

## Chapman to make department visits

President Joseph A. Chapman plans to visit departments and programs across campus following Homecoming. Chapman, who made similar visits four years ago, outlined his plan at the Sept. 8 University Senate meeting.

"There is a lot happening on campus. We're undergoing an incredible transformation," he told the senators. "We've been spectacularly successful."

Chapman said many of the goals the university set for itself four years ago are coming to fruition, and the visits are expected to help establish new expectations for the years ahead. "I think we need to visit about where we are going as an institution, and talk about our future," he said, noting that he would describe the visits in more detail during his State of the University Address, scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at Festival Concert Hall.

Chapman also told the University Senate that the new academic year has had a successful beginning. "We've gotten off to a great start," he said. "Our enrollments are very solid. All the projects we have going on are right on target."

## Friendship Family Program hosts sought

The NDSU Friendship Family Program seeks Fargo-Moorhead area families and individuals to serve as hosts to international students for one academic year, beginning this fall. The program is sponsored by the Office of International Programs.

The Friendship Family Program is intended to provide local residents with the opportunity to learn about other cultures by developing friendships while helping international students adjust to and learn about American culture.

Students do not live with the host, but the host acts as a contact and resource for the student. Hosts may invite students to dinner, to participate in local events or other activities that may be helpful for the student to adjust to life in the United States.

More information and applications are available in the Office of International Programs, Ceres 338, or by calling 1-7895. Applications also are available online at [www.ndsu.edu/International](http://www.ndsu.edu/International).

## Libraries offer additional newspaper access

NDSU Libraries now offers additional online newspaper coverage through the ProQuest database. The addition allows full text access to more than 350 state, regional, national and international newspapers, including the Boston Globe, USA Today, Times of London, South China Morning Post and Jerusalem Post, plus hundreds of other news sources and news wires.

Previous publications, including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Minneapolis StarTribune, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times and Christian Science Monitor, are still available.

The database is updated several times daily. Archived stories also are available.

Newspapers can be accessed through the ProQuest link on the Libraries Web page at [www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu).

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## Planning grant to seek improvement in reservation schools' STEM content

NDSU has been awarded a \$100,000 planning grant to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) content in K-12 education in reservation schools.

The project, titled "A State University-Tribal Colleges Partnership to Initiate Systemic Changes to Increase STEM Content in K-12 Education," has been funded for one year by the National Science Foundation under its Bridges for Engineering Education program.

The NDSU College of Engineering, NDSU School of Education and the Turtle Mountain, Sitting Bull, Fort Berthold and Cankdeska Cikana tribal colleges partner in the project to design a program to strengthen the path to engineering careers for American Indian students from the North Dakota reservations. The project will use pedagogical techniques, which are culturally sensitive and appropriate for engineering instruction, while attempting to increase and improve the STEM content in K-12 education of reservation high school students. Additionally, it is expected that discussions between the College of Engineering and the School of Education will lead to cooperation to increase the pedagogical and science contents in the respective programs.

Robert Pieri, professor of mechanical engineering, is the principal investigator of the project. G. Padmanabhan, professor of civil engineering, and Lisa Daniels, assistant professor in the School of Education, are co-principal investigators. The project is an outgrowth of another five-year Navy-funded project, which is nearing completion.

According to Padmanabhan, the dedicated resource group of NDSU, tribal colleges and reservation schools faculty that has emerged out of the Navy project will be used as a platform for carrying out the activities of this project.

He said one expectation is to generate future proposals for bridges among university faculty and teachers at high school and middle schools to create a better environment for the development of students with a higher propensity for STEM careers.

Padmanabhan added that there have been three ND EPSCoR Faculty Laboratory and Innovative Teaching Enhancement (FLITE) fundings in the recent past to support collaborative activities of a similar nature with the tribal colleges. The FLITE program is one of ND EPSCoR's science outreach and recruitment programs.

For additional information, contact Pieri at 1-8673, Padmanabhan at 1-7043 or Daniels at 1-8748.

## Cass County probate records index available online

A new online database provides a fascinating glimpse at the history of Cass County.

The Cass County District Court has transferred all probate files from the 1870s to 1944 to NDSU's Institute for Regional Studies archives. The collection contains more than 5,100 individual probate files for persons who lived or had property in Cass County. Each file tells a separate, personal story of the deceased, who they left behind, what possessions they had, what disagreements ensued and how issues were resolved.

