

## NDSU receives Bush Foundation grant

The Bush Foundation, St. Paul, Minn., has authorized a grant designed to improve student learning and graduation rates of NDSU students by increasing the use of active learning strategies. The \$450,000 grant, which will come in three payments, is for the period from July 9, 2002, to Nov. 30, 2005.

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman was notified of the grant in a July 12 letter from Bush Foundation president Anita M. Pampusch.

The faculty development proposal is titled "Building a Caring Community of Leaders and Problem-Solvers: A National Model for Reconsidering the Role of Higher Education in Society." Its vision is to "create collegiate opportunities for undergraduate students, faculty and student affairs staff to enhance the quality of undergraduate education by engaging in learning communities and classroom activities where they will collaborate, learn, understand, and apply leadership and problem solving skills."

The goals of the proposal are to create learning communities where faculty and staff create collaborative and cohesive learning environments where students develop a sense of place and form small communities within the larger university context; to use Problem-Based Learning to prepare students carefully and comprehensively for whatever may lie beyond graduation; and to integrate theory and practice of effective leadership in curricula.

The project director is Sudhir Mehta, professor of mechanical engineering and associate vice president for academic affairs/academic.

Coordinators include Edward Deckard, Kathy B. Enger, Jeffery W. Gerst, Laura Oster-Aaland, Carolyn Schnell, William Slanger and Karla Thoennes.

Current team members include Mary Bergstrom, Elizabeth Birmingham, Kevin Brooks, Richard Chenoweth, Brenda Deckard, Otto Helweg, Rhonda Kitch, Jennifer Krueger, Rian Nostrum, John Schulz, Deanna Sellnow, Kara Stack, Anissa Wilhelm and Paul Yatskis.

Other team members, including academic advisers and instructors, will be added in the future. Interested faculty and staff members are asked to contact Mehta at 1-7871.

NDSU had previously received a \$450,000 Bush Foundation grant that was approved in November 1999, which runs through November 2002. Through that grant, about 105 NDSU faculty members have been trained in Problem-Based Learning techniques. Other areas of the previous Bush grant included assessment and an honors program.

The Bush Foundation was established by Archibald and Edyth Bush as an independent private foundation in 1953. It provides funding in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota for higher education, humanities and the arts, community and human services, health and leadership development.

### Regular hours resume Aug. 19

Regular hours for NDSU faculty and staff resume Monday, Aug. 19. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### 'It's Happening' resumes weekly schedule

"It's Happening at State" resumes weekly publication with this issue. Regular publication dates are each Wednesday, and the deadline for each issue is noon Thursday prior to publication. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the deadline for the Sept. 4 issue is noon Wednesday, Aug. 28. Deadline for the Nov. 13 issue is noon Wednesday, Nov. 6. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no issue Nov. 27. Issues will be published Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, but there will be no issues Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

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## WWII veteran alumni reunion set, Web site produced

More than 100 NDSU alumni who are World War II veterans are expected to participate in a special reunion Aug. 14-15. The event, sponsored by the NDSU Alumni Association, includes a "We Will Never Forget" dedication ceremony and a "A Swell Evening" social and dinner.

"We were able to identify more than 1,000 living WWII vets who are NDSU alumni or former faculty or staff. This event is an opportunity to say thank you and also gather important stories from the men and women who experienced the Second World War," said Sherri Schmidt, associate executive director, NDSU Alumni Association.

The "Hats Off to Our Veterans" luncheon, set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Memorial Union, will kick off the event. At 12:45 p.m., NDSU will dedicate granite markers around the Alumni Center flagpole in tribute to the men and women who serve in the armed forces and maintain America's freedom. Sen. Byron Dorgan, NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman and Gov. John Hoeven will be on hand for the ceremony. The dedication will open with a fly-over by vintage planes from the Fargo Air Museum and will end with a fly-over by the Happy Hooligans.

Other reunion activities include a reception at the home of President Joseph and Gale Chapman and tours of the campus, the city, the Fargo Air Museum and the Armed Forces Reserve Center.

The reunion will close with a social and dinner scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Fargo Holiday Inn. During an evening of celebration and remembrance, each branch of the armed forces will be recognized with music, video and photos. Rear Admiral (Ret.) Fred G. Paavola BS '70, DSci '02, will address the veterans.

The Alumni Association has been working closely with Sen. Dorgan's office in coordinating the gathering of personal stories for the Library of Congress. In addition, the NDSU Archives have produced a Web site honoring the veterans. The site includes a list of alumni who plan to attend, as well as photographs and personal stories from some of the veterans.

