

Skills and Technology Training Center to hold grand opening

The Skills and Technology Training Center, Fargo, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony during its grand opening celebration at 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 8. All interested parties are invited to attend events throughout the week, including speakers, free Internet training, a skills assessment workshop and robotic welding demonstration.

Located in the former north Fargo Kmart building, the 55,000 square foot state-of-the-art center is designed to meet the short-term customized training needs of business, industry and health care in North Dakota and western Minnesota. It uses the latest technology and equipment, including modern training bays, computer rooms, satellite down-links and video- and teleconferencing to provide training in such areas as computer training, diversity training, team building, customer service, supervisory and sales skills, electrical, autoCAD, blue print reading, welding and sheet metal.

"The center is really more than customized training. It also gets involved in seminars, workshops and business meetings related to training," said Tony Grindberg, STTC executive director. "The center continues to grow in a positive direction."

The center gets strong support from businesses that have used its facilities, including Tecton Products, Fargo, which has used the STTC for computer training and retraining.

"The people who have gone there really believe it is a very professional education environment. They feel they are getting a lot for their money and that it's an absolutely ideal environment to go brush up on needed skills," said John Jambois, Tecton Products president. "It's becoming a high tech world and we all need to improve our skills. I see the center having great benefit in the high tech and 'e' end of the world."

Besides providing quality training of workers at all stages of their careers, the STTC's other goals are to provide quick response to changing needs of business; give high school students specialized skills, education and internships, and support implementation of the School-to-Work program; promote retention and expansion of existing business, while attracting new companies; and be a model for public-private partnerships throughout the state.

Events planned for the grand opening are:

Monday, May 8

- 1-3 p.m., "E-commerce Website Design," Brent Teiken, Sundog Interactive
- 4-6 p.m., Grand Opening

Tuesday, May 9

- 10 a.m.-noon, Beginner Internet training
- 1-3 p.m., Beginner Internet training
- STTC Tours
- E-Business Trends, Lynne Stockstad, vice president of e-business, Great Plains

Wednesday, May 10

- 10 a.m.-noon, Beginner Internet training

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Varsity Mart plans sales

The Varsity Mart has planned sales for the last week of April and the first week of May.

Through April 28, customers may pop a balloon for discounts. Inside the balloons are opportunities to win 10-40 percent off entire purchase. See cashiers for details. Also through April 28, a 5-hole miniature golf course will be set up, with prizes including a bicycle, luggage and a sleeping bag.

The store's annual garage sale is scheduled for May 2-3. Savings will be available on books, clothing, art supplies and more in the Varsity Mart garage.

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Wednesday, May 10

- N.D. Job Service Internet skills assessment workshops
- "Using Technology for Worker Recruitment"
- "Using Technology for Career Planning and Job Search"
- 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., "How to Utilize Video-Conferencing for my Business"
- 1-2:30 p.m., E-commerce technical support seminar - Web based application hosting
- "An Innovative Approach that Will Reduce your Business Computer Operating Costs," Greg Lewis, SEI Information Technology
- 1-3 p.m., Beginner Internet training
- STTC Tours

Thursday, May 11

- 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., SE Workforce Training Initiative brown bag "How Can My Business Benefit?"
- 7-9 p.m., High school career exploration
- Internet "talking" seminar
- STTC Tours

For more information call 1-6900 or visit www.sttc.nodak.edu.

Deadlines approaching for insurance enrollment

The Office of Human Resources reminds NDSU employees of deadlines to make any changes to their insurance plans.

Open enrollment for Health Insurance EPO

Informational meetings regarding the health insurance EPO plan have been scheduled by NDPERS and BCBSND for 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in the Memorial Union University Chamber.

Reservations are not required to attend the meetings. Anyone interested in the program who is unable to attend may complete forms in Human Resources, Old Main 205.

Enrollment for health insurance through May 31

The month of May is the annual enrollment period for the PERS group health plan. Employees who did not enroll in the group health plan during their initial 31-day eligibility period when hired, or did not enroll within 31 days of a qualifying event may apply for coverage. Individuals being enrolled may be subject to a 12-month pre-existing condition clause. Coverage is effective July 1. The required paperwork is available in Old Main 203. Forms must be received in the Office of Human Resources on or before May 31.

