

Fischer approves added funds for Libraries serials subscriptions

NDSU Interim President Allan G. Fischer has approved additional funding to maintain the serials collection at the NDSU Libraries for the next biennium. Because of inflation in subscription costs, the library faced a potential \$200,000 shortfall. Fischer approved using discretionary funds to meet the need.

Richard Bovard, interim director of the NDSU Libraries, said the additional funds will give the Libraries at least another year to review the serials subscription practices at NDSU. "We're delighted with the funding. The money will allow us to maintain our current subscription level for the next two years as long as our subscription cost increases do not exceed the national 10 percent inflationary increases," he said.

Large cuts in serial subscriptions previously were made in 1994 and 1996. During the 1992-93 academic year, the Libraries subscribed to 4,265 serials, and that number dropped to 2,629 by 1997-98.

"Dr. Fischer's decision buys us a little time," Bovard said. "The real dilemma is that this funding doesn't solve the problem. It delays the consequences because we will need more money each biennium or we will have to cancel more serials in the future."

Fischer asked that a plan be presented by May 1 on how the funds will be used and what strategy will be used for future funding for serials and books.

Teleconference to address technology opportunities

The growing importance of telecommunications is the subject of a teleconference titled "Telecommunications Technology in North Dakota: Opportunities and Challenges in Rural America" scheduled for May 4-5 on the NDSU campus.

"New advances in information technology affect much of what we do in today's world ranging from educating our kids, delivering health care, running a business and operating a farm," said U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan, one of the conference's co-sponsors. "This conference is an excellent opportunity to learn about North Dakota's place along the information highway."

The conference will explain the benefits and opportunities of information technologies for business entrepreneurs, community leaders, educators, health care professionals and others. It will focus on new technologies in telecommunications and provide an overview on how they are being used in our region and other parts of the country.

Workshops include how farmers and ranchers can enhance production and efficiency by using precision agriculture; crop management and agricultural marketing; business techniques to the use of the Internet and information technologies; educational opportunities for students and teachers through distance learning; and applications of telemedicine.

Other sponsors include NDSU, Red River Trade Council and the University of North Dakota. For more information, contact Maynard Friesz of Sen. Dorgan's office at (202) 224-0237 or visit the conference's Web site at www.tmd.org.

IVN meeting for women in N.D. higher ed set for April 15

An IVN meeting is planned for 10-11:50 a.m. Thursday, April 15, in EML 183 to explore the possibility of re-establishing a network of North Dakota women in higher education. The meeting is open to anyone interested in the topic. Those who would like to attend should call Sandy Holbrook at 1-7703.

Campus Clean-Up set for April 27

Volunteers for the NDSU Spring Clean-Up should gather at 2 p.m. April 27, at the Memorial Union East Patio for crew and location assignments. Following the clean-up, workers may reconvene at the patio at 4 p.m. for hot dogs, chips and pop. Door prizes will be given away at the meal.

Faculty and staff helping with the clean-up will be dismissed from 2-5 p.m. University offices will remain open and classes will remain in session during clean-up. Employees participating in clean-up will not have to take personal time off. Any NDSU employees not helping with clean-up efforts must finish working their regularly scheduled hours.

Participants should bring extra rakes and work gloves. In case of inclement weather, clean-up will take place Thursday, April 29. The volunteer clean-up project is sponsored by the Alumni Association, the Physical Plant and NDSU Dining Services.

To sign up to for the clean-up, contact Liz Christianson at the NDSU Alumni Association at 271-0296 or send e-mail to eweather@gwmail.nodak.edu.

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Competition opens for EPSCoR Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships

Competition is now open for the North Dakota EPSCoR Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships. The program, implemented in fall 1998, is designed to increase the number of doctoral degrees awarded in North Dakota in the sciences, engineering and mathematics, and increase proposals competitive for funding from the National Science Foundation. Proposals should be submitted to the Graduate School by May 17. Award announcements will be made about June 15.