"Eventually, all the collected material will be used to create a North Dakota Agriculture College World War II Veteran's Collection," said Michael Robinson, archivist. "The site will share real life experiences of the men and women from this university during that great struggle. We hope it will educate individuals viewing the site, as well as provide a glimpse of the period for those who experienced the events of the war."

The NDSU Archives site, which will be accessible through August, is found at [www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/archives/WW2/index.html](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/archives/WW2/index.html).

The public is welcome at all events. For more information about the reunion and for registration forms and questionnaires, visit [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com) and click on *reunions/events* or contact Marilyn at 1-6808.

## Caspers resigns from Higher Education board

Gov. Hoeven announced Aug. 8 the resignation of Craig Caspers from the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education.

In a letter to the governor, Caspers stated, "Five years of service is as much time as I can give to my state with the challenges and demands of operating a small business."

"Craig's leadership over the past several years has influenced the board's actions in advancing the Higher Education Roundtable recommendations," Hoeven said. "He clearly recognized the changing needs of the state and the importance of continued work between higher education, the legislature and the private sector to enhance our university system, as well as our economic development efforts."

Persons interested in serving on the State Board of Higher Education should contact Wayne Sanstead, superintendent of public instruction, at (701) 328-4572.

## NCI course receives positive feedback from Brazilian pasta representative

A team of Brazilian pasta manufacturers attended the "Pasta: Raw Materials and Processing Technology" short course held recently at the Northern Crops Institute. This is the second time the course, sponsored by the USDA Cochran Fellowship Program and U.S. Wheat Associates, has been offered.

Although only a small amount of Brazilian pasta is made with durum wheat, there is a renewed interest in Brazil's purchase of American wheat because of its growing pasta market.

Other representatives indicated that the course opened windows of opportunity concerning durum wheat products in Brazil.

"The course was excellent in every aspect—a very good program with a great balance between theory and practical lessons," said Brazilian Pasta Association (ABIMA) representative Marina Camasmie.

Course highlights included the simulation of possible causes of pasta defects in which participants tested their skill in identifying problems in pasta manufacturing, and a tour of the Dakota Growers Pasta Co., Carrington, N.D.

According to Brian Sorenson, NCI technical director and crop quality specialist, more bread wheats are typically used in South America's pasta production. "This course gives us an opportunity to show them the improved quality of pasta when using a high quality durum wheat," he said. "As their industry grows and the public demands a better quality product, the pasta manufacturers are going to look to this region as a source for the raw materials."

"I believe NCI's pasta courses contribute greatly to the economy in the region, since North Dakota and Montana produce 80 percent of the U.S. durum wheat," said Patricia Berglund, NCI director. "In our pasta courses, we train people in the industry about durum milling, pasta processing and how to better use our northern-grown U.S. durum wheat."

Other scheduled courses include Grain Procurement Management for Importers, Sept. 9-20; Feedlot Management, Sept. 10-11; Barley Malt Quality Evaluation Nov. 5-8; Pasta and Noodles: Raw Materials and Processing, April 9-11; and Advanced Grain Procurement, April 28-May 2.

## Tribal Colleges 'Sunday Academy' completes third year

The NDSU "Tribal Colleges Collaborative Project," funded by the Office of Naval Research to provide pathways for Native American students in North Dakota to pursue careers in science, mathematics and engineering, completed seven monthly Sunday Academy sessions on science and engineering topics for the third consecutive year. This year's sessions, conducted one Sunday every month from October 2001 through April 2002, were directed towards groups of high school students from the Turtle Mountain, Standing Rock and Spirit Lake Reservations.

The topics included orienteering, waves, lenses, pennies into gold, pressure, constructing straw bridges and plastics. All sessions attracted 18-20 students at each reservation. The sessions were designed collaboratively by faculty from NDSU, the Tribal Colleges and reservation high school teachers.

Typically, each academy session involved at least one faculty member from NDSU, one tribal college faculty member and two high school teachers from the reservation schools to provide guidance to the students at each site in solving and preparing them for presenting their results. A brief discussion on each topic's connection to the American Indian culture also was included.

The following NDSU faculty participated in this year's academy sessions: Sharon Cobb, Group Decision Center director; Wei Lin, assistant professor of civil engineering; William Martin, assistant professor of mathematics; G. Padmanabhan, chair and professor of civil engineering; Floyd Patterson, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering; and Robert Pieri, chair and professor of mechanical engineering. Lin is the NDSU coordinator of Sunday Academy.