Enrollment for state life insurance through May 31

May also is the month of opportunity to apply for an increase in state life insurance coverage. This is term life insurance offered through payroll deduction.

For more information regarding your current coverage, or for the application forms to increase insurance, contact the Office of Human Resources at 1-8961. The required paperwork is available in Old Main 205. Forms must be returned on or before May 31.

Fiscal White Paper available

The 2000 edition of NDSU's Fiscal White Paper is now available. The document was first published in 1997 to provide information on NDSU's financial systems to the campus and other interested constituencies.

The contents of the document describe how our systems work for appropriated funds, grants and contracts, internal funds, gifts and auxiliaries. The updated Fiscal White Paper will be available on the Web within the next two weeks at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/vpbf/fiscal/.

EPSCoR announces graduate recruiting program

North Dakota EPSCoR initiated a new program in the fall of 1999 that targets graduating seniors from the North Dakota University System comprehensive and liberal arts institutions.

Graduates of Dickinson, Mayville, Minot and Valley City State Universities may be awarded ND EPSCoR graduate assistantships to obtain master's and/or doctorate degrees in science, engineering and mathematics at North Dakota's research universities.

This program is designed to strengthen the linkages between the research universities and the science and mathematics departments at the four-year universities. It increases the in-state opportunities for the students at the undergraduate institutions and provides an additional recruiting tool for the research universities.

The program description can be found on the ND EPSCoR Web page at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/epscor. It also is available at the Graduate School office, 201 Old Main, and from the EPSCoR office, 258 Ladd-Dunbar, 1-8400. For more information contact David R. Givers, assistant project director, at 1-7516 or givers@badlands.nodak.edu.

SU Calls from Campus establishes new record

The NDSU Development Foundation's SU Calls from Campus program has set a new record. With a couple of weeks remaining on the schedule, the student calling program has raised more than \$600,000 in gifts and pledges for the benefit of NDSU.

This total surpasses the previous record of \$524,385 established during the 1998-99 year. The program has witnessed a 91 percent increase in dollars raised since 1995-96.

Now completing its 17th year, SU Calls from Campus continues to be one of the most effective ways NDSU reaches out to its alumni, parents and friends annually. Eighty-five NDSU student employees have talked with more than 30,000 households since September. The program is a part of The Annual Fund for NDSU, which raises private dollars for a variety of campus areas, including academic scholarships, student and faculty programs and alumni and foundation programs.

In addition to fundraising, the students visit with prospects about current and upcoming events and the latest happenings on campus. Students first picked up the phone in 1983 and raised \$34,000.

Blackboard CourseInfo license renewed

Vice President for Academic Affairs Craig Schnell has approved renewing the CourseInfo license for NDSU. Schnell's decision came after a recent meeting with the Technology-Enhanced Learning committee. Information Technology Services will continue to provide technical and instructional support for CourseInfo.

Blackboard CourseInfo is a Web-based tool suite that enables faculty to enhance in-class learning and/or deliver distance learning by bringing course materials, class discussions, assignments and assessments to the Web.

NDSU purchased a one-year license in August 1999. Since its installation, NDSU faculty have created more than 160 CourseInfo sites, and more than 3,000 students have accessed the CourseInfo system. Other NDUS institutions using CourseInfo include UND, Valley City State University, Mayville State University and UND Medical School.

For an overview of Blackboard CourseInfo, go to <http://company.blackboard.com/support/docs/CourseInfo/4.0/courseinfo40ov.pdf>

For NDSU instructor information, go to www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/elsmith/CourseInfo. The NDSU CourseInfo gateway is at www.ndsu.edu:8080.

Dining Services receives outstanding employer award

NDSU Dining Services was presented with an "Outstanding Employer" award by the Fargo Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities at its annual awards luncheon March 31. Three awards were presented, and NDSU Dining Services was recognized in the public sector category.

