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EVENTS TO NOTE

Spring Study Abroad Fair is Feb. 7

The Spring Study Abroad Fair is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave. This event showcases the study abroad programs available for our students, both at UND and through affiliated providers. Students can explore their study abroad options and talk with program representatives, past students, and education abroad staff.

Please encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to explore their options by attending the Study Abroad Fair at the International Centre, across from the Memorial Union. Your support is extremely important.

In addition, any faculty members who are directing programs abroad are encouraged to advertise by reserving a table at the fair. Please RSVP to Neva (nevahendrickson@mail.und.nodak.edu) 777-3301 or Melinda (melindamccannellunger@mail.und.nodak.edu) 777-4756 to reserve a space if you haven't done so already. Experienced student representatives from your program are welcome and tables can be left unattended.

-- Melinda McCannell-Unger, Education Abroad Advisor, Office of International Programs,
melindamccannellunger@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4756

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College of Business and Public Administration celebrates women in business

College students at the UND can take part in an exclusive opportunity to hear from female alumni who serve as role models for their career ambition and success. On Thursday, Feb. 8, the College of Business and Public Administration hosts its annual Hultberg Lectureship Series, an event recognizing women in business and their professional savvy in handling work and life.

This year's Hultberg theme is "Hey, I Did It! So Can You!" The panel of four women share their experiences from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Fred Orth Lecture Bowl in the Memorial Union. The Hultberg Lectureship Series celebrates 20 years; this year its featured alumni are: Heather Johnson Kukla ('96), Jackie (Simon) Anderson ('90), Sarah (Stanford) Nielsen ('95), and Stephanie Helgeson ('95).

The College invites all UND students, as well as other members of the University and Grand Forks community, to attend.

The Hultberg panelists represent a variety of career backgrounds ranging from the legal field and accountancy to sales management and athletics. The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. and is moderated by Bob Kerr, general manager of WDAZ-TV.

Panelists include:

* Stephanie Helgeson, who currently serves as the director of athletics at the University of Minnesota – Crookston (UMC). Helgeson has been involved in university athletics since graduating from UND in 1995 with a degree in business administration. She played an instrumental role in UMC's transition from NAIA to Division II athletics in the NCAA.

* Jackie (Simon) Anderson has an extensive career in the retail food industry, starting at Hormel Foods in Dallas, Texas, and later transitioned to Kraft Foods, where she now serves as a regional sales manager for the world's second-largest food and beverage company. Anderson is a 1990 marketing and management graduate.

* Heather Johnson Kukla is a 1996 accounting graduate and attorney in New York City. Johnson Kukla's career began in Washington, D.C., where she served in a variety of positions in the United States District Courts in the District of Columbia, as well as working for Hogan & Hartsen, LLP. She was the editor of the Georgetown Law Journal, where her research on stem cells was published.

* Sarah (Stanford) Nielsen, is vice president and chief financial officer for Winnebago Industries in Minneapolis. She graduated from UND in 1995 with a degree in accountancy. Before being named CFO at Winnebago Industries, her successful career began in public accounting at Deloitte & Touche, LLC.

The Hultberg Lectureship was established with a gift through the UND Foundation by Clara E. Anderson, a 1928 graduate from Washburn, N.D. Clara named the series in honor of her parents, Hans and Susanna, because of the love and encouragement she received from them and her interest in stimulating both challenges and opportunities for women in business. Each year prominent women alumni from the College of Business and Public Administration and UND bring their leadership and experiences to the University community through this event.

Please make plans to attend the 20th annual Hultberg Lectureship Series. The event is free and open to the public.

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

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CSD candidate presents lecture Feb. 9

Monika Pawlowska will address faculty and students in communication sciences and disorders at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in 201 Montgomery Hall. Her talk is titled "Factors Accounting for the Ability of Children with Specific Language Impairment to Learn Verb Agreement Morphemes in Intervention." She is a candidate for the position of assistant professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Dr. Pawlowska obtained her Ph.D. in English linguistics from Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland, in 1999 with a focus on grammaticalization in language history and language acquisition. She is a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., since 2003. She is currently examining the effects of language intervention on the acquisition of agreement morphemes in children with specific language impairment. The public is invited.

-- Manish Rami, Chair, Search Committee, Communication Sciences and Disorders, manish.rami@und.edu, 7-3724

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Doug Burgum to speak at Feb. 9 entrepreneur forum

Doug Burgum, senior vice president for Microsoft Business Solutions Group, will be the next speaker at the

Entrepreneur Forum Friday, Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m. in Clifford Hall Lecture Bowl 210. The Entrepreneur Forum is a program of the UND Center for Innovation.

The topic will be "Entrepreneur Lessons Learned from Growing Great Plains Software." The event is free and open to the public.

"We are delighted Doug is willing to share his entrepreneur lessons with the UND campus and the region," said Bruce Gjovig, entrepreneur coach and director of the Center for Innovation. "Doug has been keenly interested in our entrepreneur business climate since he returned to North Dakota, and his entrepreneur success is an inspiration." Burgum was the first recipient of the North Dakota Business Innovator of the Year Award in 1989.