For information contact Padmanabhan, project co-principal investigator, at 1-7043.

## NDSU ranked third in Division II women's basketball attendance

The NDSU women's basketball team had the third highest NCAA Division II attendance following the 2001-02 season and ranked 47th overall nationally among all NCAA schools.

The five-time Division II champions attracted approximately 36,400 spectators over 15 games, for an average of approximately 2,400 per game. A season-high number of nearly 5,500 fans were in attendance to witness the Bison defeat the University of North Dakota in February.

"I think over the years we have established a solid base of loyal fans, who are there sincerely to support our basketball team," said head coach Amy Ruley. "I really believe much of it is due to the fact we have local or regional athletes from North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota. It creates a success of ownership on the part of our audience too because they are their players. They are true representatives."

With five of the top seven teams coming from the North Central Conference, the NCC led NCAA Division II in women's attendance for the 12th consecutive year. The University of North Dakota ranked first during 2002.

## Germans from Russia Collection publishes book on pioneer

The NDSU Libraries' Germans from Russia Heritage Collection has announced the publication of "Johnny Schmidt: Son of a Dakota Pioneer," a 250-page soft cover book by B.A. Bose.

The Bose (Boese) family and 25 other families left the village of Heinrichsdorf in the province of Volhynia, West Ukraine, and arrived in the United States in 1874. The group of German Mennonites then came to Yankton, Dakota Territory.

Some of the sections in the book include a pioneer's childhood, being born in a log house, emphasis on frugality, learning High German, blizzards, a country wedding, a pioneer Christmas, horsepower threshing, the first automobiles, prairie fires and boarding school.

Cost of the book is \$25, plus \$4 postage and handling (within the United States) for each book. Checks should be payable to the NDSU Library. Mail to Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, Johnny Schmidt Book, NDSU Libraries, P.O. Box 5599, Fargo, ND 58105-5599. Orders may be placed online at [www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/order/nd\\_sd/bose.html](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/order/nd_sd/bose.html).

## RDSP request for proposals announced

The NDSU Research Foundation, through the Research Development Support Program (RDSP), is accepting faculty research proposals in two categories for the fall 2002 competition.

The purpose of the program is to stimulate additional scholarly activity at NDSU by assisting faculty in conducting their research plans. The Innovation Awards category is for research and development projects that anticipate future patent or copyright activity and have commercial potential. The Investment Awards category is for preliminary research projects that are likely to lead to larger grants from outside sources.

NDSU employees holding faculty rank of tenured, tenure-track or special long-term appointment as it pertains to Experiment Station and Extension are eligible to apply. There are no restrictions regarding former grant activity or length of time at NDSU.

Applicants may request up to \$10,000 for expenses directly related to a research project. Proposals must be clearly research-oriented and student involvement is encouraged. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, and awards will be available approximately Feb. 1. Awards will be announced following a peer review process. Once awarded, funds will be available for one year.

Detailed guidelines are available at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/research/funding/rdsp/descr.shtml](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/research/funding/rdsp/descr.shtml).

## People

### Two administrators receive new titles in line with national peers



Schnell

Craig Schnell and Keith Bjerke have new titles. Schnell, formerly vice president for academic affairs, is now provost and vice president for academic affairs. Bjerke, formerly executive director of university relations, is now vice president for university relations. These new titles reflect the responsibilities associated with their positions. No salary adjustments are associated with the title changes.



Bjerke

“Three years ago in my first State of the University address, I set a goal for our university to be more like our national land-grant peers,” said President Joseph A. Chapman. “These two new titles are what people with similar positions and responsibilities at peer institutions are typically called.”

### NCI governing board elects new chair

At its July meeting, the Northern Crops Institute's governing board elected Sherwood Peterson, a producer from Baker, Minn., as its new chair.

Peterson has served as vice chair of the Northern Crops Council (NCC) since 2000, representing the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association. He succeeds Maynard Satrom, who served as NCC chair for two years and continues as a member of the NCC, representing the North Dakota Wheat Commission.

Brian Kaae, a producer from Dagmar, Mont., was elected vice chair. Ray Lottie, General Mills, and Richard Kuecker, a producer from Webster, S.D., also were elected to the board. The North Dakota Oilseed Council appointed Doyle Burkhardt to fill its permanent seat on the NCC.

