

University Senate considers change in bylaws

The University Senate Jan. 24 gave first reading to a bylaw change to include the University Assessment Committee as a standing committee of the group. The first reading of the proposal, forwarded by the Special Committee on University Governance, was unanimously approved and will be placed on the Feb. 14 agenda for second reading and possible approval.

The committee would consist of a Senate liaison person, one undergraduate student, one graduate student and representatives of the General Education Committee, Division of Student Affairs, NDSU Extension Service and the Office of Assessment and Institutional Research. A representative of the Division of Academic Affairs would be a non-voting, ex officio member.

The committee would periodically review the assessment of student learning in the undergraduate and graduate programs, develop procedures for the annual reporting of assessment activities by departments and other academic units, provide feedback and assistance to departments and other academic units on their assessment activities and provide a yearly summary of assessment activities to the vice president for academic affairs, the Office of Assessment and Institutional Research and the University Senate.

Another proposed change to the bylaws to establish a faculty caucus was referred back to the Special Committee on University Governance for clarification and language changes.

Counselor ed program selected for national initiative

NDSU's Counselor Education Program has been selected by the Education Trust for the National Initiative to Transform School Counseling to help shape school counseling across the United States. NDSU received "companion school" status in a countrywide effort to improve school counseling.

"There are hundreds of counseling programs and to be one of the very few selected is a prestigious honor," said Bob Nielsen, program coordinator and associate professor in the School of Education, noting that NDSU will be a companion school to the original six institutions in the project. "North Dakota has a lot to offer the rest of the United States and we see that as part of our responsibility."

The national initiative, with the support of the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, takes the approach that school counselors need to work with all students to help prevent problems rather than react to situations.

The NDSU program will work closely with the Fargo School District, offering such things as quarterly in-service for elementary, middle and secondary counselors; guidance lessons in elementary school classrooms each year; and one to three NDSU student intern placements annually. While Fargo will be the central partner, other area schools also will be included to some degree.

Proposals needed for Grant-in-Aid Program

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Mainframe reports go electronic

The Higher Education Computer Network (HECN) is implementing new software that will revolutionize the way administrative batch reports are distributed on campus and save a few trees in the process. This software, called PageCenter, makes its debut at NDSU and UND the first week of February, when a few, previously selected, month-end reports are adapted to make use of this new program.

PageCenter is a report management system that has its own web page where it maintains a mailbox for each department that is accessible with a Web browser. Currently Netscape Navigator 4.07, Netscape Communicator 4.7 and Internet Explorer 5.0 (or higher) are supported.

Reports are delivered electronically to a department's mailbox instantaneously upon completion of the mainframe processing. They can then be viewed, searched, copied to an electronic spreadsheet, printed or stored for later use. PageCenter also will decollate and distribute the various parts of a report to the appropriate departments.

Some other advantages to having the information delivered electronically include:

- Ability to import the data from reports into a spreadsheet for analysis.
- Electronic searches of data
- Quick retrieval of archived data
- Capacity to view multiple reports at the same time
- Ability to access the data from almost anywhere
- Capability of simultaneous viewing of reports by persons separated by long distances
- Printing only the parts of a report that are needed

Department mailboxes will be secured by the RACF security system as well as PageCenter's own internal security. A user will be required to have a current CICS or TSO user id and password as well as prior authorization to access a department's mailbox. The mailboxes and access should be ready for the first production run in February.

Two open forums are planned to demonstrate PageCenter and answer questions related to PageCenter and the completion of the Security Access Form. The first forum is scheduled for 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in the Memorial Union University Chamber. The second forum is planned for 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in FLC 319. Department Security Access Forms were sent to department heads last week. If your department has not received its form, it is available at: www.ndsu.nodak.edu/accounting/csforms/forms/pagecenter.pdf.

Training for PageCenter has been arranged for the last week in February and the first week in March. Time and locations will be announced at the open forums.

The acquisition of this software is the result of efforts by the NDSU Administrative Print Committee to explore options for impact printing. The committee is co-chaired by Rosi Klobberdanz, associate director of Information Technology Services, and Jean Ostrom-Blonigen, internal auditor. It consists of members representing both the student and financial systems.

PageCenter will be phased in as quickly as possible. Each department that will be receiving reports through PageCenter

will, at first, continue to receive a printed copy, as well as the electronic distribution. This will allow persons to become familiar with PageCenter and see the correlation between the printed copies and the PageCenter representation. Eventually printed copies will be eliminated, saving time, department and university resources and paper.

