

## NDSU receives planning grant for regional humanities center

NDSU has received a \$50,000 planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to be used to begin creating a regional humanities center. The center would be a part of a planned nationwide network of 10 regional centers aimed at exploring the diverse characteristics of their areas, including local history, people, cultures, language, landscape and architecture.

NDSU is one of 16 universities across the country to receive a NEH planning grant, which is matched locally with \$50,000 from the Institute for Regional Studies and the Office of the President. The work here is to focus on the Great Plains region consisting of Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota and the prairie provinces of Canada.

"It centralizes an excellent humanities faculty in the Central Plains in planning for the future of the humanities in the region," said Thomas Riley, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. "It underscores the excellence of our faculty and our commitment to regional studies across the plains states and provinces."

During the next year, organizers will set up a governing structure, policies, priorities and identify funding sources for a regional center. If the plan is approved, it could receive \$5 million in NEH funds, and an additional \$15 million in private contributions, corporate funding and Canadian government grants.

The center would serve as a clearing house for humanities projects among the plains states and provinces. According to Riley, proposed projects include co-productions of public broadcasting productions, a virtual museum of the Great Plains and development of archival resources across the region.

"There will be one center on the plains," Riley said. "The grant allows us to be one of two institutions competing for the center, with the other institution being the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. We're in a head-to-head competition or, perhaps, a collaboration that would feature the strengths of both universities. That has not yet been determined."

The NEH acting deputy chairman described the proposed centers as "reservoirs" for a region's cultural heritage. "People everywhere define themselves through the places where they live or where they group—their 'sense of place,'" said George Farr. "History, folklore, language and landscape—the things we know as the humanities—shape us in deep and lasting ways. By exploring these regional characteristics, we rediscover our cultural roots and reaffirm our common bonds as Americans."

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports learning in history, literature, philosophy and other areas of the humanities. Its grants enrich classroom learning, create and preserve knowledge and supports projects through public television, radio, technology, museum exhibitions and programs in libraries and other community places.

You're invited to

## President Chapman's **holidayopenhouse**

**2-4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, Old Main**

Enjoy seasonal pastries, coffee and hot cider while sharing the holiday spirit with friends.

### **Bisonware sale continues**

The Varsity Mart is offering 15 percent off all Bisonware, including clothes and souvenirs, through Dec. 30.

### **Next Issue**

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## NDSU among top universities in royalty earnings

NDSU continues to rank among the nation's top universities for income from license fees and patent royalties. In a survey published in the Dec. 10 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, NDSU was listed as receiving \$1,101,846 during fiscal 1998, making it 60th in the country among research universities. In fiscal 1997, NDSU ranked 55th.

"Considering that other major universities have substantially higher research budgets, NDSU is doing quite well," said Dale Zetocha, director of the NDSU Research Foundation. "NDSU doesn't necessarily consider it as a competition with other institutions. We are pleased with the results."

Much of NDSU's fees and royalties came from the 2375 wheat variety. Donated to NDSU in 1990 by Pioneer Hybrid, it became very popular because of its tolerance to scab. In the 1999 growing season, it accounted for 25.5 percent of the hard red spring wheat acreage in North Dakota.

Other protected and licensed varieties and patents controlled by NDSU during the survey period included Grandin wheat; Goldrush, NorDonna and NorValley potatoes; Valley and

Cleanleaf oats; Foster barley; AUROC and Lloyd durumms; Council and Danatto soybeans; horticultural trademarks; polymers and coatings technology; and an analog for testing for the potential carcinogen Captan.

The University of California system was listed in the survey as the national leader, collecting more than \$73 million in royalties during fiscal 1998. Columbia University was second, with more than \$61 million.

Four new technologies were featured in the report, including "Quad 7," a herbicide additive developed at NDSU. "It is nice to be mentioned in the report and it gives us national recognition," said Zetocha. "This technology was developed by NDSU researcher John Nalewaja and licensed to Agsco, Inc., of Grand Forks. The product is very effective and has potential in corn, soybean and sugarbeet acreage. It has the potential to lower herbicide cost by reducing the amount of herbicide that is needed."

The national licensing survey is conducted annually by the Association of University Technology Managers.

## University system unveils new Web site

The North Dakota University System has developed a new Web site called ACCESS that was designed as a clearing-house for all systemwide distance education offerings. Students from North Dakota or around the world can log on to [www.access.ndus.edu](http://www.access.ndus.edu) and view a catalog of distance education opportunities at all NDUS campuses. ACCESS also provides links to each of the colleges, making it easy to enroll in a specific course.