### Mahalingam appointed architecture program director

Ganapathy Mahalingam, associate professor of architecture, has been appointed program director of the NDSU architecture program.

Paul Gleye, chair and professor of architecture and landscape architecture, said, “Ganapathy brings to this position a proven record of excellence and leadership in architectural education. He is well suited to lead the architecture program through its current expansion.”

Mahalingam, whose research expertise is in computer-aided architectural design, is currently serving his second term as president of the Association for Computer-Aided Design in Architecture (ACADIA). He joined the NDSU architecture faculty in 1993 and was promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure in 2002.

### Neas to receive financial aid administrators award



Neas

Robert Neas, director of financial aid, has been named one of six people nationwide to receive a regional leadership award from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA). The award will be presented to Neas at the annual conference of the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators scheduled for Oct. 13-16 in Bismarck, N.D.

The awards are presented to one individual in each region who exhibits high integrity and character, has shown creative leadership and has inspired others to actively participate in professional development, has made outstanding contributions at the regional and state levels, and supports the goals and objectives of NASFAA. The Rocky Mountain region consists of financial aid administrators in eight states.

### Koo, Wilson book published

Won W. Koo, professor of agricultural economics, and William W. Wilson, professor of agricultural economics, have published “Agricultural Trade Under CUSTA” through Nova Science Publishers.

The book provides a detailed overview of recent and likely future developments in bilateral trade of agricultural commodities between the United States and Canada. It examines factors affecting trade flows of agricultural commodities and analyzes their effects on U.S. agriculture. Other factors including the farm subsidies, the value of the U.S. dollar against Canadian currency and the Uruguay Round Agreement of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) are discussed.

The book also explores new developments in agribusiness industries in the two countries under CUSTA and raises concerns about ongoing bilateral trade disputes.

For more information on this and other publications by Koo and Wilson, contact the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics at 1-7441, or the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies at 1-7334.

### Clark Johnson selected as visiting professor at leadership academy

Virginia Clark Johnson, dean of human development and education, was selected as the visiting professor for the inaugural week of the three-week Family and Consumer Sciences Education Leadership Academy held in July at Iowa State University.

The academy was developed to provide graduate education at the master's and doctoral levels, forming groups of learners who commit to several weeks of training during the summer months. Distance education opportunities also were available.

Deann Miller-Boschert, lecturer in the School of Education, was an academy participant.

Information about the FCS Education Leadership Academy is available online at [www.fcs.iastate.edu/academy](http://www.fcs.iastate.edu/academy).

## Wachenheim named NAMA adviser of the year

Cheryl J. Wachenheim, assistant professor of agricultural economics, was named the National AgriMarketing Association's (NAMA) 2002 Student Chapter Adviser of the Year at the organization's annual conference held recently in Nashville, Tenn.

Thirty-eight student chapters from throughout the United States and Canada attended the meeting, many competing in the student marketing plan competition.

In a letter of nomination, students wrote, "We have always known Cheryl was dedicated to her students, but did not fully recognize the importance of her leadership and her friendship until this fall semester, when she stepped away from our organization for active duty in the Army. She managed to stay in contact with and encourage us in spite of the distance. Cheryl is a great adviser because she enthusiastically cares about us—each and every one of us."

This was Wachenheim's fourth year advising NDSU's NAMA student chapter.

The NDSU team also received an Innovative Idea Award and a scholarship at the conference. The team earned a monetary award for their innovation in fund raising efforts, and Jeff Olson, a junior in agribusiness and applied economics from Colfax, N.D., won the \$1,000 Agri-Media Scholarship.

## Gary Moran retirement open house

An open house reception for Gary Moran, associate professor of agriculture communication and publications editor, is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. A short program is scheduled for 3 p.m. Moran will retire Sept. 1 after 33 years of service.

Moran began his career at NDSU in 1969 in the University Communications office. He later accepted a position in the NDSU Extension Service agriculture communication office.

Moran has received many honors and awards during his years of service and was involved in numerous committees and organizations. Moran is also an avid skeet shooter, having won numerous awards for his expertise.

A banquet in Moran's honor is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at O'Kelly's, 3800 Main Avenue. Tickets are \$16 and are available by contacting Gail Hokenson at 1-9567 or [gghokenso@ndsuxext.nodak.edu](mailto:gghokenso@ndsuxext.nodak.edu).

## Volleyball team receives academic award

NDSU was among a record 177 volleyball programs named as recipients of the 2001-02 American Volleyball Coaches Association/Molten Team Academic Award.

