

NDSU's e-mail address format to change

The format for NDSU e-mail addresses will change this fall, according to Information Technology Services. The new system will use a period between the person's first and last names rather than the underscore that is now used.

Four years ago, NDSU and the University of North Dakota implemented e-mail systems that used the format for the "Electronic ID" of *Firstname_Lastname*. However, numerous users reported unexpected problems with the underscore.

To prepare for a universal naming convention, the North Dakota University System has decided to use an Electronic ID using a period instead. NDSU and UND are working with the other campuses to lay a foundation for a statewide infrastructure. Starting fall semester, all new e-mail accounts will be in the *Firstname.Lastname@ndsu.nodak.edu* format.

Existing e-mail addresses with the underscore will be switched over to the new format sometime after fall semester begins. All e-mail messages sent to the old e-mail address will be forwarded to the new e-mail address for some time.

ITS will keep the campus updated as information becomes available. More information about what users need to do to for the change in the Electronic ID will be posted on the ITS Web page at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/its in mid-August. Persons with questions or concerns may contact the ITS Help Desk at 1-8685, option 1, or help_desk@ndsu.nodak.edu.

University system announces new mission and vision statements

The State Board of Higher Education planned to announce new mission and vision statements for the North Dakota University System during the board's annual retreat July 18.

According to a news release, the new mission statement is "The mission of the North Dakota University System is to enhance the quality of life of all those we serve and the economic and social vitality of North Dakota through the discovery, sharing and application of knowledge."

The vision statement is "The North Dakota University System is the vital link to a brighter future. A brighter future for: our students, the citizens of North Dakota and all those we serve."

Board president Chuck Stroup said the statements were developed collaboratively by the board and the Interim Higher Education Roundtable. Members of the roundtable include state leaders from the private and public sectors.

"The university system's new mission and vision statements are the foundation on which we are building North Dakota's higher education system for the 21st century," Stroup said. "Both statements embody the aspirations for our university system as expressed by many key stakeholders. In the past, the university system's mission focused primarily on the traditional student. Now, our mission is broadened to recognize the system's role in enhancing the economic and social vitality of North Dakota."

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Departmental change approved

The State Board of Higher Education approved an NDSU request for a merger of programs and a departmental name change during its June meeting.

The hotel, motel, restaurant management major was merged into the Department of Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design, and the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation was changed to the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences.

In addition, the Department of Food and Nutrition was eliminated and the food and nutrition major was merged into the new health, nutrition and exercise sciences department.

“The changes are the result of a year-long faculty committee study of departmental organization and current practices in the fields,” said Craig Schnell, vice president for academic affairs. “They were reviewed and approved by the College Curriculum Committee, the University Senate Academic Affairs Committee and the University Senate.”

Governor's Award nominations sought

Nominations are being solicited for the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. The award recognizes state employees for outstanding job performance and contributions to state departments and their communities.

Nominees must have been employed during the state's fiscal year, employed at least half-time and cannot be elected or an official appointed by the governor. Nominees will be considered in four groups of relatively equal number of state employees.

“Nominations can be made by anyone. I strongly encourage your participation in this award program,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “A committee consisting of a member of the public, a legislator and a representative from the Governor's Office will narrow the nominations to a list of three within each category for my consideration.”

The nominations are not to exceed two pages in length and should describe the nominee's job performance, contributions to their department, working relationship with the public, working relationship with fellow workers and community contributions.

Nominations may be sent to Bethanie Christmann, Office of the Governor, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, N.D., 58505-0001. The envelope should be marked “Confidential—Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service.” The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, July 27.

University System to offer online art degree

The North Dakota University System has announced that it will offer an associate in arts degree through online “eLearning” beginning this fall.

Dubbed the North Dakota University System Online, or NDUSO, the effort allows students flexibility in working toward the degree by taking classes from any of the 11 system campuses via the Internet.

“The online degree will provide non-traditional students an opportunity to pursue an education while maintaining current life obligations,” said Chancellor Larry A. Isaak. “Learning in the virtual environment allows students to attend class wherever they have Internet access and whenever their schedules allow.”