Julie Schepp, NDUS academic affairs associate and director of research, said the site is a step toward the university system's quest of creating a virtual university. "It is exciting because it helps the university system meet its goal of improving access to education through technology," she said.

Courses are offered in a variety of formats, including online, the Interactive Video Network, satellite, videotape, off-campus yet face-to-face, audio conferencing and correspondence.

Besides access to the distance education catalog, users will be able to conduct searches by campus, term, course level, course description, course title, delivery medium and subject area.

The development of the Web site has been spearheaded by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education. The board approved \$80,000 for the project last year, and of that money, \$30,000 was committed for training faculty to design and deliver courses via the Internet. Minot State University has led the university system in development of online courses and provided instruction to all of the campuses during the summer through a "train the trainer" model. Two representatives from each campus received instruction in and, in turn, worked with their respective institution on faculty development and infrastructure issues.

For more information about ACCESS, contact Schepp at (701) 328-4136 or [Julie\\_Schepp@ndus.nodak.edu](mailto:Julie_Schepp@ndus.nodak.edu).



NDSU President Joseph Chapman listens as Shane Justin, a senior in the College of Engineering and Architecture, describes his senior design project. Chapman is currently visiting campus departments to meet with faculty and students. Accompanying Chapman on this visit to the agricultural and biosystems engineering department are Dean Otto Helweg and Vice President Pat Jensen.

## Books on tape available to students with disabilities

Disability Services is working to provide books on tape to students with disabilities, and it is asking faculty to help in the process. Taping the textbooks is a slow, time-intensive process that requires reading each book into a tape recorder.

In the next few weeks, students with disabilities will be approaching instructors for the syllabus and the title, author, copyright and edition of the textbook used in their classes. It is the student's responsibility to get this information, but Disability Services requests that instructors do their part by preparing course syllabi ahead of time and having textbook information available.

Syllabi are needed immediately to provide sufficient time for completion of taping the texts. Instructors with questions can contact Cathy at 1-7198 or Beth at 1-7340.

## Bulletins now available online

All NDSU students, faculty and staff now have access to more than 11,400 undergraduate and graduate bulletins, homepages and summary profiles of the associated colleges and universities through CollegeSource Online at [www.collegesource.org](http://www.collegesource.org).

The service provides a single source of present and past policies, costs, course offerings, degree requirements and degrees offered of universities and colleges. The bulletins are presented cover-to-cover in PDF format, index entries are linked, material can be copied and pasted into word processors, on-site customer support is available and the site is updated weekly. The site works even if the computer is set to disable cookies.

CollegeSource Online is the Web version of the CD-ROM version that has been available at the NDSU Libraries. The Offices of the Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs and the NDSU Libraries are paying the yearly cost of \$3,200.

## People

### McClellan honored for bean research

Phil McClellan, professor of plant sciences, recently received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Bean Improvement Cooperative. He said he was honored to be recognized with the award because it came from peers in his profession.

He received the award in November at the international cooperative's biennial meeting, held in Calgary, Alberta. It recognizes McClellan for his analysis of the narrow genetic base of common beans, his work on molecular analysis of seed coat patterning genes and for his leadership in developing the "BeanGenes" database.

McClellan joined the faculty at NDSU in 1985, and besides his research, he teaches several genetics courses .

## New members inducted into Tapestry of Diverse Talents

Two new faces were recently added to the Tapestry of Diverse Talents at NDSU. In a ceremony held Dec. 10, Cynthia Leung and Cheryl "Charlie" Lindgren, were recognized for their contributions to multiculturalism at NDSU.

The tapestry is a pictorial mosaic of individuals who, through their actions, have contributed to the promotion of multiculturalism at NDSU, locally, regionally, nationally or internationally. The tapestry is located across from the second floor administrative offices in the Memorial Union, and the photos of the recognized individuals remain on display for about a year.



**Leung**

Leung is an assistant professor of education. Her contributions to diversity at NDSU include educating students about instructional practices for American Indian students and creating a forum in her classroom to discuss current issues as they pertain to multicultural education and, in particular, American Indian education.

She has served on the Multicultural Student Services' events committee and participated in its focus groups for American Indian and Asian American students. She also has served on the International Advisory Council and participated in 1998 American Indian Awareness Week at NDSU.