According to institute archivist John Bye, the records have tremendous historical research potential, and he notes that families and historians have already made valuable use of them. "These records provide a valuable depth to the historical records available at the Institute for anyone doing historical research on Cass County," said Bye. "Family historians and genealogists already know how valuable such records can be in their research."

The probate files have been processed and are available for research use at the institute. Volunteer Larry Schwartz tackled the massive project of organizing some 192 linear feet of individual case files, as well as checking the spelling of names. The result is a database on the institute's Web site which makes searching for individual Cass County probate files quick and easy. For those not able to visit the institute, a copy service is provided.

Examples from the files give insight into another age, the values the people had and, in some cases, a look at the personalities of the parties involved.

"I give and bequeath onto my wife, Greta Kajsa Høglund, my two oxen and three cows, one two-year old heifer and three one-year old steers and three calves," wrote Swedish immigrant Steffan Hanson Høglund in his will dated May 5, 1876, the day before his death in Cass County. He also gave his seven children each \$2.

In the 1911 will of Melvina Massey, she left almost everything to her son, Henry. To her husband, Harry Rae, she left \$1 and wrote that the reason for bequeathing such a small sum was that, "I have already well provided for him; that I have given him hundreds and hundreds of dollars, all of which he has carelessly spent without obtaining consideration worthy of the sums so spent."

To search the database, visit the Institute site at <http://dp3.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/probate/>. The institute research center is located at 1305 19th Ave. N., Room 117, in the Skills and Technology Training Center. For more information, contact Bye at 298-6449.

## People

### Three endowed professorships awarded

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman has announced the approval of three endowed professorships. Mukund Sibi, professor of chemistry, received the Jordan A. Engberg Presidential Professorship; Marty Marchello, professor of animal and range sciences, received the Dale Hogoboom Presidential Professorship; and Ann Burnett, associate professor of communication and director of Women's Studies, received the Walter F. and Verna Gehrts Presidential Professorship.

"These three faculty members are prominent, highly recognized researchers and educators. I am pleased to award these well-deserved professorships," said Chapman, who approved the nominations on Aug. 29.

Sibi, who has gained national and international recognition for his research in radical chemistry, joined the Department of Chemistry in 1987. He is the director of the Center for Protease Research, which is funded with a five-year \$8.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health COBRE program. The center's goal is to study the chemical and biochemical behavior of metalloproteases, which are proteins that play a role in several diseases.



Sibi

"In the area of research, Dr. Sibi's accomplishments have been nothing short of outstanding," wrote John Hershberger, chair and associate professor of chemistry, in a letter of nomination. "His research is in the general area of organic synthesis, with emphasis on the development of new synthetic methodologies of both fundamental and practical interest."

A nomination letter by Gregory Cook, associate professor of chemistry, stated, "Mukund has put forth tremendous effort in research and education at NDSU and has endeavored to promote our department and our university around the world. His outstanding service and outstanding accomplishments are a testament to NDSU and I can think of no one more deserving of this honor."

Sibi earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Bangalore University, India, and his doctorate at the City University of New York. His honors include the 1997 Dean's Award for Research Excellence and the 1998 Fred Waldron Award for Research Excellence.



Marchello

Marchello, who joined NDSU in 1968, is internationally known for his efforts in bison research in the area of the nutrient composition of both grass-fed and grain-fed animals and for the completion of the original USDA bison nutrient composition database. Since 1995, he has been the principal investigator in projects that have received more than \$1 million in grant funding.

"Dr. Marty Marchello is highly respected by students, producers and peers as a hard working, congenial scientist/teacher with a large amount of skill in meat science and technology," wrote Jim Tilton, professor emeritus of animal and range sciences, in a nomination letter. "His expertise has contributed immensely to the completion of the mission of NDSU."

Tilton wrote that Marchello has developed several new courses in meat science technology and has been an integral part of the Summer Institute of Food Safety. He noted that Marchello has averaged more than five presentations annually to state producers and has given several international presentations.

Marchello earned his bachelor's degree from Montana State University, Bozeman, and received his master's degree and doctorate in animal science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg. His honors include the 1996 Eugene R. Dahl Award for Excellence in Research, Senior Career and the 1997 Special Speaker Award by the Nebraska State Buffalo Assoc.



Burnett

Burnett became a member of the NDSU faculty in 1997. Her research interests include jury decision making, courtroom communication and interpersonal communication.