The award honors college and high school teams that display excellence in the classroom by maintaining a minimum 3.30 cumulative team grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and a 4.10 cumulative team grade point average on a 5.0 scale during the academic year. The NDSU team, which was honored for the fifth time, maintained a 3.32 grade point during the 2001-02 academic year.

"The AVCA/Molten Team Academic Award epitomizes the ideal of the student athlete, and the AVCA is incredibly honored to recognize these schools for their excellence in the classroom," said Katherine McConnell, AVCA executive director. "We are especially pleased to bestow this prestigious award to a record number of teams this year. The discipline, teamwork and commitment embodied by both the AVCA coaches and the student athletes are a shining example to us all."

The Bison are coached by Zaundra Bina. The team is set to open its 2002 season Aug. 30-31 at the NA/Ricatoni's Classic in Florence, Ala.

## NCI announces new industry advisory board



Berglund, Maynard Satrom, Tesch, Berg

The Northern Crops Institute has formed a new industry advisory board. The 23-member board is made up of national and regional agricultural companies whose mission is to provide a sounding board for the regional food and feed processing industry, and provide input to NCI for educational programs and advanced technology.

At its first meeting July 9, board members became familiar with NCI's mission, toured NCI facilities and gathered in focus groups to discuss industry challenges.

"As members of the agricultural processing sector, the industry advisory board will provide input about advances and current technology in the industry," said NCI director Patricia Berglund. "We will use this input and advice to build stronger educational and technical programs that solidify and increase the world market share for the agricultural producers of our four-state region."

Board co-chairs are David Berg, vice president of agriculture for American Crystal Sugar Co., Moorhead, and Jennifer Tesch, marketing manager for SK Food International, Fargo.

According to Ray Lottie, manager of cereal and eastern grain operations for General Mills Inc. and advisory board member, the company uses northern crops in a number of its products. "For example, our Buffalo, N.Y., flour mill produces bakers' flour from Minnesota and North Dakota-grown hard red spring wheat," he said.

NCI is funded by state appropriations from Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, and commodity check-off funding in these three states and Montana. The international meeting center supports regional agriculture and value-added processing by conducting educational and technical programs that expand and maintain domestic and international markets for northern-grown crops. NCI serves as a resource center for international and domestic buyers, trade teams and processors seeking technical information on northern-grown crops.

For more information contact Northern Crops Institute at 1-6538 or visit [www.northern-crops.com](http://www.northern-crops.com).

## Fedje-Weisgarber named head women's golf coach



**Weisgarber**

Diane Fedje-Weisgarber has been named the head NDSU women's golf coach. She replaces Steve Zarr, who resigned earlier this summer. The announcement was made Aug. 8 by women's athletic director Lynn Dorn.

Weisgarber guided the Fargo South High School girls to four consecutive state championships and earned North Dakota's Girls' Golf Coach of the Year each of those four seasons. The Hoople, N.D., native was selected National Federation of High School Activities and North Dakota High School Athletics Association (NDHSAA) Golf Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2001.

She has coached at the International Golf Schools in Detroit Lakes, Minn., and is a member of the Tourneysport, U.S.A. coaching staff. She also was instrumental in starting the local LPGA summer series for girls.

Weisgarber has taught physical education, business education and coaching at the varsity level in the Fargo public schools since 1996. She recently received the North Dakota Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award and Central District Teacher of the Year Award. She also was nominated for the "Who's Who in America Teachers Award" for 2001-02.

Weisgarber received a bachelor's degree from Concordia College. She and her husband, Ray, have two children.

## Otto Bomstad named women's basketball assistant coach



**Otto Bomstad**

Rachael Otto Bomstad has been named assistant women's basketball coach. She replaces Tonah (Paulson) Safranski, who resigned to devote more time to her family and private business.

Otto Bomstad was a member of three NCAA Division II women's basketball national championship teams in 1994, 1995, 1996 at NDSU. An All-North Central Conference first team selection and NDSU co-captain in 1998, she had been the sophomore girls' basketball coach at West Fargo High School since August 1997. She also was the director of the personal training department at the Lady Wellness Fitness Club, Fargo, and a substitute teacher in the Fargo Public School system.

Otto Bomstad earned a bachelor's degree in human performance and fitness in 1998 and a bachelor's degree in physical education in 2000 from NDSU.

## Allen named assistant women's volleyball coach



**Allen**

Jason Allen has been named assistant women's volleyball coach. He replaces Jim Boos, who accepted the head coaching position at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The announcement was made July 29 by head volleyball coach Zaundra Bina.