Support is available for up to 24 months to enable students to dedicate their time exclusively to dissertation research. The stipend level will be equivalent to the current doctoral stipend in the student's department. In addition, the student will have a \$500 per year allowance for travel to make presentations at national or international meetings. The doctoral advisor will be awarded up to \$2,500 per year to support the research activity of the dissertation fellow. It is anticipated that up to five fellowships will be awarded to each of the research universities beginning in September. A committee at each university consisting of the dean of the Graduate School, the principal research administrator and two members of the ND EPSCoR Steering Committee will select the fellows.

Students whose dissertation topics are in areas typically eligible for funding from the science, engineering and mathematics research directorates in the National Science Foundation and who have completed doctoral candidacy requirements are eligible to compete.

Copies of the request for proposals may be obtained in Ladd-Dunbar 258. For information contact Philip Boudjouk, project director, at 1-8400 or boudjouk@plains.nodak.edu.

People

Ruley nominated for Athena Award

Amy Ruley, Bison women's basketball head coach, has been recognized as one of 11 nominees for the Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead's Athena Award. The award recognizes an individual for professional achievement and community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

The winner will be announced May 19 at the Chamber's annual awards luncheon at the Holiday Inn, Fargo.

Retirement reception set for Jan Miller

Jan Miller, who is retiring April 30 after 20 years with the NDSU Libraries, will be honored at a reception scheduled from 2-4 p.m. Friday, April 30, in Room 110 of the Library.

During her years of service, Miller was head of the circulation department. She oversaw the transition from a manual circulation system with typed cards to the current automated system on the on-line catalog. She also has been active in the North Dakota English Arts Project and several local, state and regional library committees.

NDSU psychologist links writing exercises to better health



Smyth

Joshua M. Smyth, assistant professor of psychology, and colleagues recently conducted a study of asthma and rheumatoid arthritis patients and found that expressive writing caused a significant reduction in the severity of their symptoms. An article about the study appears in the April 14 issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The study, conducted in Chicago, included 112 patients. A control group was asked to write about emotionally neutral topics and the rest of the patients were assigned to write about the most traumatic experiences in their lives.

Patients with mild to moderately severe symptoms who wrote about traumatic life experiences had clinically relevant changes in health status after four months. The asthma patients averaged a 19 percent reduction in symptoms, while the rheumatoid arthritis sufferers averaged a reduction of 28 percent. Those in the control group showed no change.

The study supports previous controlled studies on the use of expressive writing as a means of therapy. Other studies have shown changes in the immune system following the writing exercise. The reason behind the effects is not yet known, but several theories have been proposed.

Smyth said, "A growing amount of literature suggests that addressing patients' psychological needs produces both psychological and physical health benefits. Expressive writing is one such technique that has been used successfully in several controlled studies."

This is the first study to demonstrate that writing about stressful life experiences improves physician's ratings of disease and severity in chronically ill patients. Smyth and the other authors do not yet know if the improvements will last beyond four months or whether this exercise will prove effective with other diseases.

New managers join accounting, business offices

Milan Knutson recently was named manager of the NDSU Accounting Office. The office is responsible for accounts payable; general ledger management; financial reporting; tax reporting and compliance; cash and investment management; and long-term debt management. Knutson received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Moorhead State University and is a certified public accountant. He will enter the NDSU Quarter-Century Club this spring.

Julie Illich is the new manager of the NDSU Business Office. She previously worked as the business manager of Northwest Technical College, controller at Jamestown College and business manager of the North Dakota State College of Science. Illich received her bachelor's degree in accounting from NDSU and is a certified public accountant.

Steele honored by engineering society

Dean Steele, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering, recently received the Member of the Year award from the Red River Valley Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. The award was presented in recognition of Steele's participation in the group's activities and for his professional accomplishments, which include his development of new courses in the curriculum and his research in improved efficiency of irrigation systems.