Distinguished Professorship nominations due Feb. 4

Nominations for the 20th Chamber of Commerce NDSU Distinguished Professorship are due Feb. 4. The winner will be selected in April and recognized at the annual awards luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce in May. He or she will receive a cash award and will enjoy the permanent title of Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor.

Nominees will be judged on the basis of their performance and promise as scholars, teachers and/or artists during their time at NDSU. Substantial professional achievement by nominees leading to recognition, not only at NDSU and North Dakota, but nationally and internationally as well, will play a major role in guiding the committee's deliberations. Other characteristics considered will include the following:

- superior teaching and other types of interaction with students;
- significant publications or other scholarly contributions;
- awards, offices in national organizations and editorships;
- financial and other support for scholarly activities from external sources; and
- substantial community service and/or outreach activity in the region.

The award excludes deans, directors and vice presidents. Nominations will be accepted from any member of the university or Chamber communities. The nomination letter, a three-page resume and no more than three letters of support (one of which should specifically address service and outreach activities) should be sent to Will Bleier, committee chair, Stevens 218, on or before Feb. 4.

Tax info available at Library

Tax season is upon us and NDSU Libraries again will offer free copies of basic federal and North Dakota income tax forms. The Library also has several tax guidebooks in the reference collection and available for circulation. Federal and state tax forms and information also are available on the Web. See a list on the NDSU Libraries home page at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/reference/faq.html. For more information, call the Reference Desk 1-8886.

Procedures for winter storms announced by student affairs

The Division of Student Affairs would like to remind NDSU faculty, staff and students of its procedures for winter storms. Normally, snow or low temperatures are not reasons to close the university, but significant amounts of snow might warrant a delayed start. Snow combined with severe windchills and blizzard conditions may warrant closing the university.

The following actions may be taken by NDSU:

- NDSU will be in full operation and all events will take place as scheduled.
- Morning classes at NDSU may be canceled or all classes may be canceled for the entire day. All other aspects of the university will operate as usual.
- NDSU will be closed until noon or a specific time, or NDSU may be closed for the entire day. In this situation, only a few designated emergency personnel are required to report to work, such as power plant employees whose responsibilities require they be on duty. Announcements regarding afternoon classes will be made by 11 a.m.
- Evening classes are canceled or will be held.

Check these radio and television stations for winter storm announcements: KFNW (1200 AM; 97 FM); KFGO (Mighty 790 AM; Country 102 FM); KVOX (Froggy 99.9 FM); KFGX (95X FM); KLTA (Lite Rock 105 FM); KPFX (Fox 107.9 FM); WDAY (970 AM; Y-94 FM; TV - ABC); KVLV (TV - NBC); KXJB (TV - CBS); KCCM (91.1 FM); KCCD (90.3 FM); North Dakota Public Radio (91.9 FM); and KOOL 95 FM.

People

Oster-Aaland honored at conference

Laura Oster-Aaland, director of Project Success, recently received the "Rising Star" award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. She was presented the award in the new professional category at the organization's regional conference held in Omaha, Neb.

Prakash Mathew, associate dean for student life and member of the association, said, "This award is well deserved. Laura is an outstanding leader and professional. The way she relates so well to the students and her positive attitude make her an asset to our campus."

The award recognizes achievement, involvement and potential in emerging professionals in the field of student affairs. Oster-Aaland joined the staff at NDSU in 1996.

North Dakota and NDSU are part of the association's IV-West region, which also includes Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Manitoba, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Saskatchewan, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Collins exhibits photos in communication office

"City Streets," a collection of black-and-white photographs, is now on display at the communication department's main office, 321 Minard Hall. The photos are the work of Ross Collins, associate professor of communication. He made the images based on American street scenes, focusing on the cities of Portland, Louisville and Grand Forks.

Collins is the department's director of graduate studies and also teaches design and photojournalism classes. His photos have appeared in a variety of publications and juried exhibits.

McIntyre presents paper at convention

Charles McIntyre, assistant professor of construction management and engineering, recently attended the National Association of Home Builders International Builders' Show in Dallas. He presented the paper "Developing Realistic Project Schedules." More than 300 builders and remodelers attended the seminar, which focused on preliminary project planning and organizing information required for project scheduling.

