

President invites participation in commencement

President Joseph A. Chapman has issued an invitation to the campus to attend NDSU commencement, scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Fargodome. College receptions are planned to follow the ceremony.

In a letter to faculty and staff, Chapman said, "I am personally inviting your participation in our 2002 commencement activities. Commencement is one of the most significant events in the annual cycle of an intellectual community. It is a very positive symbol of individual student success, family and community pride, and faculty and staff support. I have always felt that individuals who do not attend commencement exercises and college receptions miss one of the most exciting days on our campus and forfeit a full perspective on the wonders of the collegiate experience."

Faculty and staff with academic degrees who wish to participate in the academic processional and the graduating class will wear caps and gowns. Anyone needing a cap and gown should contact Sharon Swanson at 1-9478.

Tom Barnhart, professor of health, physical education and recreation, will serve as faculty marshal for the processional and will provide instructions and additional information at a later date. Faculty will march by academic rank and seniority.

Fulbright grants competition announced

The Fulbright Scholar program is offering lecturing and research awards for the 2003-04 academic year. The competition opened March 1.

Awards are available in 37 disciplines and professional fields including college and university faculty and administrators, business and government professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers and independent scholars.

Traditional Fulbright awards range from two months to one full academic year or longer. The new Fulbright Senior Specialists Program also offers two-to-six-week grants in various disciplines.

Application deadlines are May 1 for Fulbright Distinguished Chair awards in Europe, Canada and Russia; Aug. 1 for traditional worldwide lecturing and research grants; and Nov. 1 for summer German Studies seminar and spring/summer seminars for academic and international education administrators in Germany, Korea and Japan. There is a rolling deadline for the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program.

For more information, contact the Council for International Exchange of Scholars at (202) 686-7877 or apprequest@cies.iie.org. Information and the application form also are available at www.cies.org.

An informational meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, in the Memorial Union University Chambers. The presentation will include information on available awards, award selection, suggestions for application preparation and explanations of the peer review and selection processes. Catalogs and application forms also will be available. For more information, contact the Office of International Programs at 1-7895.

Division I open forum scheduled

An open forum to discuss NDSU's potential reclassification to NCAA Division I with athletic directors Gene Taylor and Lynn Dorn is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. All faculty and staff are invited.

Wellness Center survey

The Wellness Center invites participation in an online survey to help determine user wellness needs. The survey will be available until Friday, April 19, at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/wellness/education/survey.shtml.

Seminar rescheduled

The soil science seminar, "Geomorphology and Water Movement Through Soils: Standing Between Modeling, Monitoring and Practical Applications," has been rescheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in Walster 217.

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Thirty-four NDSU representatives including administrators, faculty, staff and students participated in anti-racism training April 4-5 in the Memorial Union.

The training is part of NDSU's involvement in Training Our Campuses Against Racism (TOCAR), a multi-campus anti-racism initiative. Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead and Northwest Technical College also participate.

In addition, 11 NDSU faculty, staff and students participated in the training last November.

TOCAR's goal is to dismantle institutional racism and make the four colleges and universities multicultural, anti-racist organizations. Each institution has conducted initial training, with additional training opportunities being planned.

Each institution also is in the process of establishing its own anti-racism team that will participate in a three-day training session in June. Each team is charged with providing leadership on its campus for the development of an anti-racism plan.

Sponsored by a grant from the Bremer Foundation, the TOCAR effort at NDSU is part of the work of the President's Diversity Council.

NDSU participants who have completed the initial anti-racism training are President Joseph A. Chapman; Bruce Frantz, Physical Plant director; Duane Hauck, acting assistant director, extension director's office; Prakash Mathew, dean of Student Life; Charles Peterson, dean of pharmacy; Craig Schnell, vice president for academic affairs; Gene Taylor, director of athletics; George Wallman, vice president for student affairs; and Karen Zotz, assistant director, extension director's office. Faculty and staff members include Elizabeth Birmingham, assistant professor of English; Thomas Carlson, assistant professor of child development and family sciences; Paul Gleye, chair and professor of architecture; Norma Kiser-Larson, assistant professor of nursing; William Nganje, assistant professor of agricultural economics; Charles Okigbo, associate professor of communication; Larry Peterson, professor and chair of history; Catherine Anderson, coordinator of disability services; Paul Boswell, director of multicultural student services; Lynn Brekke, award notice coordinator in financial aid; Brenda Deckard, professor of plant sciences; Tracy Ekeren, assistant director of multicultural student services; Colette Erickson, assistant director of human resources; Peg Furshong, visual arts/gallery coordinator; Sandy Holbrook, equal opportunity director; Allyn Kostecki, director of TRIO programs; Jennifer Krueger, assistant director of leadership, Residence Life; Nancy Mueller, student services coordinator; Virgil Mueller, police officer; Megan Murray, coordinator of Greek Life and Student Organizations; Kara Oster-Aaland, director of Orientation and Student Success; Kara Stack, assistant director of campus programs; Karla Thoennes, associate director of residence life; Rita Ussatis, Cass County extension agent; and Jaclynn Davis Walette, Napp coordinator, College of Pharmacy.