The NDUSO is part of a State Board of Higher Education objective to improve access to higher education in North Dakota. Although several campuses already offer online courses, this will be the first online associate in arts degree available from the system in the virtual learning environment.

Only six of the 11 campuses will have the authority to grant degrees. They are Bismarck State College, Dickinson State University, Lake Region State College, Minot State University-Bottineau Campus, North Dakota State College of Science and Williston State College.

For more information, visit the NDUSO Web site at www.ndus.edu/system_office/elearning/.

Nursing programs to form consortium

The nursing departments from NDSU, Concordia College and Minnesota State University Moorhead joined to form the Tri-College University Nursing Consortium, effective July 1.

Generic undergraduate programs leading to bachelor's degrees in nursing will be offered at NDSU and Concordia, and MSUM will offer an RN to BSN program, leading to a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

A graduate track leading to a master's degree also will be offered through NDSU and MSUM. Areas of study offered with the graduate track are family nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in adult health, nurse educator, parish nurse specialist and transcultural nurse specialist.

Jane Giedt was appointed chair of both the consortium and graduate track. Barbara Vellenga will chair the MSUM RN to BSN track and Lois Nelson will chair the undergraduate track at NDSU and Concordia.

Informational sessions on the graduate nursing track are scheduled for 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, and Thursday, Aug. 9, in MSUM's Murray Commons. For more information, call 236-4699 or 236-2693.

NDSU team races in American Solar Challenge

NDSU's solar race team, the Sunsetters, is among about 35 cars competing in the American Solar Challenge Race. The 2,300-mile cross-country endurance race from Chicago to Claremont, Calif., began July 15 and continues through July 25.

The race began at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, and follows what remains of Route 66 through Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The cars are propelled by using solar, or photovoltaic, cells to convert sunlight into electricity.

The four-wheeled NDSU car, dubbed "Prairie Fire," is six feet wide and 17 feet long. It features 606 solar cells, which produce 900 watts of power and are connected to a 96-volt battery pack. Built entirely by students, except for its custom-made motor, the car is valued at approximately \$50,000.

"The team's first goal is to finish the race, but the students also want to be the top rookie team," said Wayne Reitz, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and one of the group's faculty advisers. "Through this entire process, the students have learned what it takes to build a product, market it and literally put it on the road. There's been everything from fundraising to making sure that everything has been welded properly."

Student Angie Parker, Sunsetters publicity coordinator, said, "Our team has some really motivated students and the race will give us the chance to see the heights we are capable of reaching. Racing NDSU's first solar car is not only a milestone for the team, it also portrays the advancement of our campus and community."

The Challenge race cars can be tracked through July 25 on the Internet at www.formulasun.org/asc/tracking/index.html through the use of a global positioning satellite system that will pinpoint the cars' locations. Daily race results will be posted at www.formulasun.org/asc.

The Sunsetters also will provide race updates on their Web page at www.sunsetters.org.

The race is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, its National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), EDS and Terion Inc. NREL is the premier laboratory for DOE's renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development. EDS, a global services company, provides strategy, implementation and hosting for clients managing the business and technology complexities of the digital economy. Terion is a business-to-business wireless application service provider using two-way wireless communications.

Bison Athletics publications win national awards

NDSU was recently honored by the College Sports Information Directors of American (CoSIDA) for four of its publications produced during the 2000-01 academic year. The awards were presented at the annual CoSIDA convention held in San Diego July 1-4.

NDSU's awards included two "Best in Nation" awards for its women's basketball media guide and game programs for Division B, which consists of NCAA Division II and NAIA I schools. The publications were produced by Jeff Schwartz, Andy Cole and Steph Lindsay.

In a special publications category, Schwartz and Cole won a third-place prize for the schools programs and Schwartz won a fourth-place prize for the softball brochure.

CoSIDA is an organization which was established in 1955 to serve sports information directors and others associated with the promotion of college athletics. Its current membership numbers 1,900.

Court records now at Institute for Regional Studies

More than 160 "banker's boxes" of Cass County District Court records are now preserved in the archives of the Institute for Regional Studies. The records of civil cases span from the beginning of the court in the 1870s through 1942.