Several construction management and engineering students who are members of the student chapter of the organization also attended the conference. Kelly Larson, Ryan Citrowske, Michael Pierson, Andy Johnsrud, Kris Neset and Jared Dyer represented NDSU in the construction management competition. McIntyre is the student chapter's adviser.

The students spent most of their Christmas break working on a project report and presentation that involved an actual residential land development and building construction project. In Dallas, they presented their work to a panel of judges from the residential building industry. The team competed against 19 other four-year colleges with programs in civil engineering and construction. The NDSU team placed eighth.

Faculty, staff participate in Young Artists Solo Competition

Several NDSU faculty and staff participated in the 19th annual Young Artists Solo Competition Jan. 8 at Concordia College. The competition attracted 25 young musicians from area high schools.

Roy Johnson, retired music faculty, and Matthew Patnode, assistant professor of music, were competition judges. Peggy Gaynor, Counseling and Disability Services director, and Barbara Glore, English graduate teaching fellow, were among the associate underwriters of the event. Andrew Froelich, professor of music, is the teacher of a participating contestant.

The winner of the competition was pianist Lacey Oar, a junior at Central Valley High School, Buxton, N.D.

NDSU student receives NASA space grant fellowship

NDSU senior Brett Larson has received a prestigious scholarship through the NASA Space Grant program.

Each spring the program awards funding for research based upon the student's proposed project, grade point average and letters of recommendation from faculty. Larson will use the scholarship funds for his analysis of flight control system manufacturing.

Larson, with team member Steve O'Hearn, will design, manufacture and fly a remote controlled aircraft. The two men, both Aero Manufacturing Engineering Technology (AMET) students, will incorporate a Shape Memory Alloy system into their project. The system utilizes a thin wired system to replace the motor within an aircraft. The aircraft will be used to test smart materials manufacturing research at NDSU's Intelligent Product Realization Center.

"Future AMET students will be able to see the aspects of smart materials through this project in a practical way instead from a textbook," Larson said. "I enjoy putting classroom learning into a practical setting."

Larson and O'Hearn will finish manufacturing the aircraft in winter 2000. Test flights will begin early in March 2000. To find information about the project's agenda, progress and flight date, visit the Web site <http://classdev.nodak.edu/~BrettLars/sfc/home.html>.

Events

Mortar Board to host sweetheart dance

Members of NDSU's Mortar Board honor society are planning a "Sweetheart Dance" for the residents of Bethany Nursing Home from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the nursing home.

The honor society first started the dance as a volunteer project a few years ago, and its popularity has made it an annual tradition. Music will be provided by polka and accordion players "J.J. and Sheri," and local florists have agreed to donate flowers for the event.

For more information contact Suzanne Ditter at 298-0919.

Golden Key Honor Society to hold new member induction

Golden Key National Honor Society will have a booth in the Memorial Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, for students interested in membership. The honor society recognizes juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their classes. Students with a cumulative grade point average of approximately 3.5 or higher are eligible for membership. Applications must be postmarked by March 3.

The induction ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. For more information contact Lisa Nolan at 1-8530 or Bonnie Cooper at 1-7771.

Memorial Union Gallery exhibits 'Figures,' wood carvings

The Memorial Union Gallery will host Iowa artist friji echeverria's "Figures" and an exhibit of the work of the Red River Valley Woodcarvers Feb. 4-25. A reception is planned for 4-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4

In describing his work, echeverria said, "I have been painting people, usually one person at a time, and exploring how the conversation between us as I paint can affect the work. I started by looking for how the conversation and the visual examination of the person can be co-equal sources of the painting."

While on campus this month, echeverria also will be working with students in the visual arts department. In the Printmaking, Education and Research Studio (P.E.A.R.S.), he will go through the steps of editioning a print. The process involves going from a general sketch of an idea, to planning how the colors will be printed on separate plates, to experimenting with the inks and the order they are printed. After finding the best combination, the artist attempts to print an image on several sheets of paper for an end result of several pieces of art that are identical. The group of prints is called an edition, and each is considered an original.

Funding for this exhibit and artist's visit has been made possible in part by NDSU Student Government.

The wood carvings will be located in the Gallery and the oak display case near the FLC ramp in Alumni Lounge. Featured carvers will include Mike Chapek, Jan Flom, Wayne Hankel, Purcell Hovland, Paul Maassel, Henry McCormick, Marlin Nantt, Vern Nolting, Kevin Roseland and Vern Sogge.