Steele is the society's secretary-treasurer and provided leadership for the committee in charge of arrangements for the group's 1997 intersectional meeting in Fargo.

Stambough, O'Regan present papers at conferences

Stephen J. Stambough, associate professor of political science, and Susan Bosak, a graduate student in political science, presented a paper entitled "Effectiveness of an Interest Group Media Campaign Targeted at City Level Officials" at the South Dakota Political Science Association Annual Conference in Brookings, S.D. The research looks at the activity of local policy activists in concert with an anti-tobacco media campaign.

Stambough and Valerie O'Regan, assistant professor in political science, also attended the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference in Seattle. The conference is one of the major regional events for political science research.

Stambough presented a paper titled "Divisive Primaries as a Source of Third Party Voting." His research explores the role of contested presidential nomination campaigns in identifying a pool of potential supporters for visible third party presidential candidates. Using individual and state-level data, the findings suggest a strong relationship between the support for defeated nomination candidates and major party defection in the general election.

O'Regan presented "When Does the Level of Female Representation Become Critical?" The research uses a unique data set to examine the impact of female legislators on parental leave policy across industrialized nations.

Stambough publishes journal articles

Stambough also co-wrote an article for the March edition of *The International Journal of Forecasting*. "Towards Stability in Presidential Vote Forecasting," was co-written with Gregory R. Thorson, University of Minnesota, Morris. The research builds upon previous presidential vote forecasting models by employing principle component analysis to develop more stable measures of party strength and economic performance.

The *Policy Studies Journal* recently published an article co-written by Stambough and Max Neiman, University of California, Riverside. The article, "Rational Choice Theory and the Evaluation of Public Policy," appears in Vol. 26 of the journal. Part of a special symposium titled "The Politics of Policy," the article examines the assumptions and implication for a rational choice approach to policy formation and its impact on the size and scope of government.

Salem attends construction and engineering conventions

Ossama Salem, assistant professor of civil engineering and construction, attended the Construction Exposition, CONEXPO-CON/AGG '99, in Las Vegas in March.

The CONEXPO-CON/AGG '99, with more than 1,725,000 square feet of construction equipment, 1,850 exhibiting companies and 100,000 visitors, is considered the world's largest exposition for the construction industry. Salem attended three of the construction equipment related seminars and saw the state-of-the-art in construction equipment.

In addition, Salem attended the American Road and Transportation Builders Association Annual Convention. The association is a national federation of private firms, public agencies and associations with a primary goal of advocating strong federal investment in transportation infrastructure. It is a full-service association with more than 4,000 members.

Salem also attended the annual meeting for the Construction Research Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The council is a technical arm of the society's construction division. Its purpose is to advance the science of construction engineering research projects; define construction terms and establish construction standards; harmonize construction practices with design theories; and encourage education and research in construction engineering and management.

Events

Psychologist to discuss psychopathic personality disorders

Scott O. Lilienfeld is scheduled to present "Psychopathic Personality: Links Among Theory, Assessment, and Research" from 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, April 16, in Minard 209. Lilienfeld is a respected researcher in the areas of personality disorders, anxiety and psychiatric diagnosis. The colloquium will focus on his research of psychopathy, a syndrome characterized by antisocial behavior and attitudes.

Lilienfeld received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 1990 and is now on the faculty at Emory University. He recently received the David Shakow Award for Early Distinguished Contributions to Clinical Psychology from the American Psychological Association.

Psychology department colloquia are free and open to the public.

Teeter-a-thon, open house set for April 20

Delta Upsilon's 24th annual Teeter-a-thon is set to begin Sunday, April 20. Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority will join Delta Upsilon to teeter-totter for 123 hours to raise money for the Big Brother/Big Sister program. The groups hope to reach a goal of \$4,500 through individual pledges, corporate donations and help from radio stations.