Burgum literally "bet the family farm" when he joined a startup called Great Plains Software in Fargo in 1983. Under his leadership Great Plains grew from a mid-market accounting software firm with fewer than 50 employees into a publicly traded international corporation with 2,000 employees. In 2001 Great Plains was acquired by Microsoft Corporation and Burgum became senior vice president of Microsoft Business Solutions (MBS). In July 2002, Burgum led Microsoft's acquisition of Navision a/s, a Denmark-based midmarket software company. The two companies combined to create Microsoft Business Solutions.

Gjovig said, "Doug's visionary leadership focuses on innovative products, teamwork, quality, and exceptional service. He is known for his inspirational keynote addresses for partner conferences and community events.

An Arthur, N.D., native, Burgum earned his undergraduate degree from NDSU in 1978 and his MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business in 1980. Before joining the then startup company Great Plains in 1983, Burgum was a consultant at McKinsey & Co. in Chicago. He received honorary doctorate degrees from NDSU and the University of Mary in 2000 and 2006 respectively.

He currently serves on the advisory council for the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Burgum has established the Doug Burgum Family Fund, which focuses its charitable giving on youth and education. He lives near Fargo with his three children.

For more information, please contact Bruce Gjovig at the Center for Innovation, 777-3132, or Bruce@innovators.net www.innovators.net

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UND alum to speak on trends in tourism, recreation Feb. 12

Trends in tourism and recreation are the topic of a presentation by Norma Nickerson, an alumnus of the recreation and leisure services degree program at UND. The presentation will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, in Room 109, Education Building. The public is welcome to attend.

Nickerson earned a bachelor's degree from UND with a major in recreation, and later completed a Ph.D. in recreation and leisure at the University of Utah. She is a professor in the School of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana, and is director of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research.

Nickerson received the Outstanding RLS alumnus award from the UND recreation and leisure services program in 2004. An active researcher in the field of tourism and outdoor recreation, she has authored many articles, book chapters and research reports, and is a frequent presenter at tourism conferences. An editor for several tourism journals, she is active in many organizations, such as the Travel and Tourism Research Association and Travel Industry Association.

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Doctoral examination set for Rhonda Peters

The final examination for Rhonda Peters, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in engineering, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Room 166 (dean's conference room), Upson II Hall. The dissertation title is "Development and Parameter Refinement of a Dynamic Simulation Model of a Fixed Speed Stall Control Wind Turbine Under Start-Up Conditions." Hossein Salehfar (engineering) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4005

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Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn Feb. 14

"Journey of Motherhood . . . Journey of Daughterhood" is the theme when the Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave.

Jo-Anne and Natasha Yearwood, mother and daughter, will discuss how different stages in each other's lives are mirrored through the years as well as the incredible bond mothers and daughters share.

A free lunch is provided by the Women's Center. Everyone is welcome.

-- Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center, undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 777-4302

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Box lunch session will focus on models of distance learning

UND, like many institutions (especially in these areas of shrinking populations) has been moving very heavily into distance education. The bad news is that teaching well with distance students demands new tools and techniques. The good news is that learning to use those new tools and techniques effectively and comfortably can enable you to create really outstanding distance courses and, in many cases, enhance your face-to-face teaching as well.

The Feb. 14 On Teaching session will be from noon to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Room, Memorial Union. They will discuss "Models of Distance Learning at UND," which will feature six individuals with expertise and interest in various kinds of distance education. You'll get a chance to hear how they use techniques as varied as game-based learning, lectures and study guides on video, streaming video, assignments and testing on the Internet, and various technological tools for interaction (HTMLeZ, Blackboard, and Breeze) to enhance student learning in distance education courses. Thomasine Heitkamp (social work), Craig McLaughlin (space studies), Janet Rex (library), Richard Schultz (electrical engineering), and Rick Van Eck (teaching and learning/instructional design and technology), and Julie Zikmund (nutrition and dietetics) will share their experiences in this "round table" discussion of distance learning and the accompanying technologies. To register and reserve a free box lunch, e-mail Jana Hollands by NOON Monday, Feb. 12, at jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu, or call at 777-4998.

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost of Assessment, Academic Affairs, joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu, 777-4684

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New employee orientation rescheduled

Please make note on your calendars that new employee orientation for Feb. 13 has been moved to Thursday, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. in 305 Twamley Hall.

-- Joy Johnson, Human Resources Officer, Office of Human Resources, joyjohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7-4367

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16th annual Robinson Lecture is Feb. 20

The librarians and staff of the Chester Fritz Library invite all members of the UND community to attend the 16th annual Elwyn B. Robinson Lecture Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the East Asian Room of the Chester Fritz Library (fourth floor). James Grijalva will speak on "Environmental Justice for Native America." A reception will follow his presentation.

Grijalva holds a bachelor's degree in political science and political philosophy from Claremont McKenna College, and a Juris Doctorate from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College. He joined the University's law faculty in 1994 after clerking for a federal appellate court judge in Reno, Nev., and practicing environmental and Indian law with a private firm in Seattle, Wash. Dr. Grijalva created the Tribal Environmental Law Project at UND in 1996. Since then, he has assisted over 24 Native American tribes seeking environment justice in their homelands. He was named Randy H. Lee Professor in 2005.

The Robinson Lecture series began in 1991 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Professor Elwyn B. Robinson's publication, "A History of North Dakota." Robinson, whose career spanned 35 years at UND, was a distinguished member of the history faculty. The lecture, together with the library's compilation of a bibliography of faculty and staff publications, is designed to recognize the scholarly and creative accomplishments of the UND community. -- Chester Fritz Library.