Student participants are Jill Baird, Josh Boschee, Baringthon Brudey, Heather Lee, Paul Lundstrom, Josh Malnourie, Nasima Mirzaeva, Brandon Richardson, Aaron Schwengler, Kelly Stadick and David Strange Owl.

Anyone interested in participating in TOCAR efforts or in future training opportunities should contact Peterson at 1-8824, Oster-Aaland at 1-7750, Stack at 1-8566 or Holbrook at 1-7703.

EPSCoR Phase 0 grant proposals requested

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) is accepting proposals for Phase 0 Technology Research Into Commercialization. Application information is available on the Web at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/epscor/sft.

The Phase 0 grant program is designed to help North Dakota University System (NDUS) researchers and faculty discover the commercialization potential of their research.

Faculty, post-doctoral researchers and graduate students from any NDUS campus are eligible. Researchers can submit as their own company, on behalf of a company with which they are associated or in collaboration with a company. Applications submitted by graduate students are judged separately from experienced researchers. ND EPSCoR plans to make available up to 10 awards ranging from \$1,000-\$4,000 each.

For more information, contact David R. Givers, EPSCoR assistant project director at 1-7516 or david.givers@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Women student leaders applications sought

Applications to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders are being sought from NDSU women students who are in a leadership role or have leadership aspirations. NDSU has sent two students each year the conference has been offered.

The conference is scheduled for June 5-9 at American University, Washington, DC. Conference information is available at www.aauw.org/9000/nccwsl.

Students from across the country participate and gain information, skills and resources to be effective leaders in the 21st century. There are opportunities to participate in a public policy institute, network with distinguished women on Capitol Hill, build a network of women who can play an important role in their personal and professional life and strengthen institutions through their new leadership capabilities.

Applicants must be enrolled for the 2002-03 academic year and be willing to share their experience upon their return. This is an all expense paid leadership opportunity.

Applications are available in the Student Activities Office, Memorial Union room 360. Application deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. For more information, contact Janine Thull, associate director of Memorial Union, at Janine.Thull@ndsu.nodak.edu or 1-7799.

Usher Burdick biography published

A new biography of North Dakota Congressman Usher Burdick has been published by the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies at NDSU and the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

"Prairie Populist: The Life and Times of Usher L. Burdick," by Edward C. Blackorby, tells the story of the outspoken Burdick from his upbringing on Graham's Island in north central North Dakota to his role as a senior legislator in the U.S. Congress.

Burdick's political life included a series of defeats and improbable resurrections, beginning with his election to the North Dakota Legislature in 1906 and losing the gubernatorial election in 1916. His second public career began in 1934, when he was endorsed by the Nonpartisan League and elected to Congress, where he served 10 terms from 1935-45 and 1949-59.

Blackorby's writing also weaves in Burdick's roles as a son and brother, husband and father, banker, lawyer, historian, collector, rare book dealer, rancher and horse trader.

Blackorby earned his bachelor's degree at Mayville State University and his master's degree and doctorate at the University of North Dakota. He spent 51 years teaching, the last 20 years as a professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where he received the Excellence in Teaching Award. He also taught at Dickinson State University and UND, and was a teacher and administrator in North Dakota public schools.

Best known for his book, "Prairie Rebel: The Public Life of William Lemke," Blackorby also has written for a number of publications, including North Dakota History, Journal of American History, the Dictionary of American Biography and Essays on Western History.

"Prairie Populist" can be ordered from the Institute for Regional Studies, NDSU, P.O. Box 5075, Fargo ND 58105-5075, for \$28.95, plus \$3 for postage. Checks or credit card are accepted.

EPSCoR STEER program announced

North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) has announced the 2002 Students Engaged in Environmental Research (STEER) Program.

STEER provides undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in faculty-mentored environmental research projects at NDSU and the University of North Dakota. The program is designed to encourage undergraduate students to consider a career in environmental science or engineering.

Student applications are due April 26. Application information is available at www.ndsu.edu/epscor/science_outreach.

Staff Senate election underway

The Staff Senate election continues through April 19. Voters can review the candidates by visiting the Staff Senate homepage at www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate and clicking on the "candidates" button.

Voting, which began April 15, can be done online at the Staff Senate homepage by clicking on the "vote" button. Paper ballots are available at 319 Ceres Hall.

People

Swenson participates in Korean study exchange

David Swenson, assistant professor of art, is participating in the Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange program in the Incheon area of Korea.

The Group Study Exchange program is a cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young professional men and women in the early stages of their careers. The program is designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young adults to better prepare them to address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace.