Leung said she hopes to empower young people from historically underrepresented groups by making known the diversity of their responses. She received her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Delaware and joined the faculty at NDSU in 1997.



**Lindgren**

Lindgren is a 1999 graduate of NDSU with a degree in sociology. She is working toward a master's degree in community counseling. Her contributions to diversity at NDSU include her lectures about her experiences with trauma and her life afterward. She has shared her story throughout the Red River Valley through her participation with the American Cancer Society, the Disabled Farmers of South Dakota and speaking engagements at elementary schools and student organizations. Her story also was featured in the Fargo Forum's story "Charlie gets her wings."

Lindgren said she has used the personal tragedies in her life as tools for growth and as an opportunity to help others.

## Memoirs of Rev. Anthony Kopp published

The Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at the NDSU Libraries announced the publication of "Memoirs of Father Anthony Kopp." The original manuscript of Rev. Kopp is housed in the archives of the Assumption Abbey Library, Richardton, N.D. The book is a story of his German-Russian youth and his life in North Dakota capturing the unique dialectal German speech he directly translated into English text.

Kopp was born in 1891, in Krasna, Bessarabia. He attended elementary schools near Harvey, N.D., and completed high school, college and theological studies at Assumption Abbey, Richardton, N.D. He finished his seminary studies at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bismarck, N.D., in June of 1917.

Kopp served five parishes in the Bismarck diocese including Rosebud, Odense, Mott, Bowbells and Foxholm. He was pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Foxholm from 1933 to 1962. Kopp died at Garrison, N.D., July 10, 1964 and is buried at Assumption Abbey Cemetery, Richardton, N.D.

Family historian Mary Lynn Axtman, Fargo, comments, "'Memoirs' gives the reader a non-romanticized journey through the settlement years of North Dakota that helps them to realize these immigrant folks. In honest, factual and plain language, the reader's journey with the Kopp family, and later with Anthony as North Dakota becomes settled, communities, churches and schools are established, and life becomes a bit easier."

For more information see the Germans From Russia Heritage Collection Web site for the book at [www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/gerrus/books/kopp.html](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/gerrus/books/kopp.html) or contact Michael M. Miller at 1-8416 or [mmmiller@badlands.nodak.edu](mailto:mmmiller@badlands.nodak.edu).

## Shorts and Reminders

### Student Health Service closed over holiday break

The Student Health Service will be closed Dec. 20-Jan. 7. It will resume regular hours Monday, Jan. 10.

### Libraries Interim Hours

NDSU Libraries begin interim hours Saturday, Dec. 18. Main Library hours are as follows:

Dec. 18-19	Closed
Dec. 20-23	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 24-26	Closed
Dec. 27-30	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 31-Jan. 2	Closed
Jan. 3-7	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Jan. 8-9	Closed
Jan. 10	8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Branch libraries (architecture, chemistry, and pharmacy) hours follow the same schedule except close at 4:30 p.m. rather than 5 p.m. Regular academic hours for all libraries resume Tuesday, Jan. 11. For a current listing of hours consult the Libraries' Web page at [www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu), use the HRS command on the online catalog or call the information tape 1-9456.

### Open Positions

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

Cashier/#1313  
(10-month position; 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.)  
Varsity Mart  
\$6.50/hour  
Dec. 17

Administrative Secretary/#999  
Memorial Union  
\$18,500+/year  
Dec. 20

Coffee Barista/#3220  
(8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday)  
Dining Services - Memorial Union Dining Center  
\$7.10/hour  
Dec. 17

Buffet Attendant/#1076  
12-Month Position; M-F; occasional weekend work;  
10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Dining Services - Union Dining Center  
Dec. 17 (internal); Dec. 30 (external)

Custodian/#762  
(Monday-Friday; 3:30 p.m.-midnight, includes some monthly overtime)  
Physical Plant  
\$14,560 minimum/year  
Dec. 22

Recruit Police Officer/#656  
Vice President, Business and Finance  
\$21,264/year  
Dec. 9

Public Information Specialist/#4519  
North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service  
\$22,000 minimum/year  
Dec. 22

Assistant to the Dean - External Relations  
College of Business Administration  
\$21,000+/year  
Dec. 17

Life Science Librarian/#0527  
Library  
\$27,108 minimum/year  
Dec. 28

Food Technologist/#1621  
Food and Nutrition/AES  
\$28,000 minimum/year  
Dec. 31

University Conference Coordinator/#4442  
Residence Life  
\$30,000 minimum/year  
Jan. 7

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at [www.nodak.edu/human-resources/](http://www.nodak.edu/human-resources/).