All faculty and staff are invited to an open house at 3:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Delta Upsilon, located on 12th Ave. across from Askanase Hall.

Architecture, landscape architecture students to display work in Gallery

About 70 students will present senior design projects on NDSU Architecture and Landscape Architecture Day, April 20, in the Memorial Union Gallery and Alumni Lounge. Projects range from daycare facilities, zoos and theaters to community spaces.

Based on merit and presentation of their projects, four to six landscape architecture finalists' work will be featured April 21-23 in the Gallery. A reception is planned for 4-6 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the Gallery.

Six of the top senior architecture thesis projects will compete for the McKenzie Award and will be featured in the Gallery April 26-30. The Peter F. McKenzie award is considered the top honor for architecture students and is presented by the McKenzie family. A reception is planned for 4-6 p.m. Friday, April 30, in the Gallery.

Red River Conference on World Literature set for April 23-25

Meena Alexander, internationally recognized novelist, poet and critic, will give a keynote address, "Postcolonial Memory: A Writer's Reflections," at 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the second annual Red River Conference on World Literature at the Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center. Her presentation is free and open to the public.

Alexander is a professor of English and women's studies at Hunter College and Graduate Center, City University of New York, and a lecturer in poetry in the writing program at Columbia University. She was born in India and educated in North Africa and England, where she earned her doctorate from the University of Nottingham. Her works include "River and Bridge," "Nampally Road," "The Shock of Arrival: Reflections on Postcolonial Experience" and her new novel, "Manhattan Music."

Alexander has received many honors, including two MacDowell Fellowships and a PSC-CUNY Research Foundation Award. She has been a visiting fellow and writer-in-residence in France, India, the United States and England. Her work has appeared in numerous journals, including *Grand Street*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Ironwood*, *New Letters*, *Nimrod* and *Daedalus*.

R.S. Krishnan, professor of English and conference coordinator, said academics from throughout the Midwest and abroad will present about 35 papers during the conference, which will be held April 23-25. It is sponsored by the Department of English and supported by funding from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and a grant from the North Dakota Humanities Council. For more information regarding the conference and fees, contact Krishnan at 1-7152, or by e-mail at rkrishna@plains.nodak.edu.

Women's Studies symposium to focus on medication in old age



Gould

Odette Gould, assistant professor of psychology, is scheduled to present "Taking Pills in Old Age: It's Not Just About Memory," at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in Loftsgard 380. The lecture, focusing on Gould's research in gerontology, will conclude this semester's series of symposia sponsored by the Women's Studies program.

Gould believes the well-being of older adults is highly dependent on their positive health practices. For example, older adults are often at higher risk than other age groups when medications are not used properly. However, remembering to take medications correctly has been shown to be a complex set of behaviors. In her talk, Gould will discuss the steps involved in taking medication as prescribed. She will discuss a variety of studies that demonstrate that beliefs and attitudes are as important as memory performance in determining whether older adults take their medications correctly.

Gould received her undergraduate degree at the Université de Moncton in New Brunswick, Canada. She earned her doctorate in life-span development and aging at the University of Victoria, British Columbia. Her research focuses on issues surrounding language and memory in normal aging, and has been published in national and international journals. She is co-chair of the Language and Communication Interest Group at the Gerontological Society of America.

The symposium is free and open to the public. For more information about the presentation, contact Gould at 1-7343, or Kathleen Slobin, director of women's studies, at 1-8939.

Cycling record holder to give NDSU presentation

Long-distance cyclist Dan Buettner will present a multimedia presentation "AfricaQuest" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. The event, sponsored by Campus Attractions, is free to the public.

Buettner is a Guinness world record holder who is internationally known for his long-distance cycling journeys. During his most recent expedition, "AfricaQuest," he led students from 128 different countries throughout Africa. Classrooms around the world logged onto a Web site to follow the adventure.

