

Campus information technology needs outlined

A list of nine information technology needs for NDSU was outlined at a campuswide open forum Dec. 11. Hosted by Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Patricia Jensen, vice president and dean of agriculture, food systems, and natural resources, the forum was a follow-up to departmental meetings held across campus.

"This is such an important topic and so critical to what we do," Schnell told the approximately 125 people who attended. "IT is rapidly changing and we will probably end up with a series of compromises. We are talking about \$7.7 million over five years just to meet current infrastructure needs."

Rosi Kloberdanz, Information Technology Services director, said, "The forum is significant because its focus is input from faculty, staff and students. We feel this is a large step toward a coordinated university approach to information technology."

By law, NDSU and other institutions and state agencies are required to develop biennial IT plans. The NDSU planning process was augmented by feedback obtained during departmental visits, which were initiated by IT staff, including personnel in Agriculture Communication and ITS. Groups of two or three IT staff members met with each department or unit that expressed interest in such meetings. Several videoconferencing sessions also were held with the Research Extension Centers and the NDSU Extension district directors.

The process comes at a time of increased user demand and flat budgets. Through discussions based on the topics of priorities, partnerships and planning, recognized needs were developed and announced at the forum. They include:

- Additional or ongoing communication among departments and the IT staff.
- Ongoing IT training throughout the university.
- An adequate, reliable and secure IT system/network.
- Efficient and effective, yet flexible, plan for IT acquisition, installation and maintenance.
- Enhanced use of Web technology.
- Enhanced IT support/help desk/service center support.
- IT capability and support for research and advanced applications.
- IT capability and support for administrative systems/applications.
- IT capability and support for instructional activities.

Jensen said that the nine points evolved to address how the IT system can do the best possible job for the most people. She suggested that the campus work together and "marshal its resources to serve the entire institution."

A summary providing details of NDSU's IT needs can be found at www.ndsu.edu/its/about/partnerships/shtml.

NDSU Libraries announce interim hours

NDSU Libraries and the Institute for Regional Studies have announced interim hours for Dec. 21-Jan. 12. Scheduled hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. All facilities will be closed Saturday and Sunday. The libraries also will close at noon Tuesday, Dec. 24, and will be closed all day Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

For a current listing of hours consult the Libraries Web page at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu, use the HRS command on the online catalog, or call the information tape at 1-9456.

Holiday hours to begin Dec. 23

Holiday hours for NDSU offices will begin Monday, Dec. 23, and run through Friday, Jan. 10. Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. University offices will close at noon Tuesday, Dec. 24. Regular hours will resume Monday, Jan. 13.

'It's Happening at State' holiday schedule reminder

There will be no "It's Happening at State" Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. The regular schedule resumes Jan. 8. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Jan. 20, the deadline for the Jan. 22 issue is Wednesday, Jan. 15.

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GDC, ITS Web survey partnership announced

The Group Decision Center (GDC) and Information Technology Services (ITS) have formed a partnership to provide Web research survey opportunities on campus. Previously, each unit had provided separate survey services.

The Web surveys are available for class projects, graduate student research projects or research efforts by faculty and staff that have been approved by the Internal Review Board. There is no cost for the service.

"We'll be offering the same services as before, we'll just be doing it collaboratively. This way, it will be more efficient and time-saving for the students," said Sharon Cobb, GDC director. "The reporting will be more consistent and less time consuming."

The partnership will allow researchers to use the Ventana GroupSystems software of the GDC, plus the coding expertise of Nancy Lilleberg, ITS multi-media coordinator.

"When it is beneficial, we'll use the software that is available at the GDC. But we can also use Nancy's talents on particular questions or applications that are unique to the individual surveys," Cobb explained, noting the surveys can be taken either on the Web or at the GDC. "Two heads are really better than one."

Lilleberg said, "We want to get the word out that there is an excellent tool on campus to help people do Web surveys. We'll also be working together during busy times of the year so that things can be a little more efficient and the researchers will be able to get good reports."

The partnership is expected to meet the needs of as many as 100 surveys each year, approximately doubling the current usage.

For details, visit ndsu.edu/its or ndsu.edu/gdc and double-click on "surveys." Information also is available by calling Lilleberg at 1-7140 or Linda Charlton, GDC administrative assistant, at 1-6414.

Memorial Union operating hours during semester break announced

The Memorial Union copy shop, Information Desk and offices will observe the following hours during the semester break:

- Monday, Dec. 23—7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24—7:30 a.m.-noon
- Wednesday, Dec. 25—closed
- Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27—7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 28-29—closed
- Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 30-31—7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 1—closed
- Thursday-Friday, Jan. 2-3—7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 4-5—closed
- Monday, Jan. 6-Friday, Jan. 10—7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday Jan. 11—closed

The Recreation Center will be closed throughout the break. Normal hours resume Sunday, Jan. 12.