The goal of the mayor's committee, established in 1985, is to promote positive opinions and acceptance of physically and mentally disabled people in the workplace. It works to educate the public on the abilities and needs of people with disabilities, and it recognizes employers that help to meet that mission.

According to Jack Donahue, director of NDSU Dining Services, 12 employees with disabilities work in the dining centers on campus. "Some of the workers have job coaches that stay around for the whole shift, and others don't need assistance," he said. "We work with them to make sure they are in a comfortable working environment. It's a real productive situation."

Dining Services received a similar award from the state in 1995.

Art department receives clay donation

Rodney Paseka, owner of Hebron Brick, is donating clay to the NDSU Department of Visual Arts ceramics program. The clay Hebron Brick uses in its brick production is dug locally outside of Hebron, N.D., and the NDSU art department will now have access to this clay deposit.

David Swenson, director of the ceramics program at NDSU, said, "I am especially grateful Hebron Brick is letting us have access to their clay deposit. In the beginning of my career, I

worked with a potter who utilized a local clay deposit, and he instilled in me an appreciation for the richness of using local materials. Since then it has been a goal of mine to be able to utilize local materials in the making of ceramics, and Hebron's donation of clay will make this possible. It will also provide me the opportunity to teach future generations about the richness of local materials and instill in them a greater awareness of and sense of pride about their surroundings."

Swenson joined the NDSU art faculty in 1994. He previously taught at St. John's University, the University of Minnesota and in the After School Art Program of the Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul.

NDSU chapter honored by Golden Key

The NDSU chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society received the "Best Membership Drive" award at the society's Mountain West Regional Conference in Boise, Idaho, April 14-16.

Charles Cooper, chapter president and a senior studying agricultural economics, and Bonnie Cooper, chapter adviser and NDSU Graduate School's disquisition editor, represented NDSU at the conference. They also presented a workshop titled "Mentor Dinners: A Key to an Excellent Future," which outlined one of the NDSU chapter's most successful activities. The dinners give Golden Key honorary members and campus officials the opportunity to interact with Golden Key members while dining at a local restaurant.

Golden Key National Honor Society was founded in 1977 at Georgia State University. Juniors and seniors in all academic fields who are in the top 15 percent of their respective classes are invited to join. There are 285 chapters in Australia, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Canada, the Virgin Islands, Malaysia and the United States. The NDSU chapter was chartered on April 16, 1996.

People

Mahalingam's research featured in new book on architectural acoustics

The research of Ganapathy Mahalingam, assistant professor of architecture and landscape architecture, has been featured in the new book "Architectural Acoustics: Principles and Practice," edited by William J. Cavanaugh, FASA, and Joseph A. Wilkes, FAIA, and published by John Wiley & Sons in 1999.

In the chapter on recent innovations in acoustical design and research, Mahalingam's computer-based design system for designing auditoriums is described as an expert system for acoustical design. The design system allows an architect to generate the three-dimensional form of an auditorium based on acoustical, functional and programmatic parameters.

The design system is part of emerging tools in acoustical modeling and aural simulation that are enabling architects to design more responsive acoustical environments. The design system also is indicative of how computer technology is transforming the practice of architectural design.

Slator presented with international teaching, technology award



Slator

Brian Slator, associate professor of computer science, recently won the Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology. The award recognizes Slator's accomplishments in designing and implementing computer programs that create virtual worlds as learning tools.

"It's a tremendous honor," Slator said, "But it's also humbling to think of how many hundreds of people have contributed to the research projects for which I won this award."

Ken Nygard, chair and professor of computer science, said, "I'm bursting with pride over this. It's the most prestigious international award of its kind, and it's a fantastic honor for Brian and the entire NDSU community."

To receive the award, individuals must first win one of 50 Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology awards. From that group, one recipient is selected for the Boyer award, which includes a \$5,000 prize.

Nominations for both awards must come from the university president. The Boyer award nomination also must highlight several specific areas of innovation in teaching, including direct effects on learning, motivation, creativity and the effects beyond the instructor's own classroom.