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Feast of Nations tickets on sale at International Centre

The 45th annual Feast of Nations is set for Saturday, Feb. 24. Ticket sales begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 1, at the International Centre, 2908 University Ave.; prices are \$15 for adults, \$7 for students/children, and \$180 for one table reservation (10 seats). The International Centre is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 10 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 777-4231.

-- Enru Wang, Faculty Advisor, International Organization, erwang@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4590

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Theatre Arts presents two spring shows

Two new shows will be presented at the UND Burtness Theatre this spring. The first show will be "True West" written by the famous playwright Sam Shepard. The next show will be Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors."

"True West" opens Feb. 27, and runs until March 3 in the Burtness Lab Theatre. "A Comedy of Errors" will be held on the Burtness Theatre main stage and opens April 17, and runs until April 27. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

"True West" is a play in which two brother's jealousy and competitive ways lead to a perfect mix of comedy and drama. One brother is a thief with a bad drinking problem, the other is a well-to-do screenwriter from the suburbs. As the play progresses, the two almost switch roles and they slowly become the same person. A thief writing a play? A screenwriter from the suburbs getting drunk and stealing from the local houses? It turns out to be a great play.

This production of "True West" will be student directed. Not only is it directed by a student, but the set will be designed by a student and the lighting, costumes, and sound are also all done by the students.

Our second offering for this spring will be William Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors," a hilarious tale of mistaken identity. Two long-lost twin brothers cross paths and the confusion begins. One of the brothers ends up in jail and the other brother is presumed to have gone mad. All the while unbeknownst to them, their father is in the same city and is about to be put to death unless he can find the money to save himself from the

gallows.

Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information and reservations, contact the Department of Theatre Arts box office at 777-2587.

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Nominations sought for Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors

Nominations are sought for individuals to be considered for recognition as a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor. Included below are the criteria and procedures for the nomination and selection of those to be recognized. Nomination packets are due in the respective dean's office by March 1. Nominators must be a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, full professor, or department chair.

Criteria:

1. Demonstrated achievement across research, teaching, and service with significant national or regional recognition in any one of these missions.
2. Significant professional contributions throughout his/her career. However, the basis for selection of Chester Fritz Professors will be heavily weighted toward one's accomplishments at UND.
3. Recognition by University of North Dakota colleagues as a faculty member who has made a valuable contribution to the quality of UND's academic programs.
4. Full-time member of the faculty, which includes all ranked teaching and research personnel. Department chairs are eligible if he/she is a full-time member of the faculty. Full-time administrators, e.g., vice presidents and deans, are not eligible.

Nomination Process:

The nomination packet should contain sufficient information for the committee to evaluate the nominee.

1. The nominator(s) must submit a nomination letter. Nominator(s) must be a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, full professor, or department chair.
2. College deans must second all nominations in writing.
3. Letters of support from other faculty are encouraged.
4. A current curriculum vitae of the nominee must accompany the nomination.

-- *Connie Gagelin, Administrative Officer, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost,*

conniegagelin@mail.und.edu, 777-2165

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Nomination deadline for Kupchella Award is March 1

Nominations for the Charles E. Kupchella Preventive Medicine and Wellness Award are due no later than Thursday, March 1, at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Letters of nomination and supporting materials are due by 5 p.m. March 1, in the Office of Public Affairs, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 501 N. Columbia Road Stop 9037, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037.

The award recognizes the achievements of individuals and organizations who have worked to improve health and wellness through lowered rates of disease and disability by developing and delivering effective health promotion and prevention initiatives.

Named for the current president of UND, the Kupchella Wellness Award will be presented in May at UND's Doctor of Medicine Class of '07 commencement awards brunch. This will be the second time this award has

been given. Last year's recipients were the Ina Mae Rude Aquatic Center in Stanley, N.D., and Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, associate professor of clinical neuroscience and director of the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research at the UND medical school.

UND is seeking nominations of individuals and organizations in North Dakota and surrounding states who have contributed significantly to disease prevention and healthful living. Consideration will be given to those who have:

- * made significant contributions in the field of health promotion and disease prevention including the clinical, education and research areas
- * demonstrated excellence in a function or on a project related to prevention or health promotion
- * taken initiative, shown innovativeness, persistence, has an impact and/or made a difference in prevention/health promotion to rural Americans

Projects may address one or more of the goals and focus areas outlined in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "Healthy People 2010: Understanding and Improving Health" and "Steps to a Healthier US".

See www.healthypeople.gov/ or call 800-367-4725 for more information. Areas of special interest are:

- * Promotion of physical activity
- * Reduction of overweight or obesity
- * Reduction or elimination of tobacco use
- * Reduction or elimination of substance abuse
- * Promotion of responsible sexual behavior
- * Reduction or elimination of injury and violence

The nomination should briefly address the following:

- * Why should this individual (or organization) be considered for this award?
- * What are the key outcomes and achievements of the program, policy, contribution or initiative?
- * Describe the nominee's accomplishments; attach CV (up to three letters of support may be included)

Emphasis will be given to programs that demonstrate creativity and innovation, leadership, sustainability, replicability and effectiveness.