According to university archivist John Bye, the records provide a wealth of information about social, economic and historical developments in Fargo and the county.

Access to the records is by ledger indexes that were maintained by the Clerk of Court over the years. They include the names of all plaintiffs and defendants.

Bye said that until the records are processed, their detailed contents will remain unknown. He said work on organizing the records is now underway and likely will be a long-term endeavor.

Bye added that perhaps the most requested cases when the records were at the clerk of court office were divorce proceedings. Once processed, the records may assist researchers in determining if Fargo really was the "divorce capital" of the United States in the 1890s, when the residence requirement in North Dakota was only 90 days.

The court records and indexes are available for public use at the institute, now located at the Skills and Technology Training Center, Room 117. For additional information, contact Bye at 1-8877 or John_Bye@ndsu.nodak.edu.

People

Veterinary and microbiological sciences chair named

Douglas A. Freeman, associate professor of veterinary and animal sciences and director of the equine studies program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, has been selected as the new chair of the NDSU Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences. He began his new duties July 16.

Freeman, who has been at UMass for six years, previously was manager of professional services at Fort Dodge Laboratories, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Prior to that, he was a senior lecturer in theriogenology at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

He earned his bachelor's degree, doctor of veterinary medicine and completed his residency in theriogenology at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, and received his doctorate at Washington State University/University of Idaho.

"I am firmly committed to the land-grant missions of teaching, service and research," Freeman wrote in his letter of application. His stated objectives include fostering an environment of collaborative research; maintaining a balance between applied and basic science programs; fostering a rigorous academic undergraduate teaching mission; enhancing interaction at the graduate and undergraduate levels; enhancing collaboration between NDSU, producers, industry and government; and supporting efforts to bring NDSU programs to students and institutions across the state.

He is active in the American College of Theriogenologists, American Veterinary Medical Association, Society for Theriogenology, American Association of Equine Practitioners and the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association.

Civil engineering faculty receive NSF grant

Dinesh Katti, associate professor of civil engineering and construction, and Kalpana Katti, assistant professor of civil engineering and construction, have received a grant from the National Science Foundation to study and model the clay-fluid interactions in montmorillonite clay minerals. The \$41,300 grant is for an 18-month period.

The montmorillonite clay mineral is responsible for the swelling action in expansive clays. These clays are found in various parts of the world, including the United States, and are found extensively in North Dakota.

The Kattis' research, "Evaluation and Modeling of Interlayer Forces in Montmorillonite for Development of a Particulate-Based Model for Swelling Clays," explores the understanding, modeling and prediction of interaction of clays with water and other environmental fluids. It is part of the research targeted towards quantifying and relating the molecular level interactions to engineering properties such as swelling and swelling pressure.

Hinsz awarded national research fellowship

Verlin Hinsz, professor of psychology, has received a 12-month research associateship from the National Research Council to work on problems and issues confronting enlisted personnel and officers in the U.S. Air Force.

Hinsz will work with other research scientists at the research laboratory at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, starting in August. His research will focus on team performance and how to make teams more effective and more efficient.

Typically, the Air Force conducts this type of research on aircraft crews. Specific groups include the ground crew of uninhabited air vehicles and airborne radar warning and control stations.

Hinsz expects that he and other research fellows participating in the program will be able to share their research with each other. "I think it reflects well on the department here at the university, that we are competitive to work at national research laboratories," said Hinsz.

There is a nationwide competition for spots available with the National Research Council. A proposal is sent to the council and evaluated by the laboratory conducting the research. Hinsz submitted his proposal in January and was notified of his acceptance in April.

"It's a win, win, win situation," Hinsz said. "The Air Force gets expertise brought in, I get to spend time talking to people about questions for which my expertise is useful, the university doesn't have to pay me to get all of this experience and I get paid to do all of these things."

Jacobs retirement open house planned

A retirement open house honoring Jim Jacobs, Northern Crops Institute technical director, is scheduled for 2:30-4 p.m. Monday, July 23, at NCI.

Jacobs, who joined NCI in 1983, has worked with end-users of regional crops to find increased food, feed and industrial uses. Previously employed at Peavey, Minneapolis, Jacobs earned a degree in chemistry from the College of St. Thomas.