A student of Korean ceramics, Swenson represents Fargo's Rotary Club. He and four other team members plan to visit Korean Rotary Clubs giving presentations about the areas in which they live.

"The hospitality is amazing," Swenson said. "The people are very gracious and truly beautiful."

The team left March 30 and will return May 8.

Swenson joined the NDSU art faculty in 1994. Prior to that, he taught at St. John's University, the University of Minnesota and in the After School Art Program of the Minnesota Museum of American Art in St. Paul. He also has served as an artist/mentor with the Five Wings Art Program at the Minnesota Center for Arts Education and as an Artist in Corrections at the Lino Lakes Correctional Facility.

Open house honoring Gronhovd scheduled

An open house honoring Sandra M. Gronhovd, lecturer in mechanical engineering, is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in Dolve 115. Gronhovd recently retired from NDSU after 24 years of service.

Gronhovd taught technical writing for 17 years. She has written numerous publications and won the Delos Best Paper Award in 1994 for a paper she co-authored titled "Hypermedia and Video-Based Instructional Activities to Improve Two-Way Communication in Undergraduate Engineering Laboratories." She has conducted numerous technical and professional writing workshops and has acted as a professional consultant for government and industry.

Gronhovd earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of North Dakota and a master's degree in English from NDSU.

Faculty members honored at 'Celebration of Faculty Excellence'

Three NDSU faculty members received prestigious awards at the fifth annual Celebration of Faculty Excellence April 11. Charles McIntyre, assistant professor of construction management and engineering, received the Robert Odney Award for Excellence in Teaching; Jagdish Singh, professor of pharmaceutical sciences, was honored with the Fred Waldron Research Award; and Thomas Buckhoff, EideBailly Professor of Forensic Accounting and assistant professor of business administration, received the Peltier Award for teaching innovation.

The awards are sponsored by the NDSU Development Foundation.

"This is quite an honor and quite humbling," said McIntyre, who was recognized with the Odney Award, which is presented to a faculty member who demonstrates effective and consistent instruction and has strong support among students. "The way I look at it is that I'm just trying to do my job. The recognition is nice, though, and I appreciate it."

McIntyre came to NDSU in 1997 after earning his master's degree and doctorate in civil engineering at Pennsylvania State University, University Park. He also earned bachelor's degrees at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.

Singh's outstanding research efforts in pharmaceuticals and drug delivery were recognized with the Waldron Award.

Singh was unable to attend the award ceremonies, and was represented by Charles Peterson, dean of pharmacy. "He would consider this a great honor and high privilege," Peterson said. "That is particularly true on a campus like this that has so many outstanding researchers. That speaks very highly of his accomplishments and we are very proud of him."

Singh has published approximately 90 peer-reviewed papers, reviews and book chapters in the area of drug delivery. In addition, he has presented more than 100 refereed papers and abstracts at national and international symposia. He earned his doctorate in pharmaceuticals from BHU Institute of Technology, Varanasi. He held post-doctoral positions at the University of Otago, Dunedin, and the University of California, San Francisco.

The Peltier Award was presented to Buckhoff for his innovative teaching. "I'm honored to be recognized," said Buckhoff. "I'm honored by the support I've received and the fine examples of teaching that my colleagues have shown me. I'm grateful to the students who have done such a fine job, and they deserve most of the credit."

Buckhoff uses a mock trial exercise, in which students act as attorneys, expert witnesses or paralegals who research standards to develop responses to case questions and arguments. Other innovative teaching methods include "Criminal of the Day" video segments featuring people who were convicted of various types of financial crimes, and guest speakers from a regional accounting firm, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Buckhoff joined the NDSU faculty in 1996. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, and his doctorate from the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner.

In addition, the NDSU Development Foundation presented grants and awards to Elizabeth Birmingham, Pamela Chabora, Kathy Enger, Mark England, Gary Goreham, Dean Gross, John Hershberger, Kathie Richardson, Elizabeth Smith, Wenfang Sun, Glenda Swan, Rebecca Torgerson, Paul Nelson, Alan Stevens and Jason Turner.

IVN appoints interim director, adds two staff members

The North Dakota Interactive Video Network (IVN) has named Jerry Rostad as its interim director. Rostad replaces John Burbank, who retired in March.

Rostad has been IVN's academic coordinator for two years, and previously was a video production specialist in Agriculture Communication at NDSU. He has a master's degree in communication from the University of North Dakota.

A search committee is being formed to search for a permanent director.

Cheryl Thompson was hired as IVN training specialist and Heather Larson was hired as IVN communication outreach specialist.

Thompson planned and initiated training programs for the North Dakota Bankers Association through IVN from 1984-1990. She has a master's degree in educational leadership from Tri-College University, and earned a professional development certificate in distance education from the University of Wisconsin. She has 16 years of experience in adult education in North Dakota.

Larson has held several freelance positions in Grand Forks, including the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce and the University of North Dakota College of Arts and Sciences. She has five years publication development experience and worked for the University of North Dakota School of Communication for 11 years. She has a master's degree in communication from the University of North Dakota.