The award recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash award and a commemorative plate. A picture of the recipient will be displayed on a plaque in UND's Student Wellness Center.

The award has been made possible by a gift to the UND Foundation from Manuchair Ebadi, senior advisor to the president and associate vice president for health affairs and medical research at UND and associate dean for research and program development at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 701-777-4305.

-- Shelley Pohlman, Asst. to the Director, Public Affairs, spohlman@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-4305

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NATURE program seeks faculty participation

The NATURE program seeks faculty participation. Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education (NATURE) is an outreach project aimed at improving science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education among North Dakota tribal college and tribal high school students. This N.D. EPSCoR-sponsored project supports participation between math, science and engineering faculty from UND and NDSU to collaborate with North Dakota tribal colleges in this outreach effort.

Major programs of this project include: a summer camp for tribal college students and faculty at NDSU, summer camps for high school students at four tribal colleges, and Sunday Academies during the academic year. For its second year, 2006–2007, the project will develop activities focusing on environment, renewable energy, and nanotechnology. Students form mentor-style relationships with professors at the state's research universities. They learn to perform cutting-edge research experiments that incorporate American Indian culture while building problem-solving skills. During summer NATURE camp, students perform research experiments in University labs and in the field under faculty guidance.

The project team is currently seeking additional faculty participation from both UND and NDSU campuses. Attracting Native American students to advanced STEM courses at high school levels and nurturing them into STEM careers through continuing education in two-year and four-year colleges are major education challenges facing North Dakota and the nation. We believe that we can make a difference by working together. Interested faculty members should contact Gary Johnson (GaryEJohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 701-777-2492) at UND or Wei Lin (wei.lin@ndsu.edu, 701-231-6288) at NDSU.

-- Gary E Johnson, Assistant VP for Research and Co-Project Director, ND EPSCoR,
garyejohnson@mail.und.nodak.edu, 7017772492

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Public scholarship funding proposals due March 19

The Center for Community Engagement announces its 2007 call for proposals for public scholarship projects involving UND faculty and community partners. Proposals are due March 19 with awards to be determined by April 2.

Funding is available in two categories. One is a pre-research category for up to \$1,000 for an individual faculty member to pursue the development of a research partnership with a public partner. The second is a research category for an amount of up to \$7,500 for faculty from two or more departments with at least one involved community partner. Proposals will be reviewed by a faculty committee.

This is the third year funding from the Office of the Vice President for Research has been provided to foster research and creative activity that involves members of the public and disseminates research results broadly. Ten UND projects have been funded in the past two years. A list of previously funded projects, as well as the call and application form, is available on the Center for Community Engagement website at www.communityengagement.und.edu.

For more information, contact Lana Rakow, director, Center for Community Engagement, 777-2287,
lanarakow@mail.und.edu

-- Lana Rakow, Director, Center for Community Engagement, lanarakow@mail.und.edu, 7-2287

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Technology Transfer & Commercialization office temporarily relocated

Due to construction within the Division of Research, the Technology Transfer and Commercialization office is temporarily located in 105 Twamley Hall, as of Friday, Feb. 2.

Telephone numbers and box number remain the same.

-- Jim Petell, Director, Technology Transfer & Commercialization, jimpetell@mail.und.edu, 7-6772

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Invention disclosure form now revised

The Technology Transfer and Commercialization Department has revised the invention disclosure form.

Researchers, staff or students wishing to submit their inventions for review should use the revised form. Please visit the department web page at www.und.edu/dept/ttc and click on the invention disclosure form link. Contact the Technology Transfer and Commercialization department with any questions regarding the revised form.

-- Jim Petell, Director, Technology Transfer & Commercialization, jimpetell@mail.und.edu, 7-6772

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Schedule an SGID in your classroom

Arrangements for SGIDs (small group instructional diagnosis, a process for soliciting student feedback at midterm) can be made now. SGIDs are done by trained faculty who work as facilitators for the process in colleagues' classrooms. A facilitator will collect information from your students, write it up into a report for you, and provide you with high-quality student input regarding their learning at mid-semester, rather than waiting until semester's end when course evaluations are completed. Furthermore, the interactive nature of the process can motivate students to think more carefully and deeply, so SGID feedback is often more thorough, providing you with a clear understanding of student perceptions. SGIDs are intended to be formative (i.e., for your own benefit as a teacher) rather than summative (for a promotion and tenure file). To schedule an SGID, please contact Jana Hollands at jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu or 777-4998. For questions about the process, contact Joan Hawthorne at joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu or 7-4684.

-- Joan Hawthorne, Assistant Provost, Provost Office, joan_hawthorne@und.nodak.edu, 7-4684

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Students responsible for absence notification

Students are responsible for contacting each of their faculty members regarding their absence from class. Therefore, do not require students to notify the Dean of Students office. Lines of communication between student and faculty are enhanced with contact between the parties involved. If a faculty member requires justification, it is their prerogative to request that from the student. In an emergency situation where the student is incapacitated, the Dean of Students office will provide assistance. Thanks for your help in this matter.

-- Cara Goodin, associate dean of student life and director of judicial affairs and crisis programs.