"Dr. Burnett has a balanced record of excellence in teaching, research and service. "Dr. Burnett is not just a good teacher: she is a superlative teacher," wrote Paul Nelson, professor and chair

of communication, in a letter of nomination. He said she has achieved a strong research record "while coaching debate, teaching a heavy load and serving NDSU at an extraordinary pace."

Nelson wrote that Burnett is the author of 18 refereed journals and 21 national convention presentations. In addition, he noted that she serves on the Council of College Faculties and has been active in the NDSU University Senate, its executive board and several university committees.

Burnett received her bachelor's degree from Colorado College, Colorado Springs, her master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, and her doctorate in communication from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

According to Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, an ad hoc committee evaluated 11 nominations and forwarded recommendations to the president. "The selection process was a difficult one, because we had many strong nominations," Schnell said. "The awardees have made distinguished contributions to our campus, and I am delighted that they have been recognized with the professorships."

## 'Great Plains' seminar receives grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a \$89,068 grant to NDSU in support of a summer seminar for school teachers titled "The Great Plains from Texas to Saskatchewan: Place, Memory, Identity." Tom Isern, professor of history, is the seminar director.

Fifteen teachers, selected from across the United States in a competitive process, will assemble at NDSU during July-August 2004 for intensive study of key texts in the history and literature of the plains. Works by Walter P. Webb, Willa Cather, Wallace Stegner and N. Scott Momaday will be core texts. The program also includes a group pilgrimage to Eastend, Saskatchewan, which is Stegner's boyhood home.

This is the third time the endowment has awarded a grant in support of the Great Plains seminar, which was previously offered in 2000 and 2002.

"It's a three-peat, which leaves me happy and honored beyond words," said Isern. "This award says to the nation, NDSU is the place to go to study life on the Great Plains of North America."

At NDSU, Isern regularly teaches a course titled "The North American Plains," which is billed as the only college course in the world treating the Great Plains comprehensively as an international region U.S. and Canada. He also is the author of the newspaper column "Plains Folk," distributed by NDSU Extension and published in papers throughout the region.

A native of Kansas, Isern joined NDSU in 1992. His honors include the 1999 Peltier Award for Innovative Teaching and the 2000 Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead Distinguished Professorship Award. He is a research fellow of the Canadian Plains Research Center, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Isern earned his bachelor's degree at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., and his master's degree and doctorate in history from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. From 1979 to 1991, he was on the faculty of Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.

## Cobb retirement reception scheduled

A reception honoring Sharon Cobb, Group Decision Center director, is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the Alumni Center Atrium. Cobb, who has been associated with NDSU for 36 years, is retiring Sept. 30.

Cobb has held a variety of positions during her years at NDSU, including Cooperative Education director, assistant director for the Office of Special Projects, development specialist for the Center for Economic Development, field coordinator of ACTION (a statewide VISTA program) and field director for NDSU's Upward Bound program. She also was director of the North Dakota ACTS program, a partnership of tribal colleges and the state university system to establish a network of cooperative education programs at 11 sites.

"I've had a magnificent array of opportunities, and I have found compelling causes to address," Cobb said. "I've been able to do the things that I believe in, and the greatest attribute of this campus is the teamwork—you don't have to do it alone. I had the privilege of working with a large number of faculty, staff and administration. Opportunities on the state, regional, national and international levels have always been empowered by the administration."

In 1967, she started her long association with the university by writing the original Upward Bound proposal with Hale Arnes. From 1971-73, she was a program director for National Public Radio, where she developed the "For Eagles to be Crows," a 23-program series on reservation conditions, which received a national merit award from the American Bar Association.

"It's been a privilege to work with successful programs both on and off campus. Faculty, staff and students have brought excitement and synergy to each of the campus programs. The outreach programs, part of the NDSU land-grant mission, have provided me with the opportunity of working with tribal colleges and rural communities," Cobb said. "I have learned what North Dakota really is, the value of its diverse people and their key strengths and challenges."

Prior to joining NDSU, she taught English, drama and speech in Havre, Mont., and Fargo schools.

Cobb plans to move to Minneapolis, so she can live and work closer to her family.

## Spiering to participate in Queensland Familiarization Tour

Kerri Spiering, director of international programs, was selected to participate in the Queensland Familiarization Tour scheduled for Oct. 4-18. The tour is sponsored by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the Australian Education Office (AEO) and the Queensland government.

Spiering and 11 other AACRAO and NAFSA members from universities across the United States will tour AEO member universities in Queensland focusing on Australian/U.S. educational exchange and study abroad opportunities in Australia.