The computer programs cited in the nomination are Geology Explorer, which has been used by about 800 students in NDSU's physical geology course, and Virtual Cell, which has been used by about 500 students in Biology 150.

Slator gives much of the credit to the students and faculty who were involved with the studies. He especially is grateful to his fellow members of the World Wide Web instructional committee, which includes Paul Juell, associate professor of computer science; Phil McClean, professor of plant sciences; Bernhardt Saini-Eidukat, assistant professor of geology; Donald Schwert, professor of geology; and Alan White, chair and associate professor of botany.

Farewell reception planned for Ellertson

The Memorial Union plans to host a farewell reception for Shari Ellertson from 3-5 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. She and her husband will pursue doctoral degrees at Iowa State University, Ames.

Ellertson has been with the Memorial Union since October 1996 and has served as the assistant director for organizations and Greek life since August 1997. She also has taught University Studies 199 for the past four years.

She advised the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils and the Student Government Commission for Student Organizations and was recognized with Mortar Board's Outstanding Organizational Advisor award. She also developed programs such as the Idea Breaks workshops, the Advisor Leadership Challenge and Involvement on the Road.

A 1991 NDSU graduate, she was a chemist in the College of Pharmacy before completing her master's degree and returning to NDSU's Memorial Union.

Harvey participates in conference

Mark Harvey, associate professor of history, participated as a fellow in a recent conference held in Provo, Utah, entitled "Spiritual Frontiers 2000." The convention was a gathering of scholars of western American literature and history, and the theme centered on spiritual and religious ideas in western American literary texts.

Harvey's paper, "Wallace Stegner's Journey Into Wilderness," examined the conservation writings of Stegner, who was a major author of western history and fiction about the region. Stegner was best known for his books "Wolf Willow," "The Big Rock Candy Mountain" and "Angle of Repose," for which he won the Pulitzer Prize in 1972. He also wrote numerous essays about the West's public lands and the region's wilderness areas.

Stegner began writing conservation essays for various magazines during the 1950s, which was the time when activists were beginning to push for a bill to establish a national wilderness system. He contributed to that effort through many essays, but especially with a four-page letter he wrote to the national commission studying the nation's outdoor recreation needs in the early 1960s. This "wilderness letter" was a statement about the values of wilderness to Americans in an increasingly urbanized and suburbanized society. In it, Stegner alluded to the spiritual value of wild land.

Harvey pointed out that Stegner's support of wilderness was also an act of stewardship—a concept rooted in the Bible and Christian doctrine. Moreover, Stegner believed that to save wilderness was to maintain nature in its purest, most original form, a remnant of God's creation.

Harvey's article will be published in *Literature and Belief*, a scholarly journal published by Brigham Young University.

Ziejewski to participate in safety roundtable

Mariusz Ziejewski, associate professor of mechanical engineering, has been invited to participate in the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission Chairman's Roundtable on head injury and youth sports May 2 in Bethesda, Md.

Ziejewski, who has conducted research into headgear for soccer players, will discuss his work with low impact head injuries.

The roundtable will explore recent studies that have suggested that lower impact head injuries can have important effects on brain function. Participants will discuss whether these studies are sufficient to justify advocating additional head protection for certain youth sports.

Medical researchers, academic representatives, youth sports organizations and safety equipment manufacturers have been invited to participate in the roundtable.

Miller invited to conduct at Bach festival

Jo Ann Miller, associate professor of music, has been selected as one of the conducting participants for the 2000 Oregon Bach Festival Masterclass in Choral-Orchestral Conducting. She will prepare and conduct the St. John Passion part II and part IV.

The Oregon Bach Festival is scheduled for June 23-July 9 at the University of Oregon, Eugene. Guest choirs from Inner Mongolia, Sweden, Cuba, Israel and Uganda are scheduled to attend. Helmuth Rilling, artistic director of the Internationale Bachakademie, Stuttgart, Germany, has led the Oregon Bach Festival's Masterclass since its inception in 1970.

Miller joined the music faculty at NDSU in 1989 as director of choral activities. She conducts the Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers and teaches choral conducting, choral arranging and applied voice.