The woodcarvers group was established in 1973 with a membership of eight carvers. It has since grown to approximately 60 members from three states and one Canadian province. The carvers are known for the three-day carving weekend workshop they host in June, which nearly 200 carvers attend.

Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information on the exhibits, contact Kristen Haugom at Kristen_Haugom@ndsu.nodak.edu, or Peg Furshong at furshong@plains.nodak.edu or call the Gallery at 1-7900.

NDSU to host 'People in Partnership Forum'

A People in Partnership Forum is planned for Aug. 24 at NDSU. The focus of the forum will be to identify opportunities for collaboration between NDSU and the USDA Forest Service-Dakota Prairie Grasslands.

The USDA Forest Service is responsible for managing 1.2 million acres of National Grasslands in North Dakota. Representatives from the agency's National Forest System, research, state and private forestry units have been invited to participate.

The event's planning team is looking for input on the forum's format, content and presenters. A survey is available in Old Main 103 for anyone who would like to answer a few questions and offer suggestions for the event. The surveys must be completed by Feb. 25.

Brown bag seminars to discuss black women in the West, eating disorders

The YMCA of NDSU is sponsoring "Black Women in the West," at noon Wednesday, Feb. 2, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden room. Angela Larson and Veronica Michael will discuss the contributions made by black women in the West and how they helped to shape our country. The seminar is being held in conjunction with Black History Month events at NDSU.

The YMCA also is planning the brown bag seminar "How to Help a Friend with an Eating Disorder" for noon Wednesday, Feb. 9, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. Marlys Borkhuis, NDSU counseling and disability services, will lead the session. She will give examples of behaviors that may be suggestive of an eating disorder and provide helpful ways to approach those who need help.

For more information call the YMCA of NDSU at 235-8772.

Entries needed for Juried Student Art Exhibit

The Memorial Union Gallery invites students to participate in the upcoming Juried Student Art Exhibit to be held Feb. 8-25. Works may be entered between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Jan. 31 or Feb. 1 in the Memorial Union Gallery. The contest is open to all NDSU students who are or have been enrolled during the 1999-2000 academic year. The show will be exhibited in the Reineke Visual Arts Gallery.

Students may submit up to three entries at \$5 per entry. Entries must not have been exhibited previously in an NDSU Juried Student Art Exhibition. The exhibit is open to all mediums (drawing, painting, photography, etc.), and all works must be properly mounted or framed, ready for hanging or placement. Entry forms are available at the Memorial Union Gallery, Memorial Union Information Desk and the Reineke Visual Arts Gallery.

The juror for the exhibit will be frji echeverria, professor of art from the University of Northern Iowa, whose work will be exhibited concurrently at the Memorial Union Gallery.

There will be approximately \$1,000 in purchase awards and cash awards. Sponsors for the exhibit include the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; the College of Engineering and Architecture; the College of Science and Mathematics; the vice president for business and finance; the Division of Fine Arts; NDSU Libraries; Varsity Mart; the Memorial Union; and NDSU Student Government.

This exhibit is hosted and sponsored by the Memorial Union Gallery but will be viewed in the Division of Fine Arts, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery.

For more information contact Kristen Haugom, events and publicity assistant, at Kristen_Haugom@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Little International set for Feb. 18-19

The NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club has scheduled the 74th Little International for Feb. 18-19. The theme of the show will be "Respect the Past; Affect the Future."

Organized by two managers and 26 committees, the "Little I" is the largest student production and oldest tradition on campus. More than 200 students participate in the various events, which include a memorized public speaking contest, ham curing, a lamb lead and showmanship of beef, sheep, swine, horses and dairy cattle.

The club also selects a distinguished leader in the agriculture industry for its "Agriculturist of the Year" award. The recipient must possess traits members of the club seek to exemplify. This year's winner is Vern Stevick of Des Lacs, N.D. He will be honored at the Little International banquet, Feb. 18.

Renee Hawkins, a senior from Rosemount, Minn., is managing the Little International. The assistant manager is Jason Frey, a junior from Granville, N.D. Both are majoring in agricultural science.

This year's royalty includes Queen Kary Lindgren, a junior majoring in agricultural education from Wishek, N.D.; Princess Jessica Larson, a junior in animal science from Walcott, N.D.; and Princess Lorissa Benson, a junior in microbiology from Maddock, N.D.

For more information about the Little International events and tickets, call 1-7641, or visit the Web site www.acm.ndsu.nodak.edu/S&S.