The tour will include seminars on the Australian education system and opportunities available to both students and faculty. The group will visit eight Queensland universities that represent a variety of Australia's higher education system including regional and metropolitan campuses.

## Agribusiness, applied economics faculty present papers

Sixteen faculty members from the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics presented papers at the joint annual meetings of the American Agricultural Economics Association and the Rural Sociological Society held July 27-30 in Montreal.

Cheryl DeVuyst, F. Larry Leistritz and Angela Schepp—"Socio-Economic Impacts of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Development in Rural North Dakota"

Cheryl Wachenheim—"How an Online Course Compares"

Hyun Jin and Won Koo—"The Effect of Food Safety-Related Information on Consumers' Preference: The Case of BSE Outbreak in Japan"

David Lambert, Eric Schuck, Jin and Koo—"The Effects of US/Canada Trade on Production Costs and Productivity"

Guedae Cho, MinKyoung Kim and Koo—"Relative Agricultural Price Changes in Different Time Horizons"

Albert Allen, Frank Fuller, Eric Wailes, Koo, and Jaime Malage (panelists)—"FTAA: Agricultural Trade Liberalization—North and South Perspectives"

Anatoliy Skripnitchenko and Philip Abbott—"Preferential Trade Arrangements in Apparel Exports from the Caribbean to the U.S.: A Dynamic Investment Approach"

Cole Gustafson, Tamara Van Wechel, and Leistritz—"Economic Feasibility of Biodiesel Production in North Dakota"

William Wilson—Testing and Segregation Strategies for GM Wheat"

Camilo Sarmiento—"Socially Efficient Allocation of GM and Non-GM Crops Under Contamination Risk"

William Njanje and Simeon Kaitibie—"Risk Perception and Consumer Choice of Specialty Meat: A Distribution of Frequency Method"

Njanje and Kaitibie—"Optimal Grazing Pressure Under Output Price and Production Uncertainty with Alternative Functional Forms"

Leistritz and Steven Murdock—"Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Experience in Community Development Research"

Steven Shultz and Steven Taff—"Implicit Prices of Wetland Wacements"

Kim, Cho and Koo—"Exchange Rate Pass-Through and its Relation to Market Power: Reinterpretation of the Degree of Exchange Rate Pass-Through,"

Richard Rathge—"National and Regional Demographic Trends"

Rathge and Kenneth M. Johnson—"Dependency and its Relationship to Population Redistribution in the Great Plains"

## Theater faculty present at North Dakota speech theater conference

Pamela D. Chabora, assistant professor of theater arts, and Paul Lifton, associate professor of theatre arts, presented workshops at the North Dakota Speech Theatre Association (NDSTA) conference held Sept. 11-13 in Mandan, N.D.

Chabora presented "Vocal Characterization and Stage Dialects using the Lessac Voice/Movement System" and "Improvisation for the Stage: CROW." Lifton presented "Directing Comedy."

Chabora also participated in two workshops during the Association of Theater in Higher Education conference held Aug. 1-3 in New York City. She has been the association's chair and coordinator for six years.

Chabora teaches acting, voice and movement, development of musical theater, introduction to dance and the business of acting. Prior to coming to NDSU, she taught acting at the University of New Hampshire Department of Theatre and Dance. She also was head of performance at Susquehanna University; the University of Toledo's department of theatre, film and dance; and the University of Maine at Fort Kent. She also is chief officer for the Association of Theater in Higher Education's acting program, and as Midwest representative for the Association of Theater Movement Educators.

Lifton has been at NDSU since 1988 and teaches theatre history and literature, acting and directing. He also serves as the theater arts coordinator and director of academics for theater arts. He also serves as stage director for Little Country Theatre productions.

## Thrasher article published

"Ignaz Joseph Pleyel: An Examination of His Original Works for Clarinet," an article by Michael Thrasher, assistant professor of music, recently was published in *The Clarinet Journal*.

Thrasher, the article's co-author, presented the paper at the 2002 International Clarinet Association conference held recently in Stockholm, Sweden, where it received second prize from the association's research committee. The study examines music written by Pleyel (1757-1831), with the specific purpose of determining which pieces were originally conceived for the clarinet and which pieces are later transcribed or adapted for clarinet.

Thrasher teaches woodwinds. Before joining NDSU, he served on the faculty of North Central Texas College, Gainesville, and has taught middle school, high school and college music. He also has appeared with the Fargo-Moorhead Opera Company orchestra, and several other symphonies in Texas, Louisiana and California.