"Jason is a good young coach with a very solid future in coaching volleyball," she said. "I think Jason will impact our program. He has had good experience at the club level."

Allen comes to the Bison from the Southwest State University, Marshall, Minn., where he served as an assistant coach during the 2001 season. The Mustangs won the 2001 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II North Central Regional in Fargo. Allen also served as the head coach for the Southwest Juniors 18-under team.

Prior to working at Southwest State, Allen was a player and coach at Oklahoma Baptist University where he was a member of three state championship teams in 1997, 1998 and 2000 and runner-up squad in 1999. Allen was an assistant coach for Club Texas Volleyball for the 17- and 18-under teams in Houston. Club Texas placed 13th at the 2001 Junior Olympics Nationals Open Division tournament.

NDSU's season opens Aug. 30-31 at the University of North Alabama/Ricaton's Volleyball Classic in Florence, Ala.

## Student named national food service employee of the year

Bethany Vincent, a senior majoring in psychology, has been named Student Employee of the Year by the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) at its national conference held July 16-20 in Orlando, Fla.

Vincent, who is student manager of West Dining Center, received a \$2,000 scholarship for excellence in service as a student employee in a dining services department. Campus food service directors and/or support staff submitted nominations to each of NACUFS' nine regional presidents. Selection panels chose regional winners, who were then entered into national competition. An impartial jury of NACUFS food service professionals selected the award recipient.

Vincent is responsible for hiring, training, scheduling and evaluating students in her unit. She was instrumental in revamping dining services' student recruitment and retention program, suggesting incentives and upgraded benefits for students. She is the department representative for staffing an information table during orientations, job fairs and family weekends, promoting the department and student job opportunities.

Additionally, Vincent has gained high marks for her enthusiastic attitude, strong work ethic, initiative and organizational skills from the dining services management staff.

Vincent also was named the association's Region V Student Employee of the Year.

The NACUFS is a trade association for campus dining departments at institutions of higher education in the United States, Canada and abroad. It is devoted to promoting the highest quality of food service, and supports its institutional and industry members with education, training, technical assistance and information, scholarships and research.

## Area writer wins award for NDSU Magazine story

Fargo writer and public relations specialist Martin Fredricks took top honors in the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) Communications Contest for his feature, "The Right Combination," the story of an NDSU faculty member's efforts to assist a doctoral student from Yugoslavia attend NDSU. The story was entered in the "Feature Story, General or Specialized Publication category."

Fredricks is a member of the North Dakota Professional Communicators (NDPC), an NFPW affiliate that also is open to men.

The feature, which appeared in the spring 2001 issue of NDSU Magazine, tells of the efforts of Marc Anderson, assistant professor of biological sciences, to help bring student Ana Simonovic to NDSU. The story was forwarded to the national competition after winning first place in the NDPC's 2002 Communications Contest in Jamestown, N.D., in May.

Fredricks received his bachelor's degree in English with a minor in mass communication from NDSU. His commentary and feature stories have appeared in several local and regional publications. Fredricks and his wife have one daughter and live in West Fargo.

## Events

### FrontLine Leadership program scheduled

The Office of the President and the Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance are set to sponsor FrontLine Leadership, a management and supervisory leadership program, Monday, Sept. 23-Thursdays, Dec. 19. Approximately 165 NDSU employees have completed the course.

The following topics are scheduled for the 13 sessions:

#### Core Interpersonal Skills:

- FrontLine Leadership: Your Role and the Basic Principles
- Giving Constructive Feedback
- Dealing with Emotional Behavior
- Recognizing Positive Results

#### Individual/Team Performance:

- Establishing Performance Expectations
- Taking Corrective Action
- Coaching for Optimal Performance
- Clarifying Team Roles and Responsibilities
- Resolving Team Conflicts

#### Organizational Impact:

- Confronting Issues with Your Manager and Peers
- Managing Change
- Expressing Yourself: Presenting Your Thoughts and Ideas
- NDSU/NDUS: Supervising in the Public Sector Environment

The course is open to all managers and supervisors within the university, but does not cover issues specific to faculty. Each session runs 3.5 hours.

For an application or information about funding to attend FrontLine Leadership, contact Jill Spacek, human resources assistant, at 1-8525.

## Pedagogical luncheon scheduled

Teaching faculty and staff are invited to a pedagogical luncheon scheduled for noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, in the Alumni Center Atrium. Sudhir Mehta, associate vice president for academics and professor of mechanical engineering, will lead the session on "Two Simple Things that can Enhance Teaching and Learning."