Tour of Winnipeg planned in February

The Memorial Union Gallery, in conjunction with the Skill Warehouse program, is hosting a "Tour of Winnipeg" Feb. 18-21. The focus of the weekend will be the Festival Du Voyageur, a celebration of the heritage of "joie de vivre" of the fur traders, trappers and pioneers. Winnipeg is a city noted for its art, music, snow sculptures and great ethnic food.

Scheduled highlights of the trip include stops at the Iams Voyageur International Sled Dog Classic and the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature. The tour also will visit snow sculptures, snow slides and tunnels, five heated tents with live entertainment and traditional cuisine. Live entertainment will feature Eileen Ivers of River Dance, Isabell Boulay and Rudimentale.

The cost of the trip is \$100 for NDSU students and \$125 for others based on quad occupancy (\$140 students/\$170 other for double occupancy). The price includes transportation, lodging, festival tickets, admission to the Winnipeg Art Gallery and the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature. Participants are responsible for their own meals and additional entertainment. The deadline to register is 1 p.m. Feb. 11. For more information call 1-7900.

An informational meeting is planned for 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Memorial Union Gallery.

Shorts and Reminders

Saddle and Sirloin to sell smoked sausage

In conjunction with the Little International Livestock Show, the Saddle and Sirloin Club is planning to sell smoked sausage from 8 a.m.-noon Friday, Feb. 18, and from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the lobby of Shepperd Arena. The sausage is a mixture of pork and beef and will be sold in one-pound packages at \$3 per pound.

Union Food Court Specials for Feb. 2-9

The Corner Deli

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

More Than a Burger

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

A La Carte

Wednesday: pasta bar
Thursday: hand-carved turkey
Friday: barbecued ribs
Monday: barbecued beef
Tuesday: hand-carved roast pork
Wednesday: stir fry chicken

Soup of the Day

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

*Items are subject to change without notice.

Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 to check out all of our daily 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 Union Buffet at 1-8122.

Positions Available

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

Administrative Secretary/#0065
Food and Nutrition
\$1,400+/month (9-month position)
Feb. 8

Custodian/#1163
Dining Services - West Dining Center
\$7.60/hour
Feb. 4 (internal); Feb. 18 (external)

Dining Services Unit Clerk/#1078
Dining Services - Memorial Union Dining Center
\$8.05 minimum/hour
Feb. 18

Equipment Operator/Delivery Driver/#0648
Physical Plant
\$16,640 minimum/year
Feb. 4

Athletic Equipment Technician/#0209
Athletics
\$17,500+/year
Open until filled

Parent Educator
ND PASS and Infant/Toddler Enrichment Program
\$10.50/hour plus mileage (must use own car)
(Approx. 60 hours per month, 10 months per year)
Feb. 4

Database/Web Application Developer
ITS/Research Administration
\$31,000 minimum/year
Open until filled

Riparian Forester/#4745
North Dakota Forest Service - Walhalla, N.D.
\$21,216 minimum/year
Feb. 21

Research Specialist
Central Grasslands Research Center, Streeter, N.D.
\$25,500/year
March 1

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 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 and click on "Funding Opportunities."

North Dakota State University

Research and Consulting Committee (RCC)

Grant-in-Aid Program

www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/sizer/forms/rcc/NDSUgrant-in-aid.html

Deadline: Feb. 25

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track or special long-term appointment as it pertains to Experiment Station and Extension employees) are eligible to apply. Applications are accepted under two categories: 1.) New Investigator Awards are for faculty who have not previously received external funding while at NDSU. 2.) Interdisciplinary Awards are designed to encourage collaborative research activity between faculty from different disciplines who may be from the same or different departments and who have not previously collaborated.

**American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Recognition Award for Emerging Scholars
Contact: (202) 728-7602, foundation@aauw.org
Deadline: Feb. 10**

An honorarium of \$5,000 and travel expenses to the award ceremony held in Washington, D.C. in late June are given to honor an untenured woman scholar who has a record of exceptional early professional accomplishments and demonstrates promise of future distinction. Eligible candidates must have earned a doctorate or equivalent no more than five years prior to the application deadline (on or since Jan. 1, 1995); they must have demonstrated excellence in teaching and commitment to women students, and have a documented active research record. Contact AAUW for nomination procedure.