Theeler receives track and field honor

Bison student athlete Jill Theeler was named North Central Conference Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for April 1-6.

Theeler, a senior from Mitchell, S.D., posted a time of :55.09 in the 400 and was part of the 4x400 relay team that had a time of 3:50.43. Both marks are provisional qualifying performances for the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships. She earned the athlete of the week honor for the fifth time in her career.

NDSU SIFE team named regional champion



Keller, Schmitt, Olson, Krugerud and Flannery

The NDSU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team was named regional champion at the 2002 SIFE Regional Competition and Career Opportunity Fair April 3 in Minneapolis.

Teams were judged on the effectiveness of their educational outreach projects that apply classroom learning to real life situations geared to better their communities. Evaluations were based on creativity and innovation, education program results, success in utilizing resources and documentation of activities.

The projects presented by the NDSU team included "Teaching a Child About Business," Madison Elementary School; "Responsible Use of Credit," NDSU; "Evaluating a Job Offer," NDSU; and "Consulting Projects," Noridian Mutual Insurance Co., Lutheran Student Services and the Institute for Regional Studies.

Twenty-one regional champions will present their projects at the 2002 SIFE USA National Exposition May 12-14 in Kansas City, Mo. The national champion in the four-year division will advance to the SIFE World Cup scheduled for September in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

SIFE team members are Nick Paulson, Jason Brown, Chris Taylor, Dan Flannery, Tony Olson, Jennifer Minar, Jill Keller, Stacie Rinke, Benjamin Schmitt, Lucas Asche, Josh Krugerud, Yogin Mehta and Bryan Emerson.

Team advisers Charles Harter, associate professor and chair of business administration and Joel Hanson, program coordinator in the Career Center, were named Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows in recognition of their leadership and support of NDSU's SIFE program.

Founded in 1975, SIFE is a non-profit organization working in partnership with business and higher education to provide college students the opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. More than 1,000 colleges and universities in 28 countries have active SIFE chapters.

For more information, contact the College of Business Administration at 1-8805 or Roxann.Williams@ndsu.nodak.edu.

ASME members win awards at regional conference

Eight members of the student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers attended the Regional Student Conference April 4-6 in Wichita, Kan.

Attendees participated in oral presentation, poster and design competitions. Senior Zachary Deshayes, Cushing, Minn., placed third in the design competition.

The NDSU student section took second place in the Ingersoll-Rand contest, a yearlong contest promoting service, leadership and member participation.

NDSU student named YWCA's 'Young Leader of Today'

Melanie Miller, a senior from Madison, Wis., was honored as "Young Leader of Today" at the YWCA Women of the Year awards banquet held April 8 in Fargo.

Miller, a pre-veterinary and agriculture major, was recognized specifically for her demonstrated exceptional leadership, scholastic ability, volunteer service and special achievements.

In addition to her position as public relations coordinator for the Volunteer Network, Miller is a member of Golden Key National Honor Society, Mortar Board and Agricultural Ambassadors. She is one of 15 agriculture students from the area selected to serve on the Regional Student Leadership Development Network.

Miller was co-organizer of the October 2001 NDSU Makes A Difference Day community service project and the recent NDSU Hunger Banquet. She also has served as historian and president of the Pre-Vet Club. An accomplished seamstress and quilter, Miller teaches Quilting for Beginners classes to raise money to benefit the American Diabetes Association.

Events

U.N. representative Argyriades to speak at human rights conference

United Nations representative Demetrios Argyriades is scheduled to deliver the opening keynote address for the Tri-College University Human Rights and Democracy Conference at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in Beckwith Recital Hall.

Argyriades joined the U.N. Secretariat in 1968. His career there has been equally divided between the organization's internal management and technical cooperation in public administration. He joined the U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs as management consultant in 1994. He has traveled on missions of human resource management, ethics and governance.

A native of Athens, Greece, Argyriades was educated in London and at the Paris-Sorbonne University studying economics, politics and public administration. He teaches public administration at the R.F. Wagner Graduate School of New York University.

Other conference events include three panel presentations Thursday, April 18, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. "Education and Human Rights" is scheduled for 9:15 a.m., "Migration and Human Rights" is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. and "Human Rights at the Grass Roots: A Town Hall Meeting" is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. On-site lunch options will be available.

The conference concludes April 18 with presentations by Nobel Peace Prize winner and former Poland president Lech Walesa. Walesa's presentations are scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Concordia College Memorial Auditorium and 8:30 p.m. Minnesota State University Moorhead's Comstock Memorial Union Ballroom.

Argyriades' presentation and Thursday's panel presentations are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Tri-College University office at 1-8170.

The conference is sponsored by the Tri-College University consortium with support from the Otto Bremer Foundation.

