right here on the Great Plains. The College of Business and Public Administration and the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce will host author, analyst, and nationally-renowned speaker Joel Kotkin, who addresses this very issue in his upcoming presentation, "Forging the New American Heartland." The event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, at 3:15 p.m. in Room 1, Gamble Hall. All members of the UND community and Greater Grand Forks businesses are invited to attend.

Kotkin is the author of the critically acclaimed "The City: A Global History," as well as the best-selling "The New Geography: How the Digital Revolution is Reshaping the American Landscape" (Random House, 2000). Kotkin is an Irvine Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation and is a highly respected speaker and futurist. He consults for many leading economic development organizations, private companies, regions and cities. He lectures widely in the United States, Asia, Australia and Europe, and has addressed both Democratic and Republican Congressional groups and has testified before the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress and the State of California Economic Strategy Panel. He is highly sought after as a speaker by major business and

financial organizations.

Kotkin will outline factors influencing current economic development trends and other revolutions in the areas of telecommunications and entrepreneurship, and will discuss ideas for creating a robust future-oriented development strategy for opportunity and growth in the region. Please join in this interesting and informative event. For more information, check out [www.joelkotkin.com](http://www.joelkotkin.com).

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

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## Global Visions film series presents "Me, You, Them"

The last presentation of the spring semester Global Visions Film Series is the Brazilian film, "Me, You, Them," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. The film is free and open to the public.

The legendary Brazilian songsmith Gilberto Gil supplies the score for this reality-based comedy, in which an independent-minded woman decides that if one live-in husband doesn't fulfill her needs, she can always add more. The film begins when Darlene (Regina Case) returns to her small, dusty hometown in northern Brazil to receive her mother's blessing for her young son Dimas. When she arrives, she finds that her mother has died; her funeral occurs the day Darlene arrives. Despondent over her new predicament, she accepts an extemporaneous marriage proposal from her neighbor Osias (Lima Duarte) and moves in with him. It becomes clear to Darlene, however, that Osias wants little more than a live-in maid. Darlene becomes pregnant and bears a child -- who bears no resemblance to the light-skinned Osias. When Osias' cousin Zezinho (Stenio Garcia) comes to town and takes an immediate liking to Darlene, she doesn't turn him away -- before long, she's bearing his son as well. As the eager-to-please Zezinho takes over her housekeeping duties, Darlene decides that the one thing she's lacking in her life is true passion, and fills that void with a sugar cane worker named Ciro (Luis Vasconcelos), who moves in as well. *Eu Tu Eles* was purportedly inspired by a Brazilian news story about a woman in a similar alternative-living situation; the film screened at the 2000 Cannes, Tokyo, and Toronto Film Festivals before making its stateside appearance.

The series is funded by the Multicultural Awareness Committee and sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and the Anthropology Club and organized by Marcia Mikulak. We look forward to another great film series in the fall semester of 2007.

-- Marcia Mikulak, Assistant Professor, Anthropology, [marcia.mikulak@und.nodak.edu](mailto:marcia.mikulak@und.nodak.edu), 701-777-4718

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## MFA art exhibition open through May 11

Melinda McCannell-Unger's MFA exhibition will be held in the Col. Eugene E. Myers Gallery, Hughes Fine Arts Center through May 11. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

-- Melinda McCannell-Unger, MFA Graduate Student, Art Department,  
[melindamccannellunger@mail.und.edu](mailto:melindamccannellunger@mail.und.edu), 701-777-4756

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## PPT/COBRE seminar is May 4

Thomas Seyfried, professor in the Department of Biology, Boston College, will present a seminar, "Cancer Metastasis as a Macrophage Disease: Evidence from a New Spontaneous Mouse Brain Tumor Model," Friday, May 4, at 4 p.m. in Clifford Haugen Lecture Hall, Room 1360, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Dr. Seyfried was invited through the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics.

Any questions regarding this seminar can be addressed to Thad Rosenberger at 777-0591. Everyone is welcome to attend.

-- Dawn Halvorson, Administrative Clerk, Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics,  
[dhalvors@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:dhalvors@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-4293

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## Museum of Art features Antique to Chic jewelry sale

The North Dakota Museum of Art will hold its second annual Antique to Chic jewelry sale and raffle Sunday, May 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Make a date at the Museum to browse through a unique collection of costume and vintage jewelry, accessories, and more. This event is free and all proceeds benefit children's educational programs at the Museum.

This year's raffle item donated by Kimberly Jacobson of Classic Jewelers is a 14 karat gold, one-fourth carat diamond pendant, valued at \$1,000. Raffle tickets may be purchased prior to or during the event at the North Dakota Museum of Art. The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. May 6. You do not need to be present to win.

You can also help by donating any jewelry that you no longer need or want. We plan to have a huge array of jewelry for sale and are receiving hundreds of donations. Please ask your friends and organizations to which you belong to buy raffle tickets or donate items for the sale.

For a fun family event or a great girls day out, visit the Antique to Chic jewel sale and raffle Sunday, May 6, 3 to 5 p.m. Music and refreshments will add to this Sunday afternoon celebration. We look forward to seeing you at the event and thank you, in advance, for your help.

The Museum is located on Centennial Drive in Grand Forks. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Call 777-4195 for information on current exhibitions, the Museum Café, or the Museum Gift Shop.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, [blofthus@ndmoa.com](mailto:blofthus@ndmoa.com), 701 777-4195

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## Student, faculty pottery sale is May 7, 8

The Ceramic Arts Organization will sponsor a student and faculty pottery sale Monday and Tuesday, May 7-8, on the main floor, Memorial Union. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Michael Arnold at (218) 779-9560 for more information.