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Fogarty International Center (FIC), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), and the National Institute on Aging (NIA)
International Training and Research in Population and Health
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-TW-00-004>
Deadline: Feb. 14 (letters of intent),
March 29 (applications)**

The FIC, in collaboration with the NICHD and the NIA, invites applications from non-profit public or private institutions in the U.S. to support international training and research in population-related sciences. NIH hopes to enable grant recipients to extend their geographic base of research and training efforts to developing countries and emerging democracies, in support of population issues of mutual priority. Broad objectives are to:

- enhance international and U.S. population research programs through training of foreign nationals and international collaborative studies related to populations, including the study of: a) reproductive processes, contraceptive development, contraceptive and reproductive health evaluation and reproductive epidemiology; and b) demographic processes (including aging, longevity, biodemography, mortality, morbidity, fertility, migration, linkages between health and economic development and other social, behavioral and economic factors that influence population dynamics);
- strengthen the ability of scientists from developing nations to contribute to global population research efforts and advance knowledge in support of population policies appropriate for their home countries and established international guidelines; and
- develop and strengthen centers of research excellence in population-related sciences in developing countries through training and training related research.

The grantee institution must be a U.S. non-profit private or public institution capable of meeting the objectives in this

RFA. Applicant investigators (or co-investigators) must be either a U.S. principal investigator (PI) of at least one NIH-sponsored research project grant (R series) or a project director of an NIH-sponsored center grant, program project grant or cooperative agreement (P and U series) related to population studies that will be funded during at least one year of the proposed grant award period.

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)
International Research Scientist Development Award
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-TW-00-005>
Deadline: Feb. 18 (letters of intent),
March 29 (applications)**

The International Research Scientists Development Award (IRSDA) is offered by the FIC for U.S. postdoctoral biomedical scientists, in the formative stages of their careers, who seek an opportunity to continue research in, or extend their research experience into, developing countries. It provides the successful candidate with a period of mentored research as part of a strong, established collaboration between a U.S. sponsor and leading developing country scientist at an internationally recognized research institution. It is expected that, following this experience, the candidate will be able to pursue an independent and productive international research career, involving ongoing collaboration with developing country scientists, to more effectively pursue research relevant to stemming a major global health problem.

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Environmental Justice Small Grant
www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html#frbrowse
Deadline: March 3**

The Environmental Protection Agency is inviting applications to address public health concerns of communities disproportionately affected by environmental hazards. The program enables grass-roots organizations, such as community organizations and churches, to plan or implement projects to address environmental justice issues.

**U.S. State Department
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program Orientation
Deadline: March 10**

The U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is inviting applications to develop and administer orientation activities in Washington, D.C., for approximately 570 foreign and U.S. teachers and dependents participating in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. Orientation activities should provide the teachers, their spouses and dependents with a wide range of briefings, training and discussions to help them prepare to function in host schools and communities here and abroad. Grantee responsibilities will include designing a Web site.

Calendar

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, "Rational Drug Design," 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

4 Psychology—Sarah Taub, department of ASL, Linguistics and Interpretation, Gallaudet University, "Iconicity and Metaphor in American Sign Language," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

4 Animal and Range Sciences—Mustafa Mirik, graduate student, "Use of Hyperspectral Remote Scanning Data to Estimate Biomass and Leaf Composition in Yellowstone National Park," 3 p.m., Hultz 104

4-25 The Memorial Union Gallery presents "frji echeverria: Figures;" reception: 4-6 p.m., Feb. 4

5 Wrestling vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

5 Jazz Festival, Festival Concert Hall; NDSU Jazz Ensemble jazz concert, 7 p.m.

8-25 NDSU Juried Student Art Exhibition, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery; reception 4-6 p.m. Feb. 8

10 Chemistry—Shon Pulley, University of Missouri, "New Aspects of Benzannulation: Approaches to C-Arylglycosides, Diarylethers and Related Compounds," 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

11 Psychology—Ross Crosby, Neuropsychiatric Research Institute, and Amy Boedicker, "Mental Health Utilization in American Indian and Hispanic American Veterans," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

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

18 Chris Rorden, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College, London, "Hemispatial Neglect and Eye Movements," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

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

20 Tri-College Percussion Ensemble and Marimba Choir concert, 3 p.m., Hanson Theatre, Moorhead State University

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

22 Administrative offices open, classes resume

24 Free preview night for NDSU staff 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

26 Psychology—Magda Chalikia, Moorhead State University, "Explorations of the Tritone Paradox," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

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)"

29 University Chorus and Brass Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Olivet Lutheran Church

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