ECE senior design presentations scheduled

Electrical and computer engineering seniors will present and demonstrate their senior design projects in a posterboard demonstration scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden room.

According to Joel Jorgenson, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering and senior design faculty coordinator, the department works on projects that range from those that are straightforward engineering, to those that he describes as “knock your socks off.”

Jorgenson cites the best example of the latter as a project involving fiber optics and sound. At the end of the semester, a group of students connected the output jack of a compact disc player to a laser pointer. They pointed the laser down the hall onto a sheet of paper and connected a sensor to the projected laser. Once the connection was made, music played through the speakers of the compact disc player.

“They were actually taking the sound, converting it to a signal, and converting that signal to light and then back to stereo sound,” Jorgenson explained. “It’s truly amazing—and it wasn’t a hoax because I could stand there and move my hand back and forth through the light and stop and start the music.”

Jorgenson lists four sources of project requests. Individuals, entrepreneurs, large companies, faculty and staff and students all request projects. Some requests are more challenging, involving a more elaborate brainstorming and design process. “A lot of the time, we’ll just plant the seed of an idea, and let the students really grow and take it to a whole new direction,” he said.

Last year a group of students connected a remote control car to a speech recognition device on a headset allowing the car to be controlled by voice commands. When the students decided that wasn’t quite enough, they connected a remote controlled camera and audio to the car. The result was a camera on a car controlled by voice. “The applications for this project turned out to be extremely valuable to the Fargo SWAT team,” Jorgenson explained. “They now have a small reconnaissance vehicle that can go into a large area for detection and monitoring without putting people in harm’s way.”

Some of the projects are geared toward assisting people with disabilities, including an archery aiming system for quadriplegics and an improved stair lift control system to assist people in wheelchairs navigate stairs with electronic controls and all of the necessary safety features.

The department also works on several corporate-sponsored projects. Two such projects are with Rockwell Collins Inc., a leader in aviation electronics and communications for government and commercial applications, in the area of military radio communications.

An area snowmobile race club also solicited help from the students. The club asked students to design and build a race starter tree, and develop wireless sensors to determine if a snowmobile has faulted and when it crosses the finish line. The sensors provided communication to a personal computer, which posted information to a scoreboard.

Jorgenson has a bachelor’s degree in electrical and electronics engineering from NDSU, a master’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and a doctorate in electrical engineering from Iowa State University, Ames. “I’ve been a faculty member here for almost five years, and working with these students every day, looking at the projects the senior design students come up with at the end—every semester, every year—just amazes me.”

The presentation will include demonstrations of most of the projects, including the compact disc player and laser light sound project. Others will be scale model presentations. The presentation is free and open to everyone on campus and to the public. A list of the projects can be viewed on the Web at <http://venus.ece.ndsu.nodak.edu/ece/academics/courses/design/>.

For more information, contact Jorgenson at 1-7217 or joel.jorgenson@ndsu.nodak.edu.

‘Talk with Judges’ forum set

The NDSU campus community will get an opportunity to learn more about the court system during a “Talk With Judges Forum” scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in Festival Concert Hall. There is no admission fee.

Held in conjunction with Law Day, the event will feature judges from North Dakota, Minnesota and the Federal Courts. The judges will lead an informal program, followed by questions from the audience.

The forum is sponsored by the Cass County Bar Association, State Bar Association of North Dakota and the Fargo-Moorhead chapter of the Association for Legal Secretaries.

For more information, contact Cass County Bar Association vice president Benjamin Thomas at 235-5515.

Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award winning playwright to present symposium

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner is scheduled to present “Theatre as a Sociopathic Tool” at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in Festival Concert Hall.

Kushner is the author of an unpublished adaptation of Bertolt Brecht’s “The Good Person of Setzuan,” presented by NDSU’s Little Country Theatre April 17-20. The adaptation also contains original music by Concordia College’s Liviu Marinescu.

An on-stage interview with Kushner also is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in Festival Concert Hall. A reception with Kushner is scheduled following the evening’s performance.

Kushner’s work has been produced at theaters around the world. He won the Pulitzer Prize and two Tony Awards for his Broadway production of “Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes.” He is an adjunct faculty member of New York University’s dramatic writing program.

Faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend the symposium, interview and post-performance reception free of charge.

Tickets for the play are \$8 for faculty and staff, and \$4 for students, and are available by calling the Box Office at 1-7969. For more information about the Kushner events, contact Joy Erickson, administrative officer in fine art, at 1-7420 or joy.erickson@ndsu.nodak.edu.

International trade and investment officer to address business administration



Harris

Senior international trade and investment official Sir Thomas Harris is scheduled to address business administration students and faculty and the business community at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the Memorial Union Century Theater.

Harris's presentation, "The U.K.'s Approach to the Euro," is part of a national tour aimed at increasing foreign trade and investment between the U.S. and Britain.