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## Doctoral examination set for Lata Balakrishnan

The final examination for Lata Balakrishnan, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in biochemistry and molecular biology, is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, in Clifford Haugen Hall, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The dissertation title is "Characterization of Histone Acetylation during SV40 Transcription." Barry Milavetz (biochemistry) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, [joseph.benoit@und.edu](mailto:joseph.benoit@und.edu), 777-4005

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## Reading, book signing for Rebecca Weaver-Hightower May 8

Regional author Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, assistant professor of English and postcolonial studies, will read from her new book, "Empire Islands: Castaways, Cannibals, and Fantasies of Conquest," Tuesday, May 8, at 4 p.m. in the galleries of the North Dakota Museum of Art. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Weaver-Hightower exposes the castaway story's place in the support of colonialism. Through a detailed

unpacking of the castaway genre's appeal in English literature, "Empire Islands" forwards our understanding of the sociopsychology of British Empire. Rebecca Weaver-Hightower argues convincingly that by helping generations of readers to make sense of — and perhaps feel better about — imperial aggression, the castaway story in effect enabled the expansion and maintenance of European empire.

Empire Islands asks why so many colonial authors chose islands as the setting for their stories of imperial adventure and why so many postcolonial writers "write back" to those island castaway narratives. Drawing on insightful readings of works from Thomas More's "Utopia" to Caribbean novels like George Lamming's "Water with Berries," from canonical works such as "Robinson Crusoe" and "The Tempest" to the lesser-known "A Narrative of the Life and Astonishing Adventures of John Daniel" by Ralph Morris, Weaver-Hightower examines themes of cannibalism, piracy, monstrosity, imperial aggression, and the concept of going native.

Ending with analysis of contemporary film and the role of the United States in global neoimperialism, Weaver-Hightower exposes how island narratives continue not only to describe but to justify colonialism.

This event is free and open to the public. Call 777-4195 for more information. The Museum is located on Centennial Drive in Grand Forks.

-- Brian Lofthus, Assistant to the Director, North Dakota Museum of Art, [blofthus@ndmoa.com](mailto:blofthus@ndmoa.com), 701 777-4195

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## Women Studies offers evening class

This summer go around the world and never pack a suitcase. In A&S 299 - Women Globally, you will learn about the lives of women around the world. How do their lives differ from women in the United States? What policies impact their choices? What can we learn from their culture? The class textbook will guide our inquiry, in addition to our own research, class speakers, and films. The class is held May 14 through June 22, Monday through Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m., for 3 credits.

-- Kathy Coudle King, Sr. Lecturer, Women Studies Program, [Kathleen\\_king@und.nodak.edu](mailto:Kathleen_king@und.nodak.edu), 777-6395

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Instructors reminded of end-of-term material policy

Anything that you collect from a student during the term (including tests, quizzes, term papers, homework) that you do not return to the student must be kept by the instructor or the department for one year following the end of the term and then shredded. For questions, see the Office of Records Management retention schedule at <http://www.und.edu/dept/records/RRS.html>.

-- Victoria Beard, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, [victoriabeard@mail.und.edu](mailto:victoriabeard@mail.und.edu), 4824

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### GER committee, Student Senate approve general education proposal

On April 27 and 29, the Senate General Education Requirements Committee and Student Senate both voted to support a proposed new general education program for UND. The University Senate will discuss and vote on the proposal Thursday, May 3. The proposal, along with supporting documents, is available at:

[www.und.edu/dept.oid.getf.htm](http://www.und.edu/dept.oid.getf.htm)

If the proposal is approved, a special implementation committee will be named to prepare for the transition to the new program. The Senate General Education Task Force will help in this transition process. The new general education program will go into effect fall 2008 at the earliest.

-- Anne Walker, Associate Professor, Teaching & Learning, [anne.walker@und.edu](mailto:anne.walker@und.edu), 7-3162

## Second round of retreat grants available

A second round of "closing the assessment loop" retreat grants will be awarded to academic departments to fund retreats to be held no later than November 2007. Departments may apply to receive Bush-funded grants of up to \$500, which can be used for food (consistent with University guidelines), duplicating, and/or faculty stipends for pre-retreat organization, retreat facilitation, or data analysis.

The purpose of the retreats is to improve student learning by spending concentrated time in conversation with departmental colleagues. Retreat time can be used to share information collected during previous months of assessment work, figure out what meaning the information has for the department, and make plans for future curriculum or assessment work.

To apply for a retreat grant: Please submit a one-two page proposal that includes a proposed retreat agenda and budget, as well as a narrative description of both. Also include a letter of support from the chair (unless the chair is submitting the proposal). Send to Joan Hawthorne, Stop 8176 or

<[joan\\_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu](mailto:joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu)>. Proposals should be received by May 11.

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost, Provost Office, [joan\\_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu](mailto:joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu), 7-4684

## Small hospitals receive grants through UND Center for Rural Health program

More than 40 rural North Dakota communities will benefit from grants given to small hospitals through the North Dakota Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex) administered through the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

This year the North Dakota Flex program distributed \$333,191 in grant funds to small hospitals across the state to fund studies and evaluations of the facilities, establish new programs, purchase new equipment and provide training to staff and volunteers.

Facilities that received grants include:

- Bottineau-St. Andrew's Health Center
- Bowman-Southwest Healthcare Services
- Carrington Health Center
- Cooperstown Medical Center
- Crosby-St. Luke's Hospital
- Elgin-Jacobson Memorial Hospital
- Garrison Memorial Hospital
- Harvey-St. Aloisius Medical Center
- Hazen-Sakakawea Medical Center
- Langdon-Cavalier County Memorial Hospital
- Linton Hospital
- Lisbon Area Health Services
- Oakes Community Hospital
- Park River-First Care Health Center
- Richardton Memorial Hospital and Health Center
- Rolla-Presentation Medical Center
- Stanley-Mountrail County Medical Center
- Tioga Medical Center
- Valley City-Mercy Hospital



- Watford City-McKenzie County Healthcare Systems
- Wishek Community Hospital

The Flex program, funded through a grant from the federal Office of Rural Health Policy (Health Resources and Services Administration), is a state-based partnership that works with and assists rural hospitals to stabilize and sustain their local health care infrastructure. In addition to grants, CRH also uses Flex funds to provide technical assistance to rural providers such as community assessments, internal surveys, and strategic planning.