### Union Food Court Specials for Dec. 15-23

Reminder: A La Carte, Pizza Express, Taco Bell and Blimpie's will all be closed Monday, Dec. 20-Jan. 7.

#### The Corner Deli

Wednesday: pastrami  
Thursday: Italian combo  
Friday: chicken  
Monday: turkey  
Tuesday: roast beef  
Wednesday: corned beef  
Thursday: ham

#### More Than a Burger

Wednesday: broiled chicken  
Thursday: 1/4 lb. hamburger  
Friday: double cheeseburger  
Monday: 1/4 lb. hamburger  
Tuesday: bacon cheeseburger  
Wednesday: breaded chicken  
Thursday: 1/4 lb. cheeseburger

#### A La Carte

Wednesday: stir fry chicken  
Thursday: hand-carved roast beef  
Friday: fish strips  
Closed Monday, Dec. 20 - Friday, Jan. 7

#### Soup of the Day

chef's choice daily

\*Items are subject to change without notice.

Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 to check out all of the daily specials. Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Kim at the Union Buffet at 1-8122.

## Research Opportunities

The Office of Research Administration in Old Main 201K announces the following funding opportunities and deadlines. For more information, call 1-8114; or refer to the given Web site or contact person. For information about other grants, check the Research Administration Web site at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/sizer/resadmin.html](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/sizer/resadmin.html) and click on "Funding Opportunities."

### Commission on the Future of Agriculture

**Contact: Jerry Effertz, 1975 48th Street North, Velva, N.D. 58790**

**Deadline: Dec. 27**

The Commission on the Future of Agriculture requests proposals from individuals and/or organizations to coordinate and help implement the vision of the commission. The successful applicant to this request will demonstrate abilities in: 1) organizational development; 2) fundraising (through donations and/or grants); and 3) communication and consensus building. The proposal should outline compensation required to carry out these duties for a period of up to two years. The successful applicant will have a background or educational training in value-added agriculture, food processing and marketing, community development, and/or business management. The proposal should be no more than three to five pages in length.

### Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead Hazards

**Contact: John Schwemberger, (202) 260-7195 or [shwemberger.john@epa.gov](mailto:shwemberger.john@epa.gov) (reference "Grants for Technical Studies on Lead Hazards")**

**Deadline: Jan. 12 postmark date/Jan. 19 receipt date (preapplications)**

Research on how to minimize lead hazards to occupants from home improvement projects, repainting projects, and renovating projects is sought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Examples of potential study topics include: 1) efficacy of cleaning techniques (e.g., an evaluation of vacuuming technology to reduce dust lead loading on carpeted or smooth surfaces after renovations); 2) portable field testing; 3) testing of field kit instructions and a mailer to send samples to laboratories; 4) research advancing the state of knowledge of the control of lead hazards created by renovation; 5) clearance testing after renovations to examine the performance of various methods of different surfaces; 6) studying the effects of renovations on outdoor dust lead levels; and 7) studying the safe use of heat guns for paint removal.

### Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

#### Nursing Care

**Contact: Cynthia Wilson, (202) 653-7229 or -7220 (reference: RFP 01-00-MedPAC)**

**Deadline: Jan. 6**

Proposals to conduct a feasibility study and develop clinically based indicators to assess the use of needed skilled nursing facility care by Medicare beneficiaries are invited by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. One 10-month award is anticipated.

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)****Alternative Medicine****<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide> (refer to RFA-AT-00-001)****Deadline: Jan. 7 (letters of intent)****March 14 (applications)**

The National Institutes of Health's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute are inviting applications for centers to conduct research on alternative medicine approaches. Centers will organize around a theme, conduct research related to alternative treatments, including on basic mechanisms and interventions, and support training and other resource activities. Theme areas of asthma or cancer should be integrated with program areas, such as alternative medical systems and mind-body medicine.