Development Foundation accepting grant applications

The NDSU Development Foundation Grants and Awards Committee is accepting applications from faculty and staff for grants from three endowment funds for the 2002-03 academic year. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 17.

The Centennial Endowment Fund can provide maximum awards of \$5,000, with a total of \$22,750 available. It supports professorships, scholarships, biotechnology, faculty development, libraries and cultural arts.

The NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees Endowment can provide maximum awards of \$1,000, with a total of \$4,700 available. It supports general programs across campus.

The NDSU Development Foundation Libraries Endowment has \$3,700 available. It supports requests from any academic unit on campus for materials which will enhance the collections and/or operations of university libraries.

Faculty and staff can obtain copies of application forms for all three endowments in the deans' offices of their college, or by e-mail to joann@ndsualumni.com. The NDSU Development Foundation will notify applicants of funding decisions prior to April 15.

New grant offered for agricultural research

The NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees has established a new competitive grant to support NDSU's agricultural research efforts.

The Gordon A. Larson Agricultural Research Fund was established through contributions made by the estate of Gordon Larson. The former Jamestown, N.D., resident was an NDSU student in 1937 and made his career in farming and ranching.

Annual contributions from the Gordon A. Larson Foundation will be made available for agricultural research. The Development Foundation's Grants and Awards committee will oversee the competitive proposal process. There is a total of \$8,000 available for the 2002 academic year.

The application form is available through the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources, or by contacting joann@ndsualumni.com.

The deadline for the 2002-03 applications is Jan. 17, and applicants will be notified of funding decisions before April 15. Successful applicants will be required to use award funds within 18 months.

Employee liability resources identified

The Office of Attorney General has made available an informative brochure titled "Liability of State Employees in North Dakota." A copy can be found at www.state.nd.us/risk/publication.html.

NDSU policy 159, "Injury Claims Against NDSU and State Risk Financing," outlines NDSU and state procedures and policies regarding claims. The North Dakota Office of Risk Management has a Web site addressing risk management issues at www.state.nd.us/risk/.

'Toys for Tots' donation gets discount for NDSU basketball doubleheader

NDSU basketball fans can make a donation to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program and receive a discount on a ticket for the Bison men's and women's basketball games Dec. 19 at the Bison Sports Arena.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the games and get a reserved ticket for \$4 for the doubleheader. The Bison women play Minnesota State University Moorhead at 6 p.m., while the NDSU men play Mayville State University at 8 p.m.

"We are excited about the partnership with the Toys for Tots program," said Troy Goergen, assistant athletic director for marketing/media relations. "The generosity of the Toys for Tots program allows young people of our community and nationwide to experience the joy of the holiday season."

Started in 1947, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is a leader in looking after America's needy children at Christmas. During the past 12 years, the program has distributed an annual average of 9.7 million toys to 4.5 million children.

For more information about the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program visit the organization's Web site at www.toysfortots.org. For NDSU ticket information, call 1-6378.

People

Miller elected to NASM committee



Miller

E. John Miller, director of fine arts, was elected to the National Association of Schools of Music's nominating committee at a conference held recently in New Orleans. He was a presenter and panelist in a session on public school teacher certification, and serves as secretary for the association's Upper Great Plains region. He also is a visiting accreditation evaluator.

Before he came to NDSU, Miller served on the music faculty at the University of North Dakota, Northwestern University, DePaul University and Eastern Illinois University. He also was a commercial composer and arranger in the Chicago area. His academic specialties include analysis of early music, counterpoint and pedagogical technology.

O'Connor leads reading group

Robert O'Connor, professor of English, recently led a reading group on "The Lord of the Rings" at the Fargo Public Library, and was interviewed about his research in science fiction and fantasy on North Dakota Public Radio. The interview aired Dec. 13.

O'Connor, who teaches a course in science fiction and fantasy, is scheduled to write an article about the book's author, J.R.R. Tolkien for the Jan. 22 issue of The Forum.

Light named to faculty rights committee

Harriett Light, professor of child development and family science, has been elected to fill the vacant position on NDSU's Standing Committee on Faculty Rights.

North Dakota student named Rhodes Scholar

Williston, N.D., native Heidi Williams became the first North Dakota student in a decade to be named a Rhodes Scholar.

Williams was one of nine North Dakota candidates interviewed Dec. 4 in Grand Forks. She was then one of four from a pool of 13 chosen in Minneapolis to receive the scholarship and study at England's Oxford University. Thirty-two students nationwide receive the prestigious award each year.