The Center for Rural Health administers the North Dakota Flex program, which also includes formal partnerships with the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Healthcare Review, Inc., and the North Dakota Healthcare Association.

-- Amanda Scurry, communication coordinator, UND Center for Rural Health, [ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-0871

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## Gen ed model projects proposals due

The Office of Instructional Development has a pool of funds set aside for development of "model projects" regarding general education at UND. Stipends available range from \$1,500 (two-week project) to \$3,000 (four-week project). Please see the Instructional Development web page for complete program information. The deadline for proposals has been extended to Friday, May 4. Please contact Joan Hawthorne at 777-4684 or [<joan\\_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu>](mailto:joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu)) if you intend to submit a proposal.

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost, Provost Office, [joan\\_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu](mailto:joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu), 7-4684

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## Procedures listed for fiscal year end

For accurate financial statement presentation, materials and services received by June 30 should be charged to fiscal year 2007 funds. This is true for all funds, appropriated and non-appropriated, including grants and contracts.

Payments for new subscriptions will be processed from fiscal year '07 funds until May 31, 2007. Renewals for subscriptions that expire in fiscal year '08, should be paid from fiscal year '08 funds.

For prepayments, the department should verify with the vendor that delivery will be made by June 30. This should be documented on the purchase requisition and/or voucher. If the company does not guarantee delivery by June 30, the payment can not be made from the fiscal year '07 budget. -- Allison Peyton, accounts payable manager.

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## Faculty volunteers sought for Welcome Weekend

Faculty are asked to volunteer for small group discussions to serve incoming students during fall 2007 Welcome Weekend. This is a great opportunity (alongside a well-trained student ambassador) to facilitate a small group discussion with incoming new students on the Saturday before fall classes begin. Together you'll answer questions regarding academics, UND and college life in general. This is an opportunity for faculty to impact the academic experiences of new students -- providing general academic direction by setting helpful expectations that will guide students through the first steps of their UND education. All faculty participants will also receive a free UND T-shirt.

We ask faculty to participate in a brief training Thursday, Aug. 16, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. with an optional free lunch provided immediately following. The event is held Saturday, Aug. 18, and we're asking participants to volunteer for one of two sessions, either 12:45 to 3 p.m. or 2:45 to 5 p.m. Faculty who participate tell us it's a

highlight! Please consider joining this important activity and contact Heather Kasowski at

[heatherkasowski@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:heatherkasowski@mail.und.nodak.edu) or 777-6468.

-- *Kenton Pauls, Director of Enrollment Services, Enrollment Services, [kentonpauls@mail.und.edu](mailto:kentonpauls@mail.und.edu), 777-3885*

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## Purchasing lists policies, procedures

A policy and procedure titled, "Equipment/Supplies-Transfer/Sale Procedures for Departing Faculty," is available from the Purchasing Office. A copy may be requested from purchasing at 777-2681 or by visiting:

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/purchase/html/Policies%20&%20Procedures.html#equipment>.

When a purchase for personal computers exceeds \$5,000, use a purchase requisition to place the order. Do not purchase one at a time using more than one voucher, or make repeat purchases on the MasterCard purchasing card. You may receive a discount for ordering greater quantities. In some instances, vendors may require a purchase order regardless of price.

When obtaining quotes for Gateway, please go to the ITSS (Information Technology Systems & Services) web site.

Cellular phone service for University use should be purchased utilizing the state contract with Alltel. The UND Alltel representative, Ken Hoffman, can be reached at 772-4201 or 701-360-4096. Departments are charged monthly via a journal import from the UND Telecommunications Office. If cellular phone service is to be purchased outside of the state contract, approval must be obtained from the UND Telecommunication's Office. Exempted cellular phone services must be processed by submitting the phone service agreement and a purchase requisition to the Purchasing Office for the creation of a blanket purchase order.

A reminder to all University employees that the UND conflict of interest policy requires all employees who currently have a business interest in a business entity, or whose spouse, child, sibling, parent, or relative-in-law has a business interest in a business entity that currently does business with the University, or could potentially do business with the University, must complete the "Notification of Business Interest" form and submit it to the Purchasing Office.

Departments should disregard/destroy any credit card offers from vendors (Example: Target, MilesOne Business Platinum Visa, Sears, and Lowes Home Improvement Stores). Department personnel are not authorized to enter into any credit card agreements that are not administered by UND. UND only supports the "MasterCard" purchasing card and the "Visa" travel card.

To obtain a purchasing card:

- Contact Janelle McGarry, Purchasing, 777-3881
- Submit to Purchasing the purchasing card application form (located at <http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/purchase/index.html> select "Forms")
- Attend a required purchasing card training session prior to receiving your Purchasing Card

Any concerns or questions regarding the policy and procedure can be directed to me.

-- *Scott Schreiner, Director of Purchasing, Purchasing, [scottschreiner@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:scottschreiner@mail.und.nodak.edu), 7-2681*

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## Chester Fritz Library lists final exam hours

The Chester Fritz Library will observe the following hours of operation for final exam period: Friday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

(Reading and Review Day); Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m. to midnight; Monday

through Thursday, May 7-10, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, May 11, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13, closed.

-- Karen Cloud, Administrative Assistant, Chester Fritz Library, [karencloud@mail.und.edu](mailto:karencloud@mail.und.edu), 7-2618

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## Library of the Health Sciences lists extended hours

The Library of Health Sciences will have extended hours Friday, May 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

-- April Byars, Administrative Assistant, Library of the Health Sciences, [abyars@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:abyars@medicine.nodak.edu), 777-3893

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## Printing Center will close May 2 for inventory

The Printing Center will be closed Wednesday, May 2, to conduct annual inventory.