The session will focus on enhancing student learning and comradeship among teachers. Attendees will participate in a discussion and receive tips and resources that can be used in the classroom.

Those planning to attend should register by Friday, Aug. 16, by contacting Mary Stoa at 1-8671 or [Mary.Stoa@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Mary.Stoa@ndsu.nodak.edu).

The Faculty Institute for Excellence in Learning (FIEL) is sponsoring this event with a grant from the Bush Foundation to promote active learning in classrooms. For more information, visit [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/instruct/mehta/bush/](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/instruct/mehta/bush/) or contact Mehta at 1-7871.

## New exhibit in President's Gallery

"Crossroads," an exhibit by Eric Johnson, will be featured Aug. 6-Nov. 29 in the President's Gallery. A reception is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in visual art from NDSU and a master's degree in printmaking from the University of North Dakota.

"My work focuses on hopes I had for my life," Johnson said. "These prints show some of the emotions when life does not go the way you anticipate. Life events common to everyone, such as birth, death and disease are represented."

The President's Gallery is located on the first floor of Old Main and is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact Becca Kilzer, student assistant coordinator, at 1-8583 or [Rebecca.Kilzer@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Kilzer@ndsu.nodak.edu).

## Faculty, staff exhibit in MU Gallery

The NDSU faculty and staff exhibit is showing in the Memorial Union Gallery through Sept. 12. The exhibit opened Aug. 12.

The exhibit features works in all mediums by faculty and staff who are or have been employed at NDSU in 2002.

Gallery hours through Aug. 23 are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. beginning Aug. 26. For more information call 1-7900.

## Memorial Union Gallery schedules poster and print sale

The Memorial Union Gallery has scheduled its annual poster and fine print sale for 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, through Thursday, Aug. 29, in the Memorial Union Alumni Lounge.

Categories include art, athletics, landscapes and popular culture. Proceeds from the event will be used to bring in visiting artists.

For more information, call the gallery at 1-7900.

## Iron crosses documentary to air on PPTV

The television documentary "Prairie Crosses, Prairie Voices: Iron Crosses of the Great Plains" will air on Prairie Public Television at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

"Prairie Crosses" is the third in a series of collaborations between executive co-producers Bob Dambach, Prairie Public Broadcasting, and Michael Miller, NDSU Libraries Germans from Russia bibliographer.

Timothy J. Kloberdanz, associate professor of sociology-anthropology, is the writer and narrator of "Prairie Crosses." He has studied the iron cross tradition for nearly 30 years and is considered an international expert on the subject.

The documentary follows the history of the traditional iron cemetery grave marker as the folk art form migrated from Germany to the Russian Ukraine and eventually to the Great Plains of North Dakota and Canada. The distinctive iron crosses are found in cemeteries and agricultural fields across the region.

It debuted Aug. 7 at the Germans from Russia Heritage Society Convention in Bismarck.

Major funding for the documentary was provided by the North Dakota Humanities Council, NDSU Libraries, the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the members of Prairie Public Broadcasting.

"Prairie Crosses" can be purchased for \$25, plus postage and handling at [www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/order/tapes/pcpvtape.html](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/order/tapes/pcpvtape.html).

## Shorts and Reminders

### Varsity Mart starts Web site

The Varsity Mart now has its own domain name on the Web: [www.ndsuvarsitymart.com](http://www.ndsuvarsitymart.com). The site features online textbook reservation, store specials and events, new products and news about the Varsity Mart. Each department has its own page that lists products and services. For more information, call 1-7761 or 1-800-423-8309.

### Positions Available

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

Administrative Secretary/#347  
Continuing Education  
\$19,600+/year  
Aug. 19

Administrative Secretary  
Graduate School  
\$21,000 minimum/year  
Aug. 19

Food Service Lead/#1178  
10 months; 40 hours/week  
11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; M-F, weekends as necessary  
Dining Services-West Dining Center  
\$7.25/hour  
Open until filled

Custodian/#973  
5 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; M-F  
Physical Plant  
\$16,332+/year  
Aug. 15

Ruminant Nutrition Technician/#4983  
Animal and Range Science  
\$17,000 minimum/year (75 percent FTE)  
Sept. 15

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at [www.ndsu.edu/jobs](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).