The 1999 graduate of Williston High School will graduate with a mathematics degree from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in June.

David Danbom, professor of history, is the Rhodes Scholarship program's local recruiter. Paul Nelson, chair and professor of communication, also serves on the North Dakota selection committee.

Moorhead, Minn., native David Simon, also was named one of this year's Rhodes Scholars. He is a senior at the University of Minnesota.

Music faculty in separate performances of Handel's 'Messiah'



Schneider

Amy Schneider, assistant professor of music, appeared as a soloist in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" held recently in Mayville, N.D. The performance included a 70-member chorus from Mayville area communities and Mayville State University. A 27-piece orchestra from the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony and area universities and colleges also performed.

Schneider holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, a master's degree in music from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a doctorate in musical arts from Boston University. Before coming to NDSU, she served as interim coordinator in the voice department at Boston University.



Jones

Robert Jones, associate professor of music, performed the bass solos in the Nebraska Chamber Orchestra's recent performance of the "Messiah."

Jones has been at NDSU since 1995 and teaches vocal pedagogy, opera workshop, opera literature, solo vocal literature and world music. He also gives private voice lessons. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska, a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Oklahoma. He is a member of the College Music Society, the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Pi Kappa Lambda national music honor society and Lyrica Society.

Student group gives science demonstrations to local grade school

The NDSU student organization of Women in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology (WISMET) recently presented various science demonstrations to Fargo's Washington Elementary School fourth graders.

In addition to the demonstrations, which included "Bubbles!" "Banana Hammer," "Jumping Raisins," "Egg in a Bottle," fortune telling fish and putty recipes, each student demonstrator shared how she became interested in the sciences.

Student WISMET is an organization formed to provide women in science, mathematics, engineering and technology an environment in which to interact with their peers, faculty and administration to promote the sciences among young women and advance women's career opportunities in the sciences.

For more information, contact Karla Radke, president, at karla.radke@ndsu.nodak.edu, or advisers Denise Olson, assistant professor of entomology, at 1-6292 or Denise.Olson@ndsu.nodak.edu; or Catherine Logue, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, at 1-7692 or clogue@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Events

Genomics and bioinformatics virtual seminars scheduled

Monthly virtual seminars on genomics and bioinformatics are scheduled beginning in January.

Using the Access Grid and live streaming video, the seminars are designed to promote discussion and generate an environment for collaboration and exchange of ideas.

Upcoming real-time seminars are scheduled for Jan. 30, Feb. 28, March 28, May 2, May 30 and June 27 in IACC 422. Planned topics include computational biology, programmable bio-organisms, statistical and computational approaches for gene expression analysis and high-throughput computing.

For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/virtual-genomics/seminars.htm.

Meditation meetings to continue

The Meditation Group, offered by NDSU Counseling and Disability Services for NDSU students, faculty and staff, will continue to meet 2 p.m. Mondays during spring semester. The group meets in Ceres Hall 201.

The group will not meet Dec. 23 or Dec. 30, but will resume on Monday, Jan. 6.

The group is free for NDSU students, faculty and staff. New members are welcome, and no advanced registration is necessary. Beginners can learn and practice meditation basics, while people with more experience with meditation can maintain their practice in an informal group environment.

For information, call Ronni Arensberg, NDSU Counseling and Disability Services, at 1-7671.

Shorts and Reminders

Commencement reminder

Winter commencement ceremonies are scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the Fargodome. According to Kristi Wold-McCormick, registrar, approximately 320 students are expected to participate. She said 509 students met graduation eligibility requirements as of Dec. 10.

Union Food Court specials for Dec. 18-20

Soup of the day

Wednesday: minestrone and cream of broccoli
Thursday: Wisconsin cheese and beef noodle
Friday: clam chowder and vegetarian vegetable

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: roast beef
Thursday: turkey club
Friday: corned beef

A La Carte

Wednesday: pepper steak
Thursday: chicken fried steak
Friday: chicken chimichanga

Pizza Express

Wednesday: meatball
Thursday: Southwestern chicken
Friday: Red River

The Union Grab and Go (through Dec. 27)

Wednesday: roast beef
Thursday: beef broccoli
Friday: roasted turkey
Monday: meat loaf
Tuesday: closed
Wednesday: closed
Thursday: broasted chicken
Friday: beef teriyaki

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
(Non-benefited, 40 hours/week; temporary position with possibility of continuation after five months)
Residence Life
\$7.95+/hour
Dec. 26

Custodian
Residence Life
\$17,000/year
Dec. 26

P.M. Cook/#1034
 12 months; 40 hours/week;
 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; M-F; summer hours may vary, weekends
 as necessary
 Dining Services-Residence Dining Center
 \$9.25/hour
 Open until filled

Heating Plant Operator (Entry Level)
 Full-time, seasonal position; seven months; rotating shifts
 Physical Plant
 \$9.50+/hour
 Open until filled

Director/#546
 International Programs
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Jan. 20

Licensing Associate
 Sponsored Programs/Research Foundation
 Competitive and commensurate with education and experience
 Jan. 31

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

Calendar

December

Through Dec. 19 Juried student art exhibit,
 Memorial Union Gallery.