-- Lowell Brandner, Director, Printing Center, [lowellbrandner@mail.und.edu](mailto:lowellbrandner@mail.und.edu), 777-2544

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## U2 lists workshops

Below are the U2 workshops through May 2. Visit our web site for more information.

The ABC's of Fire Extinguisher Use

Wellness Wednesdays: Social Wellness

May 2, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Wellness Center classroom

Defensive Driving

May 2, 6 to 10 p.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator

This workshop is required by state fleet for all UND employees who drive state vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a state 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: Dan Lund.

Budget Inquiry and Ledger Cash Balance

May 3, 9 to 10:30 a.m., 361 Upson II

How do I know what I have left in my budget, and how do I know whether I need to do a budget journal so that my payments will be processed? Presenters: Lisa Heher and Allison Peyton.

-- Sara Satter, U2 Program Assistant, Continuing Education, [sarasatter@mail.und.edu](mailto:sarasatter@mail.und.edu), 777-2128

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## State fleet lists rental rates effective May 1

As of May 1, the North Dakota State Fleet has adjusted their rates. Please use the following rates when calculating a trip using a motor pool vehicle. Users of state fleet vehicles are required to utilize state fleet refueling sites in the State of North Dakota when they are in a city with those facilities. If there is any questions where these are located please contact our office prior to travel.

### VEHICLE TYPE

Sedan, \$0.260

Minivan - seven passenger, \$0.420

Van, 15 passenger, \$0.530

Compact 4x4/Jeep, \$0.480

Suburban, five passenger, \$0.460

Suburban, nine passenger, \$0.530

Compact 4x4 Pickup, \$0.460

Cargo van-full size, \$0.530

Mini cargo van, \$0.460

Handicapped van-six seats, \$34.000/hr - one wheelchair

-- Mary L. Metcalf, Manager, Transportation, [marymetcalf@mail.und.edu](mailto:marymetcalf@mail.und.edu), 701-777-4123

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## UND seeks to retain national title in flying competition

The UND Flying Team will travel to Ohio State University in Columbus, and compete against 29 of the nation's top flying programs from 11 regions around the country to retain the national championship title in the National Collegiate Flying Association's (NIFA) Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) May 7-12. If successful, the Flying Team would win their 15th national championship in the last 22 years.

"The selection process for the national competition team of the UND Flying Team was very difficult this year," said Mark (Monty) Johnson, head coach/advisor. "We had team members battling for the opportunity to represent the University at the national competition right to the very end. The competition has a good mix of returning members from last year's national championship team and new members that we will be counting on for years to come."

The team consists of 25 aviation student body members. These members are volunteers who have made a commitment of time and effort to be a part of the team. The team participates in two competitions annually, regional qualifying competition and the national competition to determine the national championship.

The UND Flying Team has won the regional championship since 1972 with the exception of fall 1975 and fall 1988, and has held the National NIFA title for 14 of the past 21 years. The team is a member of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA), the sanctioning body for the regional and national SAFECON competitions. SAFECON places a special emphasis on safety of flight operations. The competition consists of 11 events, four flying events and seven ground events, which test a variety of piloting skills.

The championship team will be announced during an evening banquet May 12. -- Aerospace Sciences.

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## Broadcast dates listed for "Keep the Faith"

The 10-year anniversary performance of "Keep The Faith" will be broadcast on cable channel 23 Wednesday, May 2, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and Friday, May 4, 8 p.m.

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## Summer at UND program offers wide range of courses, activities

The "Summer at UND" program offers a wide range of courses and activities for the community during the summer months. There are hundreds of courses for academic credit available during UND Summer Sessions, which begin May 14 and June 25. Class sizes are smaller and some courses are held in the evenings to accommodate student schedules.

An array of summer events and activities are also held on UND's campus, such as athletic or cultural events, youth camps or specialized workshops. Events are typically open to the public. Events follow.

- \* May 1-13, art exhibition, Beyond Likeness, North Dakota Museum of Art
- \* May 2, Dance ETC! recital, Chester Fritz Auditorium
- \* May 4, "Ethical Practices in the Insurance Industry," Skalicky Tech Incubator
- \* May 4, UND Observatory summer star parties, UND Observatory

- \* May 6, "Antique to Chic," North Dakota Museum of Art
- \* May 7, "Ergonomics: Guidelines for Nursing Homes," Old Engelstad Arena
- \* May 7, "Ergonomics: Guidelines for Retail Grocery Stores," Old Engelstad Arena
- \* May 7-11, Mold assessment technician/consultant course, Old Engelstad Arena
- \* May 8, OSHA 10-hour construction certification, Old Engelstad Arena
- \* May 9, OSHA construction safety course, Old Engelstad Arena
- \* May 10, Confined space training, Old Engelstad Arena
- \* May 11, Trenching and excavations training, Old Engelstad Arena
- \* May 11, UND Observatory summer star parties, UND Observatory
- \* May 12, Nancy Pasley Ballet school recital, Chester Fritz Auditorium
- \* May 12, School of Law commencement, Chester Fritz Auditorium
- \* May 13, School of Medicine and Health Sciences commencement, Chester Fritz Auditorium
- \* May 14-18, Family mediation seminar, Memorial Union
- \* May 14-15, Youth football camp, Memorial Stadium
- \* May 15, Asbestos supervisor refresher course, Old Engelstad Arena

For more information about the "Summer at UND" program, to register for UND's Summer Sessions, or to view a calendar of events from May 1 - Aug. 31, visit [www.summer.und.edu](http://www.summer.und.edu). If you have additional questions on summer credit courses, call the Summer Sessions office at (701) 777-6284. Or if you have questions on events/activities, contact the Summer Events office at 777-0841. -- Jolene Marsh, summer events program assistant.