As director general of trade and investment in New York, Harris is responsible for promoting British trade throughout the United States and for securing investment by American firms in the United Kingdom. In addition to his current position, he has served in Tokyo, Washington, D.C., and Lagos, Nigeria.

Harris also has held various appointments in the British Department of Trade, Foreign Office and Commonwealth Office. His most recent overseas posting was as British ambassador to Korea from 1993 to 1997.

He was instrumental in coordinating the effort of administering to the needs of relatives of British victims killed or injured in the World Trade Center bombing, serving as liaison with the British media and planning the visits of British dignitaries to Ground Zero.

A graduate of Cambridge University, Harris was awarded a knighthood in the 2002 New Year's Honours List.

For more information, contact Roxann Williams, assistant to the dean/external relations, College of Business Administration, at 1-8235 or Roxann.Williams@ndsu.nodak.edu.

World literature conference scheduled

The fifth annual International Red River Conference on World Literature is scheduled for Friday, April 26-Sunday, April 28, at the Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo, and Beckwith Recital Hall. Daily sessions begin at 9 a.m. at the Ramada Plaza Suites.

The conference, "Futures of World Literatures and Literacies," is being held in conjunction with the fifth annual Great Plains Alliance for Computers and Writing Conference. Presenters at both conferences will speak about the impact of mass media on literacy, the Web as a site of literate practices, the future of education and other issues related to the conference theme.

Keynote speakers include Cass Dalglish, Augsburg College, presenting, "Cunimatographs: Ancient Notions of Writing in Motion," at 1 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Ramada Plaza Suites; Carolyn Guyer, hypertext author, presenting, "Mother Millennium: Gathering Narrative," at 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, in Beckwith Recital Hall; and Geoffrey Sirc, University of Minnesota, presenting, "Box-Logic," at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Ramada Plaza Suites. All are free and open to the public.

Presenters from Australia, Slovenia, Jordan, Wales and Canada are scheduled to attend. Regional and national presenters also are set to participate.

For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/RRCWL or call conference coordinator Kevin Brooks at 1-7146 or Elizabeth Birmingham at 1-6587.

Geosynthetics workshop planned

The NDSU Transportation Technology Transfer Center is set to host the workshop, "Fundamentals of Designing with Geosynthetics," Wednesday, April 24, at the Fargo Doublewood Inn. The day-long workshop is scheduled to begin with registration at 8 a.m., and conclude with a question and answer session at 3 p.m.

The workshop is designed to provide fundamental understanding of various mechanisms involved when geosynthetics are used in geotechnical engineering applications involving filtration and drainage, and reinforcement for walls, slopes and driveways.

Course instructor is Dinesh R. Katti, associate professor of civil engineering. Katti's research work and teaching are geotechnical engineering oriented.

A second workshop is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, in Bismarck.

The \$40 registration fee includes lunch, breaks and all program materials. Registration may be sent by fax to 1-6185 or by e-mail to donna.theusch@ndsu.nodak.edu by the April 17 deadline. For more information, call the center at 1-7051.

NCI to host biosecurity seminar

A biosecurity awareness and animal production seminar is scheduled for 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 at Northern Crops Institute.

Presenters will discuss safety and security concerns for animal producers.

The \$35 registration fee includes lunch. Registration deadline is Friday, April 19.

For more information, contact Kim Koch, feed mill/program manager, at 235-3662, or Greg Lardy, assistant professor of animal and range science, at 1-7660.

The event is sponsored by Northern Crops Institute, NDSU Extension Service, the Department of Animal and Range Science the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences and the South Dakota State University animal sciences department.

'College Prep 101' scheduled

"College Prep 101," a free college planning night for high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and their parents, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in the Alumni Center.

The program is designed to assist students and parents in preparing for the college planning process. It will explore topics such as types of schools, admission requirements and cost. The program is intended to give students the tools to help them be informed consumers as they explore their post-secondary options.

The program is sponsored by NDSU and North Dakota State College of Science. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, contact April Hanson or Jill Walkinshaw, admissions counselors, at 1-8643.

Communication department to host student conference

The Department of Communication is scheduled to host the 17th annual Red River Student Communication Conference April 18-19 in NDSU's Memorial Union.

Communication students and scholars gather in Fargo each spring to share their scholarship and enthusiasm for communication issues. This year, NDSU will welcome students and scholars from throughout the region whose interests include journalism, mass communication, business and professional communication, cultural and communication issues, advertising and public relations.

Robert McChesney, research professor with the Institute of Communication Research at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, is scheduled to provide the keynote address, "Media and the Disintegration of U.S. Democracy," at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 18, in Beckwith Recital Hall. McChesney's work focuses on the history and political economy of communication, emphasizing the media's role in democratic and capitalistic societies. McChesney earned his doctorate in communication from the University of Washington. He is the author of numerous works, including the award-winning "Telecommunications, Mass Media and Democracy: The Battle for the Control of U.S. Broadcasting, 1928-1935," and "Corporate Media and the Threat to Democracy." His most recent books include "Rich Media, Poor Democracy: Communication Politics in Dubious Times" and "It's the Media, Stupid."