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Get free publicity about your UND summer events

Are you planning a non-credit event at UND this summer between May 1 and Aug. 31? Do you want more publicity about your summer program? Take this opportunity to submit your event information to the UND Summer Events Office to receive free publicity about your summer event. Your information will be posted to the online Summer Events Calendar, which will be strategically marketed throughout the spring and into the summer through newspaper, radio, and web advertisements. There also will be flyers, posters, and brochures distributed across campus and in the community as part of this Summer at UND marketing campaign.

In addition to posting your event information, you may also request to:

- Post your event brochure
- Link your web site to the Summer Events Calendar

Other reasons to submit your information include:

- Potential to reach a larger audience
- The web site can serve as a resource for participants

Examples of non-credit summer events include, but are not limited to, workshops, musical and theatrical performances, athletic events, and camps for kids.

To ensure your event is posted during the prime marketing time, submit your event information now by going

to the online form found at www.summer.und.edu or calling the Summer Events Office at 777-0841. By submitting your summer event information to the UND Summer Calendar, it will automatically be sent to the main UND events calendar.

The Summer at UND marketing campaign is sponsored by the UND Summer Programs and Events Council (SPEC).

-- Julie Bean, Summer Events Program Specialist, Division of Continuing Education, juliebean@mail.und.edu, 701-777-0441

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Students launch American Indian Business Leaders Chapter

Several UND business students joined forces recently to re-establish a local chapter of the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL), with the goal of encouraging Native American and other business students to develop and market their leadership skills, to understand business management, and to encourage minority participation in business and entrepreneurship programs at UND.

Organized in 1994 at the University of Montana-Missoula by Michelle Henderson, an Assiniboine Tribe member, AIBL emerged from Henderson's master's thesis, which noted a need voiced by many tribal leaders for educated, business-savvy members to assist with tribal economic development and management. She was the group's first director.

UND's AIBL chapter president is Courtney Davis, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and a native of Belcourt, N.D. Davis wants to see more Native Americans get a clear picture of the opportunities available to them in business, management, and entrepreneurship.

We have some great programs here to encourage American Indians professionally, such as Indians into Medicine (INMED), Recruitment/Retention of American Indians into Nursing (RAIN), and Indians into Psychology Doctoral Education (INPSYDE), notes Davis, whose father is an award-winning businessperson and entrepreneur on her home reservation. So along those lines, a big objective of ours is to encourage American Indians to become business leaders, both on and off the reservation.

Davis, a business management major in the College of Business and Public Administration (CoBPA), says opportunities abound for business and related majors at UND. So, Davis adds, it makes strong sense to encourage American Indians with organizations like AIBL to take advantage of those opportunities.

AIBL is co-advised by Keith Malaterre, a Belcourt, N.D., native and member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Malaterre is program coordinator/recruiter at the UND American Indian Student Services, where the AIBL group holds its regular meetings. The other co-advisor is Patrick Schultz, assistant professor of management at COBPA.

AIBL's vice president is Sisseton, S.D., native Robert Shepherd, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (formerly known as the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe), who is majoring in recreation and leisure services and minoring in business. The group's treasurer is MBA candidate Jared Davis, a member of Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt, N.D.; the secretary is Angeline Jeanotte, a pre-accountancy major, also from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa at Belcourt.

Membership in the American Indian Business Leaders UND chapter is free and open to all current UND students. For more information, contact Keith Malaterre, American Indian Student Services, 777-4292 or

keith.malaterre@und.edu.

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Benefited employees are reminded to sign up for Wellness Game of Life

Why is everybody talking about getting points for healthy behavior? What's the deal with turning in the points for prizes? Benefited employees -- make sure to register at <http://www.workwell.und.edu> for the Wellness Game of Life. Need more information? Contact Amanda at 777-0210.

-- Amanda Eickhoff, Coordinator of Wellness, Wellness Center, amandaeickhoff@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

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Reduce the price of textbooks today

Barnes & Noble at UND, your campus bookstore, reminds faculty that fall textbook requests are due Feb. 14. Submit your adoptions online at www.und.bkstore.com

We would like to thank you in advance for turning in textbook requests as early as possible. Because of your concern and support, we are winning the battle of maintaining and reducing the cost of textbooks. Our used textbook inventory for this past semester was once again over a million dollars. The savings to UND students based on this inventory was over \$345,000.

* Having your course and book information allows us to pay students who choose to sell their books up to 50 percent of the book price at buyback.

* Recycle and reuse -- the more books we buy at the end of this spring term, the more students save next term. Used books are 25 percent off the new book price.

* With early information, we can notify you of publisher stock situations, edition changes, and out-of-print titles.

Thank you for your continued support.

-- Michelle Abernathy, General Manager, Barnes & Noble at UND,
michelle_aberanthey@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2103

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International Programs newsletter available online

The latest issue of the International Programs newsletter, "Building Bridges" is available online at <http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/documents/2-1-07.pdf>

Featured this month:

- * Feast of Nations
- * Spring Study Abroad Fair
- * UND faculty-directed and summer programs
- * Passport requirement for Canada and Mexico
- * International student advising notes
- * International student employment

-- Ray Lagasse, Director, International Programs, International Programs, raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu,
777-2938

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Report icy conditions to facilities

The weather has caused icy conditions on our parking lots, roads, and sidewalks. We will continue to salt and sand to reduce the slipperiness as much as possible. Please report any hazardous conditions to Facilities, 777-2591. There are some things that you can do to help reduce the risk of falling on ice. Here are some helpful

hints.