-- Jolene Marsh, Summer Events Program Assistant, Continuing Education,  
[jolenemarsh@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:jolenemarsh@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-0841

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## Studio One features recovering from disaster, learning about animals

Hear how one North Dakota city has recovered from a natural disaster occurring 10 years ago on the next edition of Studio One on Channel 3 in Grand Forks. In 1997, a devastating flood swept through Grand Forks, permanently changing the city. Some of the city's residents moved away and businesses closed, but many others have rebuilt their homes and lives. Hear from local business owners on the recovery that continues 10 years later in the first of a two-part series on Studio One.

Also on the show this week, turtles, lizards, snakes, and frogs are not considered the cuddliest of creatures. Zookeeper Nicole Lee works with these creatures as well as other wild animals on a daily basis. Learn about some unique species and watch as Lee brings the outdoors indoors on Studio One.

Studio One is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program airs live on UND Channel 3 on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Re-broadcasts can be seen at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. daily and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Prairie Public Television airs Studio One on Saturday at 6 a.m. The program can also be seen by viewers in Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot, N.D.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Thursday, April 26, was Studio One's last telecast for the spring semester. The fall semester telecast schedule will begin Sept. 20.

-- Meghan Flaagan, Director of Marketing, Television Center, [meghan.flanagan@und.edu](mailto:meghan.flanagan@und.edu), 777-3818

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## Celebrate diversity every day

Every day is Celebrate Diversity Day! And you can show your support for diversity by uploading one or more

unique free diversity posters to your web site.

"I am pleased to announce the availability of digital posters designed by UND's Department of Technology graphics students and faculty to increase cultural awareness and diversity on our campus," said President Kupchella. "By uploading any of the posters to your web site, you support our common goal to celebrate differences in a positive and refreshing way."

The digital diversity posters were designed specifically for placement on the web. They fit nicely into UND's web templates in either the large or small columns. To view a large poster that has been placed on a departmental web site, go to [www.business.und.edu/technology](http://www.business.und.edu/technology). To view a small poster that has been placed, go to the Graphics and Photography Society's web site at [www.business.und.edu/gaps](http://www.business.und.edu/gaps).

To view all of the diversity posters available for your use on the web, go to the Graphics and Photography Society's web site at [www.business.und.edu/gaps/diversity.html](http://www.business.und.edu/gaps/diversity.html) and click on the image links. Once you decide which size poster(s) will best fit your web site, follow the instructions to save the image(s).

President Kupchella, the Cultural Awareness Committee, the Department of Technology, and the Graphics and Photography Society, a student organization founded in 2003, support the digital diversity poster project.

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, [janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-3621

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## North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe lists specials

Specials at the North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe follow.

- \* May 1 - Entrée: Pan Bagnat; Soup: Tomato Basil
- \* May 2 – Entrée: Buffalo Burger; Soup: Tomato Basil
- \* May 3 – Entrée: Greek Salad; Soup: Moroccan Harira
- \* May 4 – Entrée: Pasta Fagioli; Soup: Moroccan Harira

The Museum Café and Coffee Shop, located in the lower level of the Museum, serves a full luncheon menu from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Take-out is available, UND billing is accepted, and the conference room is available for luncheons. We also cater weekend and evening events, 777-4195.

Visit the Museum Cafe online at <http://www.ndmoa.com/cafe.html>

-- Connie Hulst, Office Manager, North Dakota Museum of Art, [chulst@ndmoa.com](mailto:chulst@ndmoa.com), 777-4195

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## Old Main Marketplace announces lunch giveaway winner

This week's winner in the Old Main Marketplace Food Court lunch giveaway is Angie Carpenter of Student Academic Services. Congratulations, Angie! If you are interested in a chance at free lunch, stop by the food court and drop your business card at the cashier. Drawings take place weekly.

-- Larry Cronin, General Manager, Old Main Marketplace, [larrycronin@mail.und.edu](mailto:larrycronin@mail.und.edu), 777-0438

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## Kids learn about health careers

Children in three North Dakota communities will learn about health careers through a program sponsored by the Center for Rural Health at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

"Fostering Opportunities in Rural Health Occupations: Rural Hospitals and Educators Working Together to Create

Local Opportunities for Children and Youth” is a North Dakota Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program-sponsored initiative administered through the Center for Rural Health. The program funds community partnerships to expose children to health occupations with the intent to increase their awareness, interest and understanding of health careers.

“Last year’s small hospitals that received funding through this program were highly successful in building community relationships that increased children’s interest in health occupations,” said Marlene Miller, director of the program for the Center for Rural Health.

Last year’s and this year’s projects were all designed as pilots to try different approaches to reach children and expose them to health care occupations, Miller said.

“The future of North Dakota’s health system is reliant on needed professionals in small rural communities,” she continued. “We hope that through different approaches our children will stay in our state and contribute to the well-being of others.”

Three projects were funded this year:

\* First Care Health Center, Park River

Through their program, “Inspector Well Ness and the Case of the Many Medical Careers,” First Care Health Center is partnering with Walsh County Head Start and Park River Elementary School to bring Health Career Week to 34 Head Start students through hands-on learning activities and a tour of First Care Health Center. The group is also working with 25 fifth-grade students at Park River elementary, teaching them about medical careers, and giving them the opportunity to participate in hands-on medical tests, procedures and other activities.

Northwood Deaconess Health Center, Northwood

For their project, the hospital will partner with Hatton/Northwood Public Schools to develop and conduct a survey to gauge 7th-12th graders interest and knowledge of career health fields and conduct a health career fair at a school event.

Cavalier County Memorial Hospital, Langdon

Through their program, hospital staff including a paramedic, a respiratory tech and nurses, a health careers instructor, and a 911 dispatcher, will conduct a mini-first aid course for 60 students in the 7th and 8th grades.

The Flex program, funded through a grant from the federal Office of Rural Health Policy (Health Resources and Services Administration), is a state-based partnership that works with and assists rural hospitals to stabilize and sustain their local health care infrastructure. This year the North Dakota Flex program distributed \$333,191 in grant funds benefiting approximately 40 rural North Dakota communities. In addition to grants, CRH also uses Flex funds to provide technical assistance to rural providers such as community assessments, internal surveys, and strategic planning.