The keynote address and all conference panels are free and open to the public. A copy of the conference schedule is available by selecting the "What's New in NDSU Comm?" link at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/communication.

Habitat for Humanity to hold 'Shackathon'

The NDSU chapter of Habitat for Humanity will hold a "Shackathon" fund-raising event April 17-19 near the Art Building on 12th Avenue North. During the event, chapter members will sleep in cardboard boxes to raise awareness about substandard housing.

"We'll be there from noon Wednesday, April 17, to noon Friday, April 19. People can drive by and drop off donations," explained Brandon Elliot, a sophomore elementary education major who is the chapter's volunteer coordinator. "We'll also be handing out fliers that talk about Habitat and what we do."

The NDSU chapter is involved in building or rehabilitating houses and educating the public about the need for affordable housing.

Elliot said the funds will go toward building projects in the Fargo-Moorhead community for people who qualify for a Habitat house.

Indian philosophy seminars scheduled

The Association of Students from India has scheduled "Values for Excellence," a lecture on Indian philosophy with Swami Chidatmananda for 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden room.

Swami Chidatmananda is a popular television speaker and lecturer from the Chinmaya Mission in India. He has conducted sessions on stress management, self-management, ethics and morals for various government organizations, management schools and politicians.

Everyone is welcome to attend the lecture. For more information, contact Surya.Desaraju@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Shorts and Reminders

Wellness Works seminar on dietary supplements scheduled

Wellness Center dietitian Kevin Kelly will answer questions and discuss concerns surrounding dietary supplements during a Wellness Works seminar, "Dietary Supplements: Are They Necessary and Do They Work?" scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, April 18, in the Wellness Center room 166. Attendees are encouraged to bring any supplements about which they have questions.

Architect Bill Price to speak

Bill Price, an architect who developed a translucent concrete, is scheduled speak at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Price received his bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The lecture is sponsored by Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

Union Food Court Specials April 17-24

Soup of the day

Wednesday: broccoli cheese and minestrone
Thursday: tomato and hamburger
Friday: clam chowder and zesty Italian
Monday: chicken tortellini and meatball
Tuesday: California medley and vegetarian spaetzle
Wednesday: turkey rice and baked potato

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: all-American wrap
Thursday: chicken
Friday: roast beef
Monday: corned beef
Tuesday: turkey
Wednesday: roast beef

A La Carte

Wednesday: hand-carved ham
Thursday: big Texan salad
Friday: chicken lasagna
Monday: chicken chimichanga
Tuesday: hot roast beef sandwich
Wednesday: pepper steak

Pizza Express

Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken

Thursday: Tuscany

Friday: once around the kitchen

Monday: Hawaiian

Tuesday: farmhouse

Wednesday: meatball

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 located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Kristina at the Union Buffet at 1-8122.

Positions Available

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

Custodian/#707

M-F, 3:30 p.m.-midnight

Physical Plant

\$16,332+/year

April 17

Ag Research Technician/#5269

Plant Sciences

\$20,000+/year

April 22

Technology Transfer Assistant

Technology Transfer

\$25,000+/year

April 17

Program Specialist/#5422/5423

ND EPSCoR

\$36,000+/year

April 17 (internal only)

Research and Communication Specialist/#5015

Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives

\$24,000+/year

April 24

Forest Health Specialist/#5177

N.D. Forest Service

Commensurate with qualifications and experience

May 20

Process Engineer/#5405/5414

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering

Salary commensurate with experience

Open until filled

Research Specialist/#5111/#5118

Animal and Range Science

\$26,000+/year commensurate with education and experience

Open until filled

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

Calendar**April**

- Through May 1 "Comparisons," exhibition of prints and drawings by Kent Kapplinger, assistant professor of art, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, President's Gallery
- Through April 19 Senior Comprehensive Interior Design Projects, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 4 p.m. Friday, April 12.
- 17 Office of TRIO Programs—Carl McNair, president of the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Foundation, "Visioning the Future," 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater.
- 17 Soil Science—Phil Schoeneberger, National Soil Survey Center research soil scientist, "Geomorphology and Water Movement Through Soils: Standing Between Modeling, Monitoring and Practical Applications," 2 p.m., Walster 217
- 17, 18 Civil Education month event—Boxes and Walls Program: "Who Am I? Who Are You?" 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Memorial Union Studio
- 17-20 Little Country Theater's production of "The Good Person of Setzuan," 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. For tickets, call the Division of Fine Arts Box Office at 1-9442.
- 18 Entomology—David L. Denlinger, Ohio State University, "Shutting Down for the Winter: Toward a Molecular Understanding of Insect Diapause," 11 a.m., Biosciences Research Laboratory large conference room
- 18 Women's Studies Symposium—Catherine Logue, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, "Food Safety and Bio-terrorism: Should We Be Scared?" 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 380
- 18 Communication—Robert McChesney, research professor at the University of Illinois Institute of Communication Research, "Media and the Disintegration of U.S. Democracy," 7 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall
- 18-25 Baccalaureate exhibition—Miti Aiello, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 21.
- 19 Animal and Range Sciences—Jay Volk, graduate student, "Fertilization of Heavy and Moderately Grazed Mixed Grass Prairie with Slow Release Phosphorus and Urea;" Brian Zimprich, graduate student, "Effect of Added Sunflower Oil or Full-Fat Canola Meal on Sow and Litter Performance," 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 19 History—Tom Isern, professor of history, "Maximizing Value of History Graduate Programs," 3 p.m., Minard 407
- 19 Women's softball vs. Concordia-St. Paul (double header), 3 p.m., softball complex