"Jim has been a very important part of the NCI team," said Pat Berglund, NCI director. "He is the major pasta authority in the region and United States. He has mentored many in the pasta industry, and I know his expertise will be hard to replace."

Jacobs provides technical support through teaching industry professionals, trouble-shooting with industry, traveling to consult and teach and assisting in short-term technical processing investigations at NCI.

As a consultant for NCI and U.S. Wheat Associates, he also promotes durum wheat throughout the world, including North and West Africa, Russia, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Mexico and the Philippines.

Jacobs and his wife, Louise, have five grown children. They plan to move to the Twin Cities later this year.

Professor emeritus dies

Winston E. Wallace, 82, professor emeritus of business administration, died June 21 in South Carolina. Wallace joined the NDSU business faculty in 1971 and served as assistant dean and associate dean of the NDSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences from 1973-1983.

In addition, he previously was a professor of military science and was active in the NDSU ROTC program for five years. Wallace retired from the U.S. Army Military Police Corps as a colonel in 1971, following a 30-year career that included stops in Puerto Rico, Panama, Austria, Italy and Korea. While in the military, he was in charge of the 1964 funeral detail for Gen. Douglas MacArthur and was a recipient of the Legion of Merit.

He retired from NDSU in December 1983.

Wallace earned a bachelor's degree at Virginia Polytechnical Institute, a master's degree in personnel administration from George Washington University and a master's degree in education at NDSU.

He was a member of the American Society for Personnel Administration, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Academy of Management, International Personnel Management Association, International Council for Small Business Management and the Small Business Institute Directors Association.

He also supported the Winston Wallace Scholarship, an award presented to business students selected by the Scholarship Committee.

Wallace is survived by his wife, Jackie. He lived in Greenville, S.C.

Recent graduate receives internship

Gwen Peterson, who graduated from NDSU in May, has been selected for the 2001 Otto Charles Thieme Memorial Internship. The announcement came in the latest issue of the Costume Society of America Region III newsletter.

Peterson, a native of Enderlin, N.D., graduated with a degree in anthropology, with a minor in apparel and textiles. She also worked for the NDSU Emily Reynolds Costume Collection.

According to Audrean Been, chair of the Otto Charles Thieme Memorial Internship, Chicago, Peterson has achieved an understanding of different cultures and the role clothing plays in all societies.

Peterson will complete her internship at The Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, working with Alexandra Palmer. The internship carries a stipend of \$2,000.

Music graduates chosen for Oregon Bach Festival

NDSU alumni Dennis Wallisch and Jon Nero, both of Fargo, have been selected to sing with the Oregon Bach Festival choir, as part of the Oregon Bach Festival scheduled June 22 to July 9 in Eugene, Ore.

Wallisch, BS '01, and Nero, MS '01, auditioned for the choir in San Antonio in March. They will audition again when they arrive in Eugene for the opportunity to be tenured and return to the festival for the next two years.

The choir is a 54-voice professional group that sings for the festival each year. The festival also includes chamber music, family events and educational programs.

Bison Blood Drive featured in newsletter

The 10th annual Bison Blood Drive was featured in the June issue of the "heart-to-heart" newsletter for employees of Blood Systems. The article also featured a photograph of student athletes Erin Ditty, a senior, and Denver Ten Broek, a junior, with blood recipient Bradley Hansen.

The story describes the two-day drive held in February, the 233 donations generated for United Blood Services, Fargo, and outlines the interest shown by local media.

The newsletter is published by Blood Systems Inc., Scottsdale, Ariz.

Events

NCI offers grain procurement management short course

The Northern Crops Institute has scheduled a grain procurement management for importers short course Sept. 10-21.

The two-week course is designed for individuals responsible for purchasing U.S. grain and will focus on the mechanics of grain merchandising. It is geared toward international grain importers and those involved in wheat milling, feed manufacturing and food processing.

The course will include lectures by academic and commodity trade authorities on cash and futures markets; elevator, export grain terminal and barge facility tours; and an on-site seminar at the Minneapolis Grain Exchange.

Course fee is \$1,200 and the registration deadline is Aug. 10. For more information about the course or registration, visit the NCI Web site at www.northern-crops.com or call 1-7736.