1. Wear boots or overshoes with grip soles. Slick leather or rubber soles on dress shoes are unsafe on ice.
2. Don't walk with your hands in your pockets. This reduces your balance if you slip on the ice.
3. Take short to medium steps, or shuffle your feet in very icy areas.
4. Don't carry or swing heavy loads, such as large boxes or cases, which could cause you to lose your balance when walking.
5. When walking, curl your toes under and walk as flat-footed as possible.
6. Don't step on uneven surfaces. Step well over or avoid curbs with ice on them.
7. Place your full attention on walking. Don't allow your attention to be divided by getting your keys out of your pocket, digging in your pocketbook for items, etc., while walking on ice.

-- Paul Clark, associate director of facilities.

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Volunteers sought for care-giving simulation

The Center for Rural Health is seeking two more volunteers to help with a care-giving simulation that is rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 9, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers will either simulate a person with an aging-related disability or act as the care-giver in a variety of situations. Please call Kim Ruliffson at 777-6780 if you can assist us. We will have Wal-Mart cards and snacks for the volunteers.

-- Kim Ruliffson, Administrative Secretary, Center for Rural Health, kruliffson@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-6780

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Participants sought for possible staff/faculty golf league

If anyone is interested in a staff/faculty golf league, please contact Dustin at 777-3500 or dustinhjetved@mail.und.nodak.edu. Please include what night would be best.

-- Tom Swangler, Assistant Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, tomswangler@mail.und.edu, 7-4094

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Big Event program seeks volunteers

It will be time for the Big Event sooner than we think. A goal of the 125 Year Celebration Events Committee is to dramatically expand the volunteer involvement of faculty, staff, and administration in this service to the community event Saturday, April 14. We want to move toward that goal this year. The event is managed by Student Government but it is intended to be an opportunity for the entire University community to give back to our community.

Here are some examples of the kind of work that is done: wash windows, clean up a yard or a park, type or hand write a letter. These projects are done for organizations and individuals who need the assistance and cannot do it for themselves. Churches are asked to find seniors or disabled people who need help. Service organizations are a prime target. City government is as well. A request can be made for any project. It will be evaluated to determine if it can be accomplished and if there are volunteers who can handle it.

You can help in two ways. You can make any organization you are associated with aware that they can apply for assistance and you can identify citizens who need help. You would tell them to contact (thebigevent@und.nodak.edu.) The appropriate forms will be forwarded to you or the appropriate person. The second way you can help is to personally volunteer on the Saturday (usually in April) when this event is scheduled. Over 650 UND students volunteered last year and only about 10 faculty and staff did. President Kupchella and many of the senior administrators gave their time and energy. Let's join them! To manage the work load, student government expects all volunteers to register. To register, contact them at the same e-mail address (thebigevent@und.nodak.edu) and they will furnish you with the volunteer registration form.

-- Don Lemon, chair, 125th Year Celebration Events Committee

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Squires Dining Center renovation begins March 5

Construction on the \$2.2 million dining center transformation begins March 5. Plans call for Squires Dining Center, originally built in 1963, to close for the semester on March 2 after the dinner meal. Renovations will result in a completely renewed dining environment with market-style dining, restaurant seating, contemporary decor and display cooking. Students will have the option to choose ingredients and watch their meal being prepared in front of them. The renovated dining center features stations including: Home Cooking, Pizza & Pasta, Salad Bar, Specialty Bar, Deli and Grab n' Go.

Beginning March 5, students will have the option to use a temporary dining facility in the Smith Hall basement, where breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served, Monday – Friday. A “To-Go” breakfast will also be available for students to pick up at the Walsh Hall convenience store. To accommodate busy schedules, Wilkerson Dining Center lunch hours will be extended until 4 p.m. The open dining policy allows students to eat at any dining center, so Terrace and Wilkerson Dining Centers can easily accommodate extra student traffic.

Construction will continue through the summer with a grand re-opening planned for mid-October. -- Dining Services.

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Support the North Dakota Museum of Art

For over 30 years, the North Dakota Museum of Art has been a cultural haven, an escape to the creative and intellectually curious University students, faculty and staff. Established in 1974 as the University Art Galleries located in the UND Student Union, it has grown into an over 900-object permanent collection. In 1985, the Museum was designated as the official state art gallery and the name was changed to the North Dakota Museum of Art. In 1996 the Museum underwent significant institutional change when UND turned over management of the Museum to an independent board of trustees under its own 501 (c) (3). UND supports the Museum by offering the current building, utilities, and exterior building maintenance, in kind, but that does not keep the regional, national and international exhibition programs alive, the concerts performing, or the art education and outreach programs going, let alone staff salaries. We need your support.

Please consider a monthly payroll deduction to support the Museum throughout the year or increasing your current deduction. Your tax-deductible gift, no matter how big or small, ensures that the North Dakota Museum of Art can continue to grow and prosper into the coming year. Gifts support exhibitions, education, and special programming.

Thank you for your past and current support and check out what is lined up for exhibitions, concerts and events at www.ndmoa.com today.