- 19 James Hersch in concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Union Cul-de-Sac. Free.
- 19 Bison Brevities, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall
- 20 Men's and women's outdoor track—NDSU Invitational, Ellig Sports Complex
- 20 Baseball vs. South Dakota State, 1:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 20 Little Country Theatre—Playwright Tony Kushner presents "Theater as a Sociopolitical Tool," at 2 p.m., followed by interview with Kushner, at 4:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall.
- 21 Baseball vs. Augustana, 1:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 21 Varsity Band and Brass Ensemble concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 22 History—Ty M. Reese, UND history professor, "The Trials and Tribulations of Philip Quaque," 7 p.m., Monday, April 22, Beckwith Recital Hall
- 23 Electrical and Computer Engineering—Senior design posterboard presentations, 1 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 23 Civil Education month event—"Everyday Heroes" video, 4 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 24 Continuing Education—Secretaries day luncheon and training, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 24 Soil Science—Edward Deibert, professor of soil science, "An Initial Look at Fertilizing New Oilseed Crops in North Dakota," 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 24 Faculty recital—Matthew Patnode, saxophone and Lisa Rogers, percussion, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 25-May 11 Architecture and landscape architecture thesis project previews, Memorial Union Gallery and Alumni Lounge. Reception 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 24.
- 25 Baseball vs. Valley City State, 3 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 25 Student recital—Lindsey Wood, soprano, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 25 Campus Attractions—Tammy Pescatelli, comedian, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union Cul De Sac Lounge. Free.
- 25-May 11 Architecture and landscape architecture thesis finalists, Memorial Union Gallery. Fifth-year awards ceremony and reception 4-6 p.m. Friday, May 3.
- 26 Hot Zone event—retired Col. Gerald Jaax, DVM, and retired Col. Nancy Jaax, DVM, "Agrobioterrorism and Emerging Zoonotic Infectious Diseases," 11 a.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 26 Baseball vs. South Dakota, 3 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 26 Plant Sciences—Michael Christoffers, graduate seminar, "Trends in Applied Weed Genetics," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 26 Campus Attractions—Spring Blast Band Day featuring rock music from Fade 2 Shade and Clayton Miller Blues Band, and comedy from Mission Improvable Comedy Troup, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Memorial Union East Patio. Free.
- 26 Red River International Conference on World Literature—Cass DalGLISH, "Cuneimatographs: Ancient Notions of Writing in Motion," 1 p.m., Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo. Free.
- 26 Red River International Conference on World Literature—Carolyn Guyer, "MotherMillenia: Gathering Narratives," 8 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 27 Red River International Conference on World Literature—Geoffrey Sirc, "Box-logic," 1 p.m., Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo. Free.
- 27 Baseball vs. Morningside, 1:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 27-May 4 Baccalaureate exhibition—Lester Sjoblom, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 7 p.m., Friday, April 27.
- 27 Gold Start Concert Band concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 28 Spring choral pops concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 29 Physics—Gerd Kortemeyer, "The LearningOnline Network with CAPA: A Cross-Institutional Learning Content Management and Assessment System," 11 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose room
- 29 Jazz ensembles concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 29-30 Men's and women's outdoor track—NCC Multi-Event, Ellig Sports Complex
- May**
- 1 Baseball vs. University of Minnesota-Crookston, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 3 Last day of classes
- 3 Visual arts department ceramics sale and PEARS print sale, noon-6 p.m., art department
- 3 Baseball vs. UND, 3 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 3 Plant Sciences—Lynn Dahleen, graduate seminar, "Potential for Genomics for FHB Resistance," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 11 Commencement, 9 a.m., Fargodome

14-June 7 Janeen Kobrinsky exhibit, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Monday-Friday, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 14.

June

10-21 Printmaking Education and Research Studio
(PEARS) annual summer workshop. Call 1-8239 or
1-7824 for information.

10-July 12 PEARS visiting master printmaker exhibit
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Memorial Union
Gallery. Reception 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, June 12.

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