She is a frequent guest conductor of opera and musical theater productions at NDSU and in the community. She has been the chorus master for Fargo Moorhead Civic Opera productions and regularly prepares choirs for the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony, including recent performances of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," Vaughan William's "Sea Symphony" and Verdi's "Requiem." She is active in the American Choral Director's Association and has served as North Dakota president for that organization. She is an active clinician and guest conductor in the Midwest and Canada.

Events

Candidates for Ag Communication director to speak on campus

Candidates for the director of Agricultural Communication are scheduled to be on campus April 27-28 to present "The Role of Communication in NDSU Agriculture." All presentations will be in the Northern Crops Institute Auditorium. The candidates and their presentations are as follows:

Thursday, April 27

9:15 a.m. Rich Mattern

Mattern is a lecturer of communication at NDSU and has been the news director and radio talk show producer for KDSU, now North Dakota Public Radio, since 1994.

2:45 p.m. DonnaRae Jacobson

Jacobson has worked for the NDSU Extension Service since 1992. She is a child development and family science specialist and is the Family Life Education project coordinator. She does private consulting in human resources and education

Friday, April 28

9:15 a.m. Dave Rice

Rice joined the NDSU Extension Service in 1995. He is a computer applications specialist in Ag Communication. He oversees Web pages for NDSU Extension and Research Units.

2:45 p.m. Brad Cogdill

Cogdill has been with NDSU Extension since 1990. He is the Cass County Extension Agent and county chair.

Kite festival planned for May 6

The YMCA of NDSU is sponsoring a kite festival Saturday, May 6, at Brunsdale Park, Fargo. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Kite flying is scheduled from 1-2:45 p.m., and awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. The park is located at 27th Ave. S. and Pacific Drive. In case of inclement weather, an alternate date has been set for May 13.

The event is free and open to the public. To pre-register, call the Fargo Park District at 298-6980. Free T-shirts will be given to those who pre-register, and ribbons will be presented to all who participate.

Other sponsors of the event are the Fargo Park District and Pepsi. For more information call the YMCA of NDSU at 235-8772.

Spring Clean up set for May 1

NDSU faculty, staff, students and alumni volunteers will take to the campus Monday, May 1, for the sixth annual NDSU Spring Clean Up. The volunteer project is sponsored by the Alumni Association, Physical Plant and NDSU Dining Services.

Registration is set to begin at 2 p.m. at the Memorial Union East Patio. All registrants will receive a free gift at registration. Cleaning is scheduled from 2:15-4 p.m. Following the clean-up, volunteers may reconvene at the East Patio beginning at 4 p.m. for hot dogs, chips and pop.

NDSU faculty and staff helping with spring 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.

Volunteers are reminded to bring extra rakes, square point shovels and gloves. Garbage bags and some equipment will be provided by the NDSU Physical Plant.

In case of inclement weather May 1, the clean up will be held Tuesday, May 2. For more information contact Liz Christianson at the NDSU Alumni Association at 1-6800.

Shorts and Reminders

Union Food Court Specials April 26 - May 3

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 roast beef
 Friday: barbecued ribs
 Monday: shaved barbecued beef
 Tuesday: hand-carved roast pork
 Wednesday: chicken or vegetable stir-fry

Soup of the Day

Wednesday: vegetable, wild rice or chili beef
 Thursday: knoevla
 Friday: tomato
 Monday: chili beef
 Tuesday: wild rice
 Wednesday: cheeseburger

*Items are subject to change without notice.

Positions Available

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

Payroll Specialist/#4561
 Payroll
 \$17,600/year
 May 1

Verification Coordinator/#1703
 Financial Aid
 \$18,000/year
 May 3

Bindery Specialist
 Document Publishing
 \$15,500 minimum/year
 May 3

Industrial Electronics Technician/#0994
 Physical Plant
 28,000 minimum/year
 May 9

Veterans Student Coordinator
 TRIO Programs
 \$11,500+/year (20 hrs/wk; hrs negotiable)
 May 12

Research Specialist/#4617
 Central Grasslands Research Center, Streeter, N.D.
 Salary commensurate with experience
 May 1

Research Specialist/#1645
 Carrington Research Extension Center
 Carrington, N.D.
 \$25,000+/year
 May 8

Assistant Registrar/#0553
 Office of the Registrar
 \$38,000+/year
 May 19

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/hr/.