-- Linda M. Gunderson, Director of Development, North Dakota Museum of Art, Imgunderson@ndmoa.com, 701 777-5377

Use caution at campus and DOT fueling sites

It has been brought to our attention by the director of state fleet in Bismarck that vehicles refueling at University and DOT sites need to take greater care to slow down when entering these areas. UND is especially vulnerable due to snow equipment and buses that are continually in the area. Due to the location, there are a lot of blind spots at UND. Please pass the word and help avoid unwanted accidents.

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

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 Cardform. 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: Programmer Analyst, NDUS Connect ND, #07-209

DEADLINE: (I) 2/07/2007

SALARY: \$40,000 - \$47,000

POSITION: Entrepreneur Finance Consultant, Center for Innovation, #07-207

DEADLINE: (I) 2/7/2007

SALARY: \$24,960 - \$41,600

POSITION: Associate Vice President for Outreach Services & Dean of Outreach Programs, #07-091

DEADLINE: Internal applicants will be considered with the external. Open Until Filled (Review of applications will begin November 15, 2006.)

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL: No current openings.

OFFICE SUPPORT: No current openings.

CRAFTS/TRADES/SERVICE:

POSITION: Building Services Technician - LEAD (Custodial, variable schedule), Facilities, #07-212

DEADLINE: (I) 2/12/2007

SALARY: \$18,000 - \$25,000

POSITION: Lead Dining Room Attendant (variable schedule), Dining Services #07-211

DEADLINE: (I) 2/07/2007

SALARY: \$8.31 - \$9.75

POSITION: Snack Bar Supervisor (variable schedule), Dining Services, #07-210

DEADLINE: (I) 2/07/2007

SALARY: \$8.31 - \$9.75

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

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IN THE NEWS

UND engineer earns \$400,000 national grant

Cutting-edge just about exactly describes electrical engineer Timothy Bigelow's work with cavitation ultrasound histotripsy. That's medical lingo for an emerging surgical procedure that aims high-frequency sound waves at cancerous tissue, destroying it safely with no collateral tissue damage. Call it "sounds clean" cancer surgery.

Ultrasound histotripsy is part of the rapidly evolving field of biomedical technology that's attracting talented young researchers such as Bigelow, who joined the faculty of the School of Engineering and Mines as an assistant professor of electrical engineering in 2005 after earning his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 2004.

"This is really exciting research because of its potential surgical applications in curing cancer and other diseases," says Bigelow, who recently earned the National Science Foundation's prestigious Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award. Bigelow was awarded a \$400,000, five-year grant for his research project, titled "CAREER: Ultrasound Histotripsy System Development to Improve Cancer Treatment."

This grant will help Bigelow develop a revolutionary, minimally invasive alternative to traditional cancer surgery. Ultrasound histotripsy focuses high-intensity acoustic waves to "liquefy" cancer tissue, killing tumor cells in the process, Bigelow explains. It's similar to surgery – the procedure destroys the cancer – but where surgeons previously would slice away diseased tissue, this process removes the cancer without traumatizing surrounding tissue. This new technique, which is still in its basic research stages, points to better rates of patient recovery because there are no surgical openings to disinfect, no wounds to suture, Bigelow notes.

Bigelow will launch his research project in May with the help of Robert Sticca, professor and chair of surgery in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Bigelow's NSF CAREER grant also includes funding to teach North Dakota and rural Minnesota high school math and science educators about the process of hands-on biomedical research and its ethical implications during the summer months.

"NSF CAREER grants only go to the best new faculty in the nation, who are able to communicate their cutting-edge ideas to a variety of audiences," notes Richard Schultz, associate professor and chair of electrical engineering and NSF CAREER awardee in 1996. "We are very lucky to have Tim at UND."

The NSF describes its CAREER program as an activity that offers its most prestigious awards "in support of the early career development activities of those teacher-scholars who most effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their organization."

"Such activities," the NSF says, "should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of integrated contributions to research and education."

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UND astrophysicist tapped to lead NASA Deep Space Network panel

UND professor George Seielstad was recently tapped to chair a national panel that will recommend future design and mission priorities for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Deep Space Network (DSN).

DSN, through a global network of radio antennas, captures and manages the vast stream of data showered on Earth daily by thousands of U.S. and international satellites and other space probes. These data include some of the most celebrated space images, including stunning portraits of our own solar system neighbors and images of far-out stars and galaxies.

Seielstad, an astrophysicist who managed one of the country's top radio telescopes, has launched several academic initiatives at UND, including the Department of Earth System and Policy, the Center for People and the Environment, and the Upper Midwest Aerospace Consortium. He is well-known in NASA circles for his intense commitment and contributions to DSN and is regularly consulted for his expertise in this space exploration enterprise.

Besides being a singular professional honor for Seielstad, his work on the DSN panel -- whose members, a select group of top NASA and other scientists and engineers, picked him for the job -- will significantly enhance his teaching and advisory roles at UND, he says.

"Yes, this kind of stuff takes up lots of time and energy, but I learn an enormous amount when I participate in these activities," says the ever-enthusiastic Seielstad, whose principal career scientific interest is radio astronomy (the detection, gathering, and analysis of the radio energy emitted or reflected by celestial bodies such as planets and stars).

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Carlson named Kaess Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology

Edward Carlson, chair and Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, has been named as the first Dr. Karl and Carolyn Kaess Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

The professorship was created with a significant gift from Carolyn Kaess of San Diego and her husband, the late Dr. Karl Kaess, a 1938 graduate of the UND medical school. It is the second professorship established with a major endowment to support the school.