The Center for Rural Health administers the North Dakota Flex program, which also includes formal partnerships with the North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Healthcare Association.

-- Amanda Scurry, communication coordinator, UND Center for Rural Health, [ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:ascurry@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-0871

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## Wellness Camp Adventure is summer camp for children

If you are looking for a summer camp for your child, Wellness Camp Adventure is a place to consider. Wellness

Camp Adventure is a two-week day camp, focused on the health and wellness of children. The primary goal of the Wellness Camp Adventure is to promote all seven dimensions of Wellness (physical, social, emotional, environmental, occupational, spiritual, and intellectual wellness) in children ages 9 to 12 through its education and variety of activities such as fun healthy cooking class, music, arts and craft, physical activity, games. The camp is located at the Wellness Center. For more information about the Wellness Camp Adventure or for registration, please call the summer events office at 777-0841 or visit <http://www.summer.und.edu> Space is limited, so be sure to register your child early.

-- Lek Seal, Assistant Professor, Family & Community Nursing, [lekseal@mail.und.edu](mailto:lekseal@mail.und.edu), 777-4544

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## Join faculty/staff golf league

This league is available to all UND employees and their spouses. This is an individual league, there are no teams. It is for fun, and anyone is welcome to play. The day will be Monday; tee time is 6:30 p.m.; nine holes a day. It will last for 12 weeks, starting May 21 and ending Aug. 6.

There would be a nine- or 18-hole tourney Sunday, Aug. 12, beginning at 1 p.m.

- men vs. men
- women vs. women
- handicap established during league
- must play at least seven weeks to qualify for tourney

Rain days will not be made up.

Other contest:

- closest to the pin on #4
- Longest drive on #6
- \*\* One for the men
- \*\* One for the ladies
- The cost is \$1 for each event
- Winner takes all at the end of the day
- You pay at the tee box before you hit

The Cost:

- \$10 per round
- Season pass is \$220 plus free use of the driving range
- League fees will be \$20
- \*\* This will be used for tournament prizes at the end of the year
- \*\* The payout will be 100 percent (prize payout is just an example, percentage could change)
- \*\*\* 60 percent first place
- \*\*\* 25 percent second place
- \*\*\* 15 percent third place
- The amount of the payout will depend on the number of participants
- The men and ladies entrance will be separated

Sign up now!

-- Dustin Hetletved, Manager, Ray Richards Golf Course, [dustin\\_hetletved@und.nodak.edu](mailto:dustin_hetletved@und.nodak.edu), 777-3500

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## Submissions needed for student welcome binders

Do you have information that you'd like new students to know? If so, we are again seeking information from departments and organizations to add to our Welcome Weekend student binder. This binder is given to all new students in the fall and is full of flyers, information sheets and welcome letters from various departments and organizations. We encourage you to use this binder as a means of communicating with the newest members of UND's community.



If you are interested in submitting a flyer, e-mail your document (PDF document is preferred) to [heatherkasowski@mail.und.edu](mailto:heatherkasowski@mail.und.edu). Please include your UND fund and department number and contact information. Upon receiving your request, we will contact you to verify your submission and the color for your copies. Starting in July, we will then send your original to Duplicating Services and 2,000 three-hole punched copies will be billed to your account.

For more information, please contact me.

-- Heather Kasowski, Special Projects Coordinator, Enrollment Services, [heatherkasowski@mail.und.edu](mailto:heatherkasowski@mail.und.edu), 777-6468

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## Museum invites registration for children's summer arts camps

The North Dakota Museum of Art continues to take registrations for the Children's Summer Arts Day Camps. Six week-long camps for children ages 6 through 13 feature a different artist and project each week.

The cost of the camp is \$100 a week for those holding Museum family memberships, or who will open a \$50 family membership at the time of registration. Non-members' cost is \$125. Scholarships are available based upon need. A family membership allows you to register all children in the family for \$100 each. In addition you will receive discounts on children's programs throughout the year, discounts at the Museum Gift Shop, the Museum Concert Series, auctions, and you will be notified about upcoming Museum programs, exhibits and events. A new member will also receive a copy of the book "Under the Whelming Tide" that features stunning photography of the 1997 flood.

To register, stop by the Museum between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Or you can register by phone using a credit card. For more information about the camps or scholarships, contact me.

-- Sue Fink, Director of Education, North Dakota Museum of Art, [sfink@ndmoa.com](mailto:sfink@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.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/COACHES:

POSITION: Database Programmer, Housing Residence, #07-294

DEADLINE: (I) 5/04/2007

SALARY: \$30,000 - \$36,000

POSITION: Project Coordinator, Family and Community Medicine, #07-293

DEADLINE: (I) 5/04/2007

SALARY: \$38,800 - \$40,000

POSITION: Server Administrator/Database Administrator, Energy and Environmental Research Center, #07-291

DEADLINE: (I) 5/3/2007

SALARY: \$40,000 - \$68,000

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Research Instrumentation Technician, Energy and Environmental Research Center, #07-292

DEADLINE: (I) 5/3/2007

SALARY: \$29,120 - \$45,760

POSITION: Financial Aid Associate, Student Financial Aid, #07-288

DEADLINE: (I) 5/1/2007

SALARY: \$25,500 - \$27,000

OFFICE SUPPORT:

POSITION: Administrative Assistant, College of Education and Human Development, #07-296

DEADLINE: (I) 5/07/2007

SALARY: \$23,500 - \$24,526

POSITION: Administrative Secretary (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Aerospace Sciences, #07-290

DEADLINE: (I) 5/1/2007

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$22,000

POSITION: Administrative Secretary (part-time, benefitted, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), University Relations, #07-289

DEADLINE: (I) 5/1/2007

SALARY: \$9.00 - \$9.50

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Lead Dining Room Attendant (variable schedule), Dining Services, #07-287

DEADLINE: (I) 5/1/2007

SALARY: \$8.31 - \$9.75

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, [janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-3621

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## IN THE NEWS

### Munski receives National Excellence in Teaching Award

Douglas Munski, professor of geography, was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award at the 92nd annual University Continuing Education Association (UCEA) national conference held April 11-14 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"Dr. Munski's concern for students, his professional competence, and his commitment to making education accessible make him a natural for this award and he serves as a model for the rest of us," said Robert Boyd,

vice president of student and outreach services. "This award brings honor to him, the University, and all of the distance education initiatives administered by UND's outreach services."