## Events

### Pharmacy and nursing career fair scheduled

The College of Pharmacy has scheduled a pharmacy and nursing career fair for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Fargodome. The college's scholarship recognition program is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. The career fair is open to the public.

Health care employers representing all areas of professional practice in pharmacy and nursing will be available to provide information on various career opportunities. Area high school juniors and seniors who are considering a health-related career and their parents are encouraged to attend.

"Our career fair provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to see all that is available for them for careers in pharmacy and nursing all in one convenient location," said Charles Peterson, dean of pharmacy. "We want our students to be thinking about their career options early on in their academic endeavors and involve their parents in the career seeking and decision making process."

Free parking is available at the Fargodome. For more information, contact Cynthia Hanson at 1-6461 or [Cynthia.Hanson@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Hanson@ndsu.nodak.edu).

### Tri-College career fair scheduled

NDSU, in conjunction with Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College, will sponsor the Tri-College Career Fair scheduled for 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Fargo Civic Auditorium.

More than 100 employers representing a variety of the region's industries are expected to participate. Approximately 1,000 students are expected to attend to explore career goals, available full-time employment and internship opportunities.

Additional information about the career fair and participating employers is available at [www.tccfair.org](http://www.tccfair.org).

### 5:01 Entrepreneur Society meeting scheduled

A meeting of the 5:01 Entrepreneur Society is scheduled for 5:01-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Alerus Financial, 3137 32nd Ave. S.W., Fargo. James Carlson, founder and president of PRACS Institute Ltd., is the scheduled speaker.

The planned topic of Carlson's presentation is "Why PRACS? Why Fargo?" Carlson will discuss how the idea of PRACS emerged and why he picked Fargo as its location. He also will present an overview of PRACS and the challenges of taking a service business from an idea to a profitable business in an agricultural banking community.

The event is sponsored by the NDSU Research and Technology Park and Alerus Financial.

## Jones to present vocal performances



Jones

A vocal performance by Robert Jones, associate professor of music, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in Beckwith Recital Hall. The recital will be held in collaboration with Andrew Froelich, professor of music, and assisted by Michael Jones, bassoon.

Works to be performed include "Dichterliebe, Op. 48," by Robert Schumann, "Mirages, Op. 113" and "L'Horizon Chimerique, Op. 118" by Gabriel Fauré, "Transitions" by Daniel Pinkham, and selected songs set to the poetry of Edwin Arlington Robinson composed by John Duke. Performances also are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Bismarck State College and Friday, Sept. 26, at Bemidji State University.

Jones has been a faculty member at NDSU since 1995. His teaching duties include private voice, vocal pedagogy, vocal literature and world music. He is a member of the College Music Society, National Association of Teachers of Singing, Lyrica Society and Pi Kappa Lambda. In addition to solo recitals, he performs with the Fargo-Moorhead Opera Company.

Froelich has been at NDSU since 1971. His primary teaching responsibilities are in music theory and piano performance. Froelich is the principal keyboard player for the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra where he also has been a featured soloist. He has performed numerous solo and chamber recitals and served as music director or orchestra conductor for more than 80 area theatrical productions.

## Lively Arts Series presents 'Drum Drum'

Contemporary Pacific music and dance group, Drum Drum, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, in Festival Concert Hall.

Formed in 1993, the group is based in the tropical north Australian town of Darwin. They draw upon their diverse cultures and ancestry to create a style of music never heard before. Ancient songs and pounding garamut (log drum) rhythms, ceremonial changes and bamboo flutes are used creatively in the band creating a unique fusion of traditional and original contemporary Paupua, New Guinea music. Ceremonial dances, intriguing bird dances powerful and intricate log drumming and colorful costumes are featured in Drum Drum's show.

Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors and NDSU employees, \$7 for non-NDSU students and children, and \$6 for NDSU students, and are available at the Memorial Union Ticket Office.

## Family Weekend scheduled

Family Weekend at NDSU is scheduled for September 26-28. Family Weekend is a chance for families of current students to visit campus and spend time with their son or daughter while experiencing art, academics and athletics at NDSU.

More than 500 family members typically participate in the annual event. Families can attend such activities as the president's breakfast, pre-game barbecue and football game. Additional events are also planned.

For a detailed schedule call Nancy Mueller, student services coordinator in the Office of Orientation and Student Success, at