His previous expeditions included "Americatrek" in 1986-87, a 15,500-mile ride from Alaska to Argentina; "Sovietrek" in 1990, which involved cycling around the world; and "Africatrek" in 1992-93, a 12,100-mile journey across the length and width of Africa.

Buettner also is a writer and photographer whose work has appeared in *Bicycling*, *Outside*, *The Chicago Tribune* and *Sports Illustrated*. He has made television appearances on the "Today Show" and "Late Night with David Letterman."

For more information, contact Nicole Olson, Campus Attractions issues and ideas coordinator, at 1-7221.

Sinner urges farmers to be 'food merchants'

Former North Dakota Gov. George Sinner says in these tough financial times farmers should join contract cooperatives to process and market the food they produce. Sinner made his comments to an NDSU audience April 13 during a presentation "Why Farmers Won't Survive Unless They Become Food Merchants," which was part of the annual Aldrich Bloomquist Lecture Series.

Net cash farm income fell 37 percent in North Dakota from 1992 to 1997, according to the national Census of Agriculture. "Shifting currency values put U.S. agricultural markets in a tailspin," Sinner said. "There is no question that American and Canadian producers lost their foreign markets in the 1980s because the dollar was too high. If we let the dollar go back up, we will be right back in the soup again."

Sinner suggested farmers consider contract cooperatives, also called "new generation cooperatives," as a way to improve their income. "Farmers must get into the processing part of the food business," he said. "That's where the market is, that's where the stability is and that's where the profit is."

Sinner's address was sponsored by the Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives, with support from American Crystal Sugar Co., in honor of former American Crystal president Al Bloomquist.

Sinner was North Dakota governor from 1986-94 and was a vice president of American Crystal prior to retirement. Throughout his career, he has remained active in a six-family farming operation near Casselton.

Engineering and architecture plans honors luncheon

Students and faculty are invited to the College of Engineering and Architecture's first honors luncheon to be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 14, in the Memorial Union ballroom. The luncheon will recognize 1998-99 and 1999-2000 scholarship donors and recipients, student organization presidents (or representatives), 4.0 grade point average honor seniors and Teacher and Researcher of the Year Award winners.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$6.50. A buffet lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and run through 1 p.m. Scholarship donor Harry Hawkin of Krieder Equipment will introduce donors and recipients starting at noon, followed by recognition of honor students, presidents and teacher and researcher awards.

For more information contact Jackie Cox, college relations coordinator, at 1-8342, or Waneta Truesdell at 1-7494.

Counsel's Corner

The General Counsel's Office has prepared a new publication entitled "FERPA for Faculty" explaining rights and legal obligations under the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act pertaining to the educational records of students. This publication has been routed to various individuals on campus, including the department chairs. It is a helpful publication for all employees at the university who have any contact with student records or information pertaining to students. It can be found on the General Counsel's home page at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/ochoa/faculty.shtml.

Rick D. Johnson, General Counsel

Shorts and Reminders

Union Food Court Specials April 15-21

Spring into something new at the Union Food Court Thursday, April 15, with hand-carved honey-glazed ham served with a grilled pineapple ring on your choice of fresh baked hard roll, onion roll or whole wheat bun. A la carte choices will include Dining Services' signature chicken rice soup, knoefla soup or beer cheese soup and sides of glazed whole baby carrots, broccoli with cheese sauce, au gratin potatoes and oven roasted potatoes. Sides of coleslaw and fresh fruit also are available.