Originally from Chicago's North Shore and northern Missouri, Munski is well-known throughout North Dakota for his commitment to students and the state he has called home for 29 years. Each summer, he serves as a volunteer faculty advisor to help new students register and prepare for University life. As a cultural geographer specializing in historical and geographic education, Munski also acts as a North Dakota tour guide during the summer months to UND faculty and administrators.

In addition to on-campus classes, Munski teaches distance education courses on human geography and the geography of North America to students at Mayville State University, NDSU, Lake Region State College, Dickinson State University, and United Tribes Technical College. Every couple of weeks, he travels to one of these campuses to teach face-to-face to help keep his classes as interactive as possible.

"It is wonderful to honor a faculty member who so generously shares his time and talents with students and colleagues," said Martha Potvin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Through his work with the Division of Continuing Education, Dr. Munski is able to teach students at other colleges and universities across the state. Having students flock to his courses indicates the respect students hold for him."

The National Excellence in Teaching Award is presented to educators who have shown exceptional innovation in the areas of teaching, course development, mentoring, and service to continuing education. The award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to credit or non-credit programs and have provided inspirational teaching to continuing education students. Candidates from all regions of the nation, as well as from international based institutions, are nominated for the award. Munski received the regional Excellence in Teaching Award at the UCEA Great Plains Conference on Oct. 20, 2006, and was believed to be a great candidate to nominate for the national award.

"It is a terrific honor for Doug Munski to receive this very competitive national award," said Kerry Kerber, associate dean of outreach programs. "It reflects positively on the University of North Dakota and the academic quality of our distance education programs."

"Dr. Munski invests a great deal in his students," said Greg Weisenstein, vice president of academic affairs. "He somehow finds the time to provide exceptional leadership to the University of North Dakota while investing personally in each and every student that he teaches."

-- Kathy Schill, Marketing Intern, Division of Continuing Education, [kathrynschill@mail.und.edu](mailto:kathrynschill@mail.und.edu), 701-777-0484

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## Deb Dohrmann named Dietetic Association's Emerging Leader

Deb Dohrmann, clinical professor in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, has been named the North Dakota Dietetic Association's (NDDA) Emerging Leader for 2007. The award was presented at the recent NDDA Conference in Bismarck.

The Emerging Leader award is one of four recognitions the association presents to its membership and this award specifically identifies an individual who has developed a record of professional commitment and leadership and is one who will lead the dietetics profession into the future.

-- Becky Cournia, Alumni & Development Officer, Nursing, [beckycournia@mail.und.edu](mailto:beckycournia@mail.und.edu), 777-4526

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## UND medical school ranks fourth in nation

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences is one of the best medical schools in the country for producing family medicine physicians, according to rankings released by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Ranking fourth out of 125 medical schools in the country, UND earned an Achievement Award from the AAFP, which recognizes outstanding efforts to foster student interest in family medicine and produce graduates who enter the specialty.

Based on a three-year average, for the period ending October 2006, 17.4 percent of UND's graduates have entered an accredited family medicine residency program. This spring, 20 percent of the 55 graduating medical students are planning to pursue training in family medicine; the national average is about 8 percent, according to the AAFP.

"We are very pleased to be recognized among the nation's most effective medical schools in encouraging students to pursue the specialty of family medicine," said H. David Wilson, dean of the UND medical school.

"This honor reaffirms that our school is doing an exemplary job - better than nearly all other U.S. medical schools - of preparing students who make family medicine their career choice."

"For the past nine consecutive years, the number of students going into family medicine nationally has dropped, yet we continue to succeed at UND," Wilson added.

According to Robert Beattie, chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, "The AAFP Achievement Award recognizes the results of the quality education and training our students receive from exceptionally talented family physicians throughout the state.

"This honor recognizes the efforts of UND and our practicing physician-faculty members to present family medicine as a fulfilling career. It's particularly important because family physicians are critical to the provision of quality health care services, especially in the rural areas of North Dakota," said Beattie, who accepted the award at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine conference in Chicago.

The UND medical school has several unique programs designed to educate students about the benefits of family medicine. The nationally recognized Rural Opportunities in Medical Education (ROME) program places medical students in one of five rural communities in North Dakota for a seven-month rotation. Over 60 percent of ROME students select primary care residency training after earning their medical degree, compared to only 36 percent of students in the traditional program.

For more than 15 years, the Student-resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) program has provided health profession students an opportunity to spend a month working in interdisciplinary teams in rural North Dakota communities.

Other medical schools that received the AAFP Achievement Award are (in descending order, from first): University of Kansas School of Medicine (21.7 percent), University of Missouri School of Medicine (18.2 percent), and the University of Arkansas College of Medicine (17.9 percent).

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, [spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu), 701-777-4305

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## UND sweeps spring electrical engineering design competition

Senior electrical engineering students in the School of Engineering and Mines swept the top three places in the annual Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Red River Valley (RRV) Section Presentation

Contest, held April 26 in Grand Forks.

Each year, the RRV section of the IEEE hosts the competition, which features six oral presentations, three each from UND and NDSU. These projects are the result of the students' year-long capstone senior design classes in electrical engineering at both institutions. In order to reach the IEEE presentation contest regional design competition, students must be finalists in a local competition judged at each school. Presentations are judged on technical content (25 percent), project originality (25 percent), oral presentation (20 percent), visual presentation (15 percent), and fielding of questions (15 percent).