## Research Opportunities

The Office of Sponsored Programs Administration announces the following funding opportunities and deadlines. For more information, refer to the Web site or contact person provided with each listing. For information about other grant opportunities, you may conduct an online funding search via SPIN, available at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/research/funding/spinplus.shtml](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/research/funding/spinplus.shtml).

### Rural Outreach

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Business-Cooperative Service requests proposals from the 1890 Land Grant Universities and Tuskegee University for outreach to small rural communities and development of programs that encourages entrepreneurship in rural communities that have the most economic need. These programs must provide sustainable development that is in keeping with the needs of the community. Proposals in both traditional and nontraditional business enterprises are encouraged. It is expected that approximately \$1.5 million will be available, and a 25 percent match is required. Proposals are due before Aug. 29. For more information, contact Edgar Lewis, RBS, at (202) 690-3407. (Federal Register July 15, 2002)

### Informatics Research

The National Library of Medicine supports informatics research that addresses information management problems relevant to management of disasters. This general program announcement seeks applications for solutions that can utilize or incrementally improve current health care information systems. Deadlines in fiscal year 2003 are Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 1. More information is available at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pafiles/PAR-02-137.html>.

### Young Investigator Program

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation funds the Beckman Young Investigator (BYI) Program which provides research support to promising young faculty members in the chemical and life sciences. Grants are normally in the range of \$240,000 for projects lasting up to three years. The BYI program is open to persons with tenure-track appointments in academic and non-profit institutions that conduct fundamental research in the chemical and life sciences. To be eligible, an applicant should not have completed more than three full years in his or her tenure-track or other comparable independent research appointment. Applications are due Oct. 1. More information is available at [www.beckman-foundation.com/byiguide2.html](http://www.beckman-foundation.com/byiguide2.html).



**Graduate Education and Research Traineeships**

Preproposals (Required): Oct. 2

Full Proposals (Invited): April 18, 2003

The National Science Foundation's Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Program continues into its sixth annual competition. Proposals for new IGERT projects as well as proposals based on existing IGERT projects may be submitted. The IGERT program has been developed to meet the challenges of educating doctoral scientists, engineers, and educators with the interdisciplinary backgrounds, deep knowledge in chosen disciplines and technical, professional and personal skills to become the leaders and creative agents for change in their career field. The program is intended to catalyze a cultural change in graduate education for students, faculty and institutions by establishing innovative new models for graduate education and training in a fertile environment for collaborative research that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries. It also is intended to facilitate greater diversity in student participation and preparation, and to contribute to the development of a diverse, globally-engaged science and engineering work force. For more information, visit [www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf02145](http://www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf02145).

**Law and Social Science Mid-Career Training Fellowships**

To facilitate the development of innovative research programs for understanding the law and legal processes, the Law and Social Science program of the National Science Foundation (NSF) invites scholars to submit proposals for Law and Social Science Mid-Career Training Fellowships. This fellowship will provide an award of up to \$15,000 for support of law and social science scholars who enroll in advanced methodological or theoretical training (e.g., courses, institutes, workshops and seminars). The purpose of these awards is to broaden the pool of scholars who are engaged in innovative research in the law and social sciences. Requests for support should be submitted annually by Oct. 1 via Fastlane. For more information, visit [www.nsf.gov/pubs/2002/nsf02144/nsf02144.htm](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2002/nsf02144/nsf02144.htm).

**Calendar****August**

- Through Sept. 12 Faculty and staff exhibit, Memorial Union Gallery.
- Through-Nov. 29 "Crossroads" exhibit by Eric Johnson, President's Gallery.
- 14 USDA-ARS—Wun S. Cho, research molecular geneticist, plant sciences, "Underground Adventitious Bud Dormancy in Leafy Spurge: Physiology, Genomics and Beyond," 10 a.m., Biosciences Research Laboratory large conference room
- 19 Regular office hours resume
- 21 "Engaging Students Using Wireless Personal Response Systems (PRS)," presented by Jeff Gerst, professor of biological sciences; Otto Helweg, dean of engineering and architecture; and Sudhir Mehta, associate vice president for academic affairs and professor of mechanical engineering; 2 p.m., Construction Management Engineering Auditorium.
- 26-29 Memorial Union Gallery poster and fine print sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Memorial Union Alumni Lounge
- 27 Classes begin

**September**

- 2 Labor Day holiday; university closed

**November**

- 11 Veteran's Day holiday; university closed
- 27 Thanksgiving Day; university closed

**December**

- 19 Commencement
- 25 Christmas Day; university closed





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