Soup of the Day

Thursday: chicken rice
Friday: cream of broccoli
Monday: vegetable beef
Tuesday: baked potato
Wednesday: broccoli cheese, wild rice and chili beef

The Corner Deli

Thursday: ham
Friday: corned beef
Monday: chicken
Tuesday: roast beef
Wednesday: ham salad

More Than a Burger

Thursday: 1/4 lb. cheeseburger
Friday: fish sandwich
Monday: 1/4 lb. cheeseburger
Tuesday: mushroom Swiss burger
Wednesday: broiled chicken

Wok This Way

Thursday: NO WOK SPECIAL; hand-carved honey-glazed ham served
Friday: beef pepper steak
Monday: sirloin strip stir fry
Tuesday: almond chicken Oriental
Wednesday: pork chop suey

Hot Daily Specials

Thursday: hand-carved honey-glazed ham
Friday: taco salad or baked potato
Monday: chicken strip dinner
Tuesday: beef stew
Wednesday: spaghetti

Call 1-9501 for daily Union Buffet entrees, soup of the day and food court specials. Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Kim at the 1-8122.

Open positions

Positions open and their closing dates through the Office of Human Resources, Room 205, Old Main:

Baker I/#1124 (INTERNAL NDSU OPENING)
(Monday-Friday; 4 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
Dining Services
\$7.18/hour
April 14

Information Processing Specialist III/#0545
Career Center - Cooperative Education
\$17,000 minimum/year
April 20

Computer Store Manager/#4021
Varsity Mart Bookstore
\$22,000 minimum/year
April 22

Pharmacist I/#0572
(9 months full-time; 3 months part-time)
Student Health Service
Salary commensurate with experience
April 28

Reference and Educational Services Librarian/#540
Libraries: Research Services
\$30,000+/year
May 15

Research Specialist (pending class)
Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
\$28,000 minimum/year
April 27

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.nodak.edu/human-resources/.

Research Opportunities

The Office of Research Administration in Old Main 201 announces the following funding opportunities and deadlines. For more information, call 1-8908. For information about other grants, check the Research Administration Web site at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/sizer/resadmin.html and click on "Funding Opportunities."

National Pork Producers Council Supplemental Research 1999 www.nppc.org Deadline: May 3

Applications are being invited for competitive grant awards for the following topics of interest: (1) Environment and Public Health, (2) Rodent Control Economics, (3) Growth Enhancing Product Alternatives and (4) Listeria Control/Interventions. For applications, contact the NDSU Research Administration office.

Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc. New Faculty Awards Program www.dreyfus.org Deadline: May 14

Grants of \$25,000 are awarded to academic institutions in the United States for a new faculty member with a recent doctorate in chemistry, chemical engineering or closely related sciences for use in the first year of his/her first full-time tenure-track academic appointment. Institutions that grant a doctorate in chemistry, chemical engineering or biochemistry may submit nominations.

The American Dietetic Association Foundation The Kraft Foods Fellowship Program Deadline: June 1

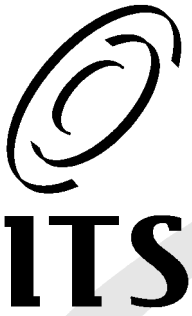
Applications are being invited for fellowships in the amount of \$5,000 per year for graduate work related to nutrition research or nutrition education and consumer communication. Eligibility is open to individuals pursuing graduate work related to nutrition. Fellowships are renewable for a maximum of three years. Application forms are available by e-mail request at Imaraba@eatright.org

National Science Foundation Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement www.nsf.gov/pubs/1999/nsf9953/start.htm Deadline: June 7

The Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement program seeks to improve the quality of science, mathematics, engineering and technology education for all students and targets activities affecting learning environments, content and educational practices. The program has three tracks: (1) Educational Materials Development, (2) Adaptation and Implementation and (3) National Dissemination.

National Institutes of Health Research on Ethical Issues in Human Studies <http://nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-99-079.html> Deadline: June 1

The National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are inviting applications for research on ethical issues that arise with studies involving human subjects.