Through Dec. 20 Baccalaureate exhibition—Andrew
 Rising, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery.

Through May 1 “Down to Earth; Photographs of North
 Dakota,” exhibit by Dan Koeck, photographer in
 publications services, President’s Gallery, Old Main.

- 18 Physics—Charles Sawicki, chair and associate
 professor of physics, “And Now for Something
 Different: Physics Puzzles and Demonstrations,”
 4 p.m., South Engineering 208
- 19 Entomology—Terry Adams, USDA-ARS (retired),
 “Paleocene Flora of North Dakota,” 1 p.m., Northern
 Crop Science laboratory large conference room
- 19 Women’s basketball vs. Minnesota State University
 Moorhead, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 19 Men’s basketball vs. Mayville State University,
 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20 Commencement, 4 p.m., Fargodome
- 21 Women’s basketball vs. Valley City State, 1 p.m.,
 Bison Sports Arena
- 21 Men’s basketball vs. Valley City State, 3 p.m.,
 Bison Sports Arena
- 25 Christmas Day; university closed

January

- 1 New Year’s Day; university closed
- 10 Women’s basketball vs. South Dakota State, 6 p.m.,
 Bison Sports Arena
- 10 Men’s basketball vs. South Dakota State, 8 p.m.,
 Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Women’s basketball vs. Minnesota State University,
 Mankato, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Men’s basketball vs. Minnesota State University,
 Mankato, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 12 Wrestling vs. University of Northern Colorado,
 noon, Bison Sports Arena
- 14-Feb. 2 Theater design and technology exhibition,
 Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 7:30 p.m.,
 Saturday, Jan. 18. Call 1-8360 for more information.
- 18 Women’s basketball vs. UND, 6 p.m., Grand Forks
- 24 Wrestling vs. South Dakota State, 7:30 p.m.,
 Bison Sports Arena
- 26 NDSU faculty brass quintet concert, 2 p.m.,
 Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 28 Wrestling vs. Augsburg College, time to be
 announced, Bison Sports Arena
- 31 Women’s basketball vs. University of South Dakota,
 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 31 Men’s basketball vs. University of South Dakota,
 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

February

- 1 Women’s basketball vs. University of Northern
 Colorado, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 1 Jazz Festival Concert, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall.
 Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children, students
 and seniors.
- 1 Men’s basketball vs. University of Northern Colorado,
 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 4-26 Eric Johnson and Jay Pfeifer exhibition, Reineke
 Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 7:30 p.m. Saturday,
 Feb. 8. Call 1-8360 for more information.
- 6 Women’s basketball vs. Augustana, 6 p.m.,
 Bison Sports Arena
- 6 Opera workshop performance, 7:30 p.m.,
 Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 6 Men’s basketball vs. Augustana, 8 p.m.,
 Bison Sports Arena
- 7 Theater—“Dramaturgical Theatre Experience,”
 8 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Tickets are \$2.
- 12 Wrestling vs. Northern State, 7 p.m.,
 Bison Sports Arena

- 20 Women's basketball vs. University of Nebraska-Omaha, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20 Chamber Music Recital: Andy Froelich, professor of music, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 20 Men's basketball vs. University of Nebraska-Omaha, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 21 University Chorus and Brass Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children, students and seniors.
- 22 Wrestling vs. St. Cloud State, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 24 Varsity Band, jazz combos and jazz lab band concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children, students and seniors.
- 27 Women's basketball vs. St. Cloud State, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 27 Staff free preview night of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 27 Men's basketball vs. St. Cloud State, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 28 Little Country Theatre—"A Midsummer Night's Dream," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and \$4 for NDSU students.

March

- 1 Women's basketball vs. UND, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 1 Men's basketball vs. UND, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 1-30 Juried high school art exhibition, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception-1 p.m., awards-1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 1.
- 2 Wrestling—North Central Conference championships, times to be announced, Bison Sports Arena
- 2 Little Country Theatre—"A Midsummer Night's Dream," by William Shakespeare, 2 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and \$4 for NDSU students.
- 6-8 Little Country Theatre—"A Midsummer Night's Dream," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and \$4 for NDSU students.

April

- 29 Staff free preview night of "subUrbia," 9 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Call 1-9442 for tickets.

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