Shorts and Reminders

Staff Senate to fill vacant positions

The NDSU Staff Senate is seeking to fill four vacant senator positions in the 7000 (services and maintenance) job category. Interested staff members should contact Allyn Kostecki at 1-8919 or Allyn_Kostecki@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Advisory committee seeks members

The Visual Arts and Gallery Program Advisory Committee is seeking individuals interested in promoting and supporting the arts. There are positions open for faculty or staff and no experience is necessary. Appointments are for two years and responsibilities include attending meetings once or twice per semester, participation on the committee's listserv and attending exhibits and programs whenever possible. Interested individuals should contact Peg Furshong, visual arts and gallery coordinator, at 1-8239 or Peg_Furshong@ndsu.nodak.edu. Submissions will be accepted until Sept. 15.

Positions available

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

Administrative Secretary/#389
(Full Time; 10-month position)
Psychology
\$8/hour
July 23

Math Secretary/#3668
Mathematics
\$17,000 minimum/year
July 24

Administrative Secretary/#3406
Graduate School
\$20,000 minimum/year
July 27

Coffee Barista/#1147
Dining Services - Union Dining Center
\$7.25/hour
July 24 or until filled

Buffet Server/#3297
12-month position; 40 hours/week
10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday; evenings and weekends as needed)
Dining Services - Union Dining Center
\$6.75/hour
July 24 or until filled

Lead Food Service Worker/#3291
Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; summer hours may vary (weekends as necessary)
Dining Services - Residence Dining Center
\$7.25/hour
July 24 or until filled

Lead Dish Room Worker/#1069
12-month position; 40 hours/week
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday; evenings and weekends as needed)
Dining Services - Union Dining Center
\$7.25/hour
July 24 or until filled

Cook/#1188
12-month position; 40 hours/week
11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; (Monday-Friday, occasional weekends; summer hours vary)
Dining Services - West Dining Center
\$8/hour
July 24 or until filled (re-opened)

Head of Circulation/#523
Library
\$24,000+/year
Internal: July 18
External: July 25

Public Artist and Visual Arts Outreach Facilitator
(Half-time position)
Visual Arts
\$20,000+/year
July 31

Physical Sciences Librarian/#3683
Library
\$30,000+/year
Aug. 15

Calendar

July

- 23 Jim Jacobs retirement open house 2:30-4 p.m., Northern Crops Institute
- 24 Continuing Education—Michael Monroe Kiefer, "Consultative Selling Skills," 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Radisson Hotel, Fargo
- 25 Continuing Education—Michael Monroe Kiefer, "Speed Reading, Memory Skills and Accelerated Learning Techniques," 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Radisson Hotel, Fargo.

August

- 2 Regional Artists in Concert Series Broadcast—F-M Symphony with guest cellists Anthony Ross and Beth Rapier, 7 p.m., KCCM 91.1 FM
- 3 Last day of summer classes
- 8 North Dakota Housing Officers—Strength Through Sharing Conference, fire safety pre-conference workshop, 1-4 p.m., Memorial Union.
- 9 North Dakota Housing Officers—Strength Through Sharing Conference, Tim McMahon, keynote speaker, 9-11 a.m.; Alcohol and Drug Safety Panel, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; general conference session I, 1-2:15 p.m.; general conference session II, 2:45-4 p.m.; Memorial Union
- 10 North Dakota Housing Officers—Strength Through Sharing Conference, general conference sessions III and IV and keynote closing session, Memorial Union.
- 20 Regular hours resume
- 24-25 NDSU Classic volleyball tournament
- 28 First day of fall semester classes
- 28 Volleyball vs. Minnesota State University Moorhead, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 30 Football vs. Angelo State University, 7 p.m., Fargodome

September

- 3 Labor Day holiday; university closed
- 8 Football vs. Western State College, 7 p.m., Fargodome
- 10-21 Northern Crops Institute—Grain Procurement Management for Importers short course, Northern Crops Institute, Fargo
- 11 Volleyball vs. Augustana College, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 15 Football vs. University of Maine, 1:30 p.m., Fargodome

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