Used cluster computers, LCD projection panels to be available

As has been tradition, Information Technology Services will be replacing a number of three-year-old computers in the ITS supported clusters this summer. It has become a practice to offer the older models to the campus departments for upgrading faculty and staff machines. These computers will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. To request a used cluster machine, indicate in a formal letter to Brian Abraham your first and second choices. If you have questions, contact Abraham at 1- 8686 or by e-mail at babraham@plains.nodak.edu. Departments will be notified during the first part of June as to whether their request can be honored. All the computers have been tested and are Y2K compliant. The following is a list of available machines:

Dell Pentium 100 **\$300**
700 MB hard drive
48 MB RAM
15" monitor

PowerMac 7200/120 **\$300**
1.2 GB hard drive
64 MB RAM
15" monitor

PowerMac 7200/90 **\$300**
700 MB hard drive
64 MB RAM
15" monitor

ITS also is selling several older LCD projection panels on a first-come first-serve basis. These projection panels require the use of an overhead projector. Contact Melissa Stotz at 1-6158 or by e-mail at stotz@plains.nodak.edu for more information.

Infocus LCD projection panel **\$150**
Model 550
Resolution 640x480

These computers are to remain part of NDSU's inventory. The used cluster computers and projection panels are being sold as is. They will be tested as being in good working condition before leaving ITS, but no warranty is implied or given. These computers and projection panels may not be available until the start of fall semester. Billing will not be initiated until July 1.

No upgrade planned for Windows 95

ITS and the Computing, Planning and Goals Committee have recommended to not upgrade from Windows 95 to Windows 98 in the computer clusters for the 1999-2000 school year.

The main reasons for not upgrading are that the differences between Windows 95 and Windows 98 are small and the current environment is stable. The potential release of Windows 2000 the following year is also a factor.

Mathematica licenses available

ITS is in the process of negotiating a three-year contract for Mathematica. In order to determine the number of licenses to be purchased under this contract, all Mathematica orders must be placed by May 15. For more information, please contact Mary Twitchell at 1-6108 or by e-mail at twitchel@prairie.nodak.edu.

Important information forthcoming

Watch for the next copy of the ITS Help Desk newsletter for important information regarding the following issues:

- Changes in distribution of Microsoft products in clusters
- Software to be removed this summer in the clusters
- Cluster software upgrades
- Faculty software and class folders request process
- Y2K software compliance notice

Calendar

April

14 Open forum, Sherman D. Riemenschneider, candidate for College of Science and Mathematics dean, 1:30 p.m., Loftsgard 380

14-17 Little Country Theatre production of "Hedda Gabler," 8 p.m., Askanase Auditorium; for tickets call 1-7969

15 Chemistry—Robert Malecza, Michigan State University, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

15 Mathematics—Michael Aschbacher, Cal. Tech, "Modern Perturbation Group Theory," 3:30 p.m., Minard 119

15 USDA/ARS—Darrell F. Cole, candidate for director of the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center, "Management Philosophies for the 21st Century as It Applies to Leadership of the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center," 9 a.m., Biosciences Research Lab, large conference room

15 Animal and Range Sciences—Paul Leberg, University of Southwestern Louisiana, "Genetics and the Conservation of Small Populations," 4 p.m., Van Es 101

16 Psychology—Scott Lilienfeld, Emory University, "Psychopathic Personality: Links Among Theory, Assessment, and Research," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

16 Plant Sciences—Gregory B. Martin, Cornell University, "Genetic and Biochemical Dissection of a Plant Disease Resistance Gene," 2 p.m., Loftsgard 114

16 Animal and Range Sciences—Holly Johnson, graduate student, "Root Plasticity: Stretching What We Know About Plants," 3 p.m., Hultz 104

20 NDSU Architecture and Landscape Architecture Day, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

20 Mathematics—Victor Losert, Vienna, will present a lecture at 3:30 p.m. in Minard 119

21-23 NDSU landscape architecture finalists on display, Memorial Union Gallery

22 Mathematics—Vic Reiner, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, will present a lecture at 3:30 p.m. in Minard 119

23 NDSU landscape architecture finalists reception, 4-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

23 Psychology—Student presentations, honors thesis/graduate students

26 Jazz Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

28 Varsity Band and Brass Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

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