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."

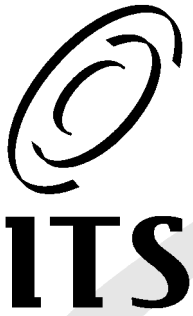
**Horticulture Research Institute
 Grants Program
www.anla.org/research
 Deadline: May 15**

The Horticulture Research Institute (HRI) is committed to directing, funding, promoting and communicating research which increases the quality and value of plants, improves the productivity and profitability of the nursery and landscape industry and protects and enhances the environment. HRI-supported projects focus on a significant problem or opportunity of the nursery and landscape industry, encourage environmentally responsible management practices, increase nurserymen's business or financial expertise, or improve and expand the market for plant material. The priorities for this year's projects are crop production strategies, marketing/consumerism, pest management strategies, post-production practices, production/operational efficiency and resource/waste management.

**Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension
 Service (CSREES)
 Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems
 (IFAFS)
www.reeusda.gov/ifafs
 Deadline: May 22 (NOTE: this is an extension from the
 previous May 8 deadline)**

The purpose of the IFAFS is to support research, education and extension grants that address critical emerging agricultural issues related to 1) food production, 2) environmental quality and natural resource management or 3) farm income. Priority will be given to projects that are multi-state, multi-institutional or multidisciplinary or projects that integrate agricultural research, extension and education. Also, in support of the agency's goals to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of United States agriculture, consideration also will be given to projects that incorporate an international dimension with demonstrable domestic benefits. In general, programs within IFAFS can bring the agricultural knowledge system to bear on issues impacting small- and mid-sized producers and land managers, enabling improvements in quality of life and community. Priority areas for this initiative include: agriculture genome and agricultural biotechnology; food safety, food technology and human nutrition; new and alternative uses and production of agricultural commodities and products; natural resource management, including precision agriculture; and farm efficiency and profitability, including the viability and competitiveness of small- and medium-sized dairy, livestock, crop and other commodity operations.

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E-mail migration update

ITS recently completed changes to the e-mail enrollment system that allows current NDSU Prairie, Plains and Badlands users to begin migrating to the Mail@ndsu system. Changes to the enroll system include activating e-mail services, changing information id and requesting additional services. Faculty and staff with an ndsuent or gwmail e-mail address who do not use Prairie, Plains or Badlands are not required to migrate to Mail@ndsu. For additional information and instructions on migrating from Prairie, Plains or Badlands, visit www.ndsu.nodak.edu/migration.

Plains, Prairie and Badlands users who migrate to the new e-mail system also will need to update their e-mail addresses in the administrative computer system. To do so, users should contact an administrative assistant in their department who has access to the NA97 screen, or send e-mail from their new account to kstinar@gwmail.nodak.edu.

If requesting the e-mail address update via e-mail, include your previous Plains, Prairie or Badlands address and your NAID number, and a payroll representative will update the system. Phone requests for updates are not advised due to security concerns. For more information contact Karin Stinar at 1-8990 or kstinar@gwmail.nodak.edu.

Summer cluster upgrades announced

The following is the final list of the campus cluster upgrades that will take place this summer as approved by ITS and the NDSU Computer Planning and Goals Committee.

Macintosh

- Adobe Pagemaker 6.5 – Remove Summer 2001. Adobe InDesign will be added this summer as its future replacement.
- Adobe Photoshop 5.0 – Adobe Photoshop 5.5
- Caere OmniPage Pro 8.0 – OmniPage Pro 10
- Claris Home Page 3.0 – Remove Summer 2001. MS FrontPage Express will be added this summer as its future replacement.
- Claris Works 5.0 – Upgrade to AppleWorks 6.0
- MetaCreations Painter 5.5 – Painter 6.0
- Mac OS 8.6 – Mac OS 9.
- Netscape 4.08 – Will NOT be removed. Internet Explorer 4.5 or 5.0 will be added this summer.
- HyperCard 2.3.5 – Hypercard 2.4
- Mulberry 1.3.3 – Mulberry 2.0