**Calendar****December**

- 16 16th Annual Western Dakota Crops Day, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Hettinger Armory, Hettinger, N.D.
- 17 Animal and Range Sciences—Pabitra Dash, post-doctoral candidate in livestock production systems, "A Cross Section of My Experiences," 1:30 p.m., Hultz 104
- 17 Winter commencement, 4 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20-Jan. 10 Winter recess, no classes
- 24 Christmas holiday observed, university closed
- 31 New Year's recess, university closed

**January**

- 8 Mens' basketball vs. University of North Dakota, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 9 Women's basketball vs. University of North Dakota, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 10 Orientation and registration for new and returning students
- 10-Feb. 2 The Memorial Union Gallery presents "The Paintings of Wayne Tollefson"
- 11 Classes begin
- 13 Chemistry—Scott Bohle, University of Wyoming, "Chloroquine and the Heme detoxification pathway in Malaria," 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152
- 13 Reception planned for "The Paintings of Wayne Tollefson," 4-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

- 14 Women's and men's basketball vs. Morningside, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 15 Women's and men's basketball vs. South Dakota, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, administrative offices closed, no classes
- 18 Administrative offices open, classes resume
- 19 Graduate School Orientation, 3:30 p.m., Memorial Union Meadowlark Room
- 20 Chemistry—Marc Snapper, Boston College, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m. in Dunbar 152
- 21 Festival Concert Series presents Brave New Workshop, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall
- 22 Wrestling vs. Minnesota State-Mankato, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 27 Chemistry—Keith Woerple, University of California-Irvine, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m. in Dunbar 152
- 28 Women's and men's basketball vs. Augustana College, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 29 Women's and men's basketball vs. South Dakota State, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

**February**

Through Feb. 2, "The Paintings of Wayne Tollefson," Memorial Union Gallery

- 2 Wrestling vs. Dickinson State, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 3 Chemistry—William Shelver will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m. in Dunbar 152
- 3-25 NDSU Juried Student Art Exhibition, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery; 4-6 p.m. reception
- 4-25 The Memorial Union Gallery presents "Frje Echeverria: Figures;" reception: 4-6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4
- 5 Wrestling vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 10 Chemistry—Shon Pulley, University of Missouri, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m. in Dunbar 152
- 12 Wrestling vs. Augustana College, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 16 Wrestling vs. Moorhead State, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

17 Chemistry—John Peters, Utah State University, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m. in Dunbar 152

18 Women's and men's basketball vs. St. Cloud State, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

19 Women's and men's basketball vs. Minnesota State-Mankato, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

21 President's Day, administrative offices closed, no classes

22 Administrative offices open, classes resume

24 NDSU faculty/staff free preview night of the Little Country Theatre's "The Crucible," 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium

25-26 Little Country Theatre presents "The Crucible," 8 p.m., Askanase Auditorium

27 Little Country Theatre presents "The Crucible," 2 p.m., Askanase Auditorium

28-March 3 Women's Week

28-March 20 The Memorial Union Gallery presents "History's Closet: Everything from Aprons to Zippers (Emily P. Reynolds Costume Collection)"

### March

Through March 20, "History's Closet: Everything from Aprons to Zippers (Emily P. Reynolds Costume Collection)," Memorial Union Gallery

3-4 Little Country Theatre presents "The Crucible," 8 p.m., Askanase Auditorium

3 Women's and men's basketball vs. Northern Colorado, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

4 Women's and men's basketball vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

13-17 Spring break, no classes

21 Festival Concert Series presents Common Ground, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

22 Classes resume

23 Chemistry—Andre Charette, University of Montreal, "Stereoselective reactions involving organozinc chemistry," 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

27 Advising week begins for fall 1999 semester

27-31 International Week

### April

3 Fall registration begins

4 Chemistry—Kit Bowen, Johns Hopkins University, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m. in Dunbar 152

12 NDSU faculty/staff free preview night of the Little Country Theatre's "Sylvia," 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre

13-15 Little Country Theatre presents "Sylvia," 8 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre

16 Little Country Theatre presents "Sylvia," 2 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre

21-24 Holiday/recess, no classes

29 Festival Concert Series presents Peter Ostroushko and Dean Magraw, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

### May

5 Last day of classes

8-12 Final exams

13 Commencement

15 On-site registration for standard four-week summer courses

16 Classes begin

29 Memorial Day, administrative offices closed, no classes

### June

9 Last day of four-week classes

12 On-site registration for standard eight-week summer courses

13 Classes begin

### July

4 Independence Day, administrative offices closed, no classes

5 Administrative offices open, classes resume

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