Aaron Fredrickson received the first place award for his project, "Medical Ultrasound Therapy: Liquefaction of Liver Tumors." This project was initiated to create a linear stage for an ultrasound transducer, in order to perform biomedical research in the area of non-invasive medical ultrasound therapy by means of liquefying cancerous tissue in animals and humans.

Fredrickson is originally from Grand Rapids, Minn. After graduation from Itasca Community College with his associate of science in electrical engineering degree, he transferred to the University of North Dakota. He will graduate with his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) degree in May. Fredrickson has accepted a position with 3M in St. Paul, Minn., where he will be a systems engineer. His teammate on this project is Ben Skogerboe, who will also graduate with his BSEE degree in May. Skogerboe recently accepted a position as a systems engineer with Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Placing second at the competition was Brian Berseth, with his project, "Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Sense & Avoid." For UAS to be allowed to operate in the U.S. national airspace, the Federal Aviation Administration requires "an equivalent level of safety, comparable to see-and-avoid requirements for manned aircraft." Since UAS do not have an onboard pilot, they require a "sense and avoid" system that replaces the pilot's ability to "see and avoid" other aircraft. A ground control station was developed to retrieve and interpret ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast) communication signals from properly equipped aircraft, such that collision avoidance algorithms may be developed for UAS to autonomously avoid other aircraft.

Originally from Detroit Lakes, Minn., Berseth is a senior at UND majoring in electrical engineering and honors, with minors in mathematics and entrepreneurial studies. Berseth served as the president of the IEEE student chapter at UND during this past school year. He will graduate with his BSEE degree in August, and he will continue his education in the electrical engineering graduate program at Stanford University in the fall. Berseth was recently awarded a three-year National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship to further his graduate studies. His teammates on this project include Carleen Beglau and James Jaszkwiaak, who will graduate with their BSEE degrees in May. Beglau has accepted a position as a systems engineer with Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Jaszkwiaak has accepted a position as an electrical engineer with Hutchinson Technology in Hutchinson, Minn..

Gina Garman placed third in the design competition for her project, "Active Vision for Navigation and Control." This design project used multiple video cameras to estimate range via stereo vision algorithms, with this depth information used to activate servos on a mobile robot platform for navigation in an unknown environment. The use of video cameras allows the visual data to be obtained without transmitting any electromagnetic or acoustic waves (unlike laser or sonar sensors), and it is potentially useful for navigation applications where stealth is required.

Garman was born and raised in Watford City, N.D., and she has served as the president of the Society of Women Engineers at UND. After graduation with her BSEE degree in May, Garman will begin working for Lockheed Martin in Manassas, Va. In her spare time, she enjoys singing and playing guitar, and often performs

for weddings or other events. Garman's teammates on this project include Ryan Berg and Mike King, who will also graduate with their BSEE degrees in May. Berg recently accepted a position as an engineer with Siemens in the Twin Cities, and King will continue his graduate studies in electrical and computer engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this fall.

-- Jan Orvik, Writer/Editor, University Relations, [janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:janorvik@mail.und.nodak.edu), 777-3621

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## Studio One interns honored by North Dakota professional communicators

Studio One, the live television show produced by students and staff at the University of North Dakota Television Center, recently won 38 awards in the North Dakota Professional Communicators College Communications Contest.

Interns earned 14 first-place awards, including first place in the regularly scheduled news/information program category. The program swept the general news reporting, investigative/in-depth reporting, TV news photography, TV feature photography, and TV sports photography categories. Studio One also received first- and third-place awards in the weather broadcast category.

The Studio One marketing team took first place in the single display ad, campaign, news release, and poster/flyer categories. The team also took second place in the web page design and newsletter categories.

-- Meghan Flaagan, Director of Marketing, Television Center, [meghan.flaagan@und.edu](mailto:meghan.flaagan@und.edu), 777-3818

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## UND medical student receives research grant

Miran Blanchard, a first-year medical student at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, was one of only 20 medical students nationwide to receive a grant from the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation's seed grant research program.

Blanchard, son of Dr. Joel and Marie-Anne Blanchard of Dickinson, received the \$2,500 grant for his project titled "Effect of Oligonucleotides with CpG motifs on Immunologic Responses of Dendritic Cell Vaccines for Colorectal Cancer." He will conduct his research under the supervision of Robert Sticca, professor and chair of the Surgery Department at the UND medical school.

Sticca and Blanchard are investigating the use of vaccines for colorectal cancer in mice. They hope eventually to start human clinical trials using the protocol.

"It is a great honor for Miran to be recognized for his involvement in this critical area of research," Sticca said.

"The AMA Seed Grant Research Program is an excellent program that fosters the participation of medical students in basic research initiatives early in their career. Many of these students have gone on to successful careers in medical research, contributing to the advancement of medicine and developing new treatments and cures for common diseases."

"If physicians are involved in research, they are helping to define the future potential of medicine," said Blanchard when asked why, with the busy schedule of a medical student, he still finds time for lab research.

"We have to continue pushing our boundaries."

Established in 1999, the program provides these grants to medical students, physician-residents and fellows to conduct basic science, applied, or clinical research projects. This year 40 individuals were awarded grants to further their research in the areas of cardiovascular/pulmonary diseases, HIV/AIDS, leukemia, neoplastic diseases, and secondhand smoke.

In addition to UND, the 2007 Seed Grant Research Program medical student recipients were from New York University School of Medicine; Stanford (Calif.) University School of Medicine; Albany (N.Y.) Medical College; University of California, Los Angeles; University of Arizona College of Medicine; Medical College of Georgia; University of Alabama at Birmingham; Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Mayo Graduate School, Rochester, Minn.; Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn.; University of Wisconsin-Madison; University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine; University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine; and University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

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