Windows Machines

- Adobe Pagemaker 6.5 – Remove Summer 2001. Adobe InDesign will be added this summer as its future replacement.
- Adobe Photoshop 5.0 – Adobe Photoshop 5.5
- Borland C++ Builder 3.0 – Borland C++ Builder 5.0
- Caere OmniPage Pro 8.0 – OmniPage Pro 10
- Claris Home Page 3.0 – Remove Summer 2001. MS FrontPage Express will be added this summer as its future replacement.
- ESRI Arcview 3.1 – 3.
- MetaCreations Painter 5.5 – Painter 6.0
- MS_Project 5.0 – Project 2000
- MS Windows 95 – Windows 98SE
- Netscape 4.08 – Will NOT be removed. Internet Explorer 4.5 or 5.0 will be added this summer.
- Mulberry 1.3.3 – Mulberry 2.0

Equipment for sale

ITS has several three-year-old computers and Proxima multimedia projectors for sale. Models are Dell Pentium 166MMX and PowerMac 7300/180. The Proxima unit is a Desktop Projector.

- Computers have been tested and are Y2K compatible.
- The old cluster computers and multimedia projectors 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 multimedia projectors may not be available until the start of the fall semester.
- These computers will remain part of NDSU's inventory and cannot be purchased by individuals.
- Billing will not be initiated until July 1.

Contact Brian Abraham at 1-8686 or Brian_Abraham@ndsu.nodak.edu or Melissa Stotz at 1-6158 or Melissa_Stotz@ndsu.nodak.edu, if interested in purchasing this equipment.

**American Farm Bureau Foundation
Research Projects**
www.agfoundation.org/rfp/rfp_s.html
Deadline: May 31

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is accepting proposals for research projects in the following areas: 1) the advantages and disadvantages of the development of a voluntary market to trade carbon credits; 2) the impacts of agricultural mergers and acquisitions on agricultural production, marketing and transportation; 3) the feasibility and options for establishing nutrient markets for organic nutrients.

**Canadian Studies Grant Programs
Conference Grant Program**
www.canadianembassy.org
Deadline: June 15

The Canadian Studies Conference Grant Program supports major conferences addressing important and timely issues about Canada, Canada/U.S. or Canada/North America. It is intended to secure greater understanding of the background, complexity and ramifications of these issues. The grants are designed to assist an institution in holding a conference and publishing the resultant papers and proceedings in a scholarly fashion. Linkage with a Canadian institution is encouraged.

Calendar

April

Through April 28 Baccalaureate photography exhibition by Melanie Brown, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery

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

26 Architecture and landscape architecture—Jeffrey A. Scherer, FAIA, president, Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd., “Doing, Being, Knowing and Feeling: The Art of Renewal in the Practice of Architecture” 4:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114

**University Relations
North Dakota State University
PO Box 5167
Fargo, ND 58105**

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

28 Psychology—Graduate students presentations, 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

28 History—Dan Simone will discuss his prospectus for a master’s thesis on a history of automobile racing in the Fargo-Moorhead area, 3 p.m., Minard 407

28 Animal and Range Sciences—Shawn Dekeyser, graduate student, “A Classification of Seasonal and Temporary Wetlands Across a Disturbance Gradient Using a Multimetric Approach,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104

28 Physics—Abraham A. Ungar, “Gyrovecton Space in Hyperbolic Geometry and in Relativity Physics,” 3:30 p.m., South Engineering 118

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

30 Spring Choral Pops concert, 2 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom

May

May 1 Statistics—Terry M. Therneau, Mayo Clinic, “Random Effects Survival Models for Familial Data,” 1:15 p.m., Loftsgard 104

2 Gold Star Concert Band concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

3 Spring Gala Performance, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall; followed by dessert reception

4 Inaugural ceremony of President Joseph A. Chapman, 10 a.m., Festival Concert Hall