In 1986, the couple also established a scholarship endowment to support medical students at UND through the UND Foundation.

"We are deeply grateful to Dr. Karl and Carolyn Kaess for their continuing commitment to the excellence of the medical education program at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences," said H. David Wilson, dean of the school. "Their extraordinarily generous gifts have been important to advancing our mission and enhancing the outstanding reputation of this medical school.

"Their contribution which created the Dr. Karl and Carolyn Kaess Professorship in Anatomy and Cell Biology is most critical to strengthening an already excellent academic department."

Dr. and Mrs. Kaess chose to endow the professorship in anatomy because of their esteem for Harley French, an exceptionally gifted professor who served as anatomy department chair as well as dean of the medical school for 37 years, ending in 1948.

"We are sincerely grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Karl Kaess for their remarkable generosity," said Carlson. "Their gift will directly impact my teaching and research career and benefit our department for years to come."

A native of Fargo, Dr. Kaess graduated from the UND medical school and went on to earn the Doctor of Medicine degree from Rush Medical School in Chicago in 1940. He received specialized training in dermatology at Northwestern University in Chicago and completed residency training at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and the University of Pennsylvania. He was board-certified in dermatology.

In the Navy Medical Corps, he served as commanding medical officer on the battleship USS Missouri and other naval hospitals in New Hampshire and the Philippines. He retired from the military as a captain in 1973 and passed away in 2003.

Carlson, who has served as chair of the anatomy and cell biology department since 1981, is highly respected as an award-winning educator, a highly effective administrator and a creative investigator. His work has centered on the morphometric analysis of cellular and extracellular ultra-structure, especially as applied to models of diabetic retinal and kidney ailments. Results of his research, represented by more than 180 papers and abstracts, has been widely published.

In May 2006, he received the highest faculty honor bestowed by UND, the title Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor. -- School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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18 teams compete in First Lego Robotics tournament

A team of 9-14 year-old-students from Bismarck's Robert Miller Elementary School took home the top award at this year's FIRST LEGO® League (FLL) Robotics North Dakota Championship Tournament held recently at the Betty Engelstad Arena.

This year's FLL robotics and research challenge, NANOQUEST, called for the competitors to learn about nanotechnology -- the new frontier that will impact every facet of society, from medicine to computers to the environment. As visionaries and scientists, the FLL teams explored unimaginably amazing new technologies that start in the Nano world and lead to the things we do and use every day.

The FLL competition was judged in five areas: research and presentation, robot performance, technical mechanics of the robot's construction, teamwork, and gracious professionalism. The highest honor goes to the team that best exemplifies the spirit and values of the program.

Winning the top award from this year's competition, the Directors Award, was the Bismarck Robert Miller Elementary School team. Runner-up was the team from Thompson, N.D. Other award winners were:

"NanoQuest" Project Presentation:

- * First Place: Bismarck Gateway to Science Center
- * Second Place: Watertown South Dakota Public Schools

Team Spirit Award:

- * First Place: Bismarck Apple Creek School
- * Second Place: Plaza Lewis and Clark School

Robot Design Award:

- * First Place: Bismarck Saxvik Elementary

* Second Place: Fairmount After School Program

Robot Performance Award:

* First Place: Bismarck Robert Miller Elementary

* Second Place: Kittson Central School, Hallock, Minn.

Teamwork Award:

* First Place: Beulah Public School

* Second Place: Fargo Washington Elementary

Outstanding Volunteer Award:

* First Place: Clancy and Julie Kadrmas, UND chemical engineering students

* Second Place: David Kilpela, UND electrical engineering student

Adult Coach/Mentor:

* First Place: Surrey Public School, Byron Borgen

* Second Place: Bismarck Gateway to Science, Russell Sorenson

Young Adult Coach/Mentor:

* First Place: Fairmount After School Program, Landon Luick

* Second Place: Watertown, S.D. Public School, Tammy Rieber

Against All Odds Award:

* Fort Totten Four Winds School

Judges Awards:

* Hatton-Northwood School

* Brookings, S.D. School

* Grand Forks Dakota Science Center

* Cando Public School

* Tri-County Schools, Karlstad, Minn.

The University and the School of Engineering and Mines hosted the event with the help of many UND student volunteers and the following corporate sponsors: Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Otter Tail Power Company, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., Cargill, Ralph Engelstad Arena, Inc., and HB Sound & Light.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Esther Pearson

Esther Pearson, retiring dining hall supervisor in Smith Hall, died Jan. 31 in Valley Eldercare. She was 85.

Esther Stockke was born Aug. 22, 1921, in Stephen, Minn., to Ben and Sarah (Elfstrom) Stockke. She attended high school in Stephen and worked there until she married Edwin Pearson Aug. 13, 1941. They made their home in Warroad, Minn., and then Grand Forks. She worked at UND for 21 years, and retired in 1984 for health reasons. She entered Valley Eldercare in 1998 where she resided until her death.

She is survived by three daughters: Karolyn (Lyle) Roseen, Roseau, Minn.; Janice (Joe) Miller, Grand Forks; and

Margaret (David) Sorteberg, Grand Forks; and son Arden (Cheri) Pearson of Glyndon, Minn., seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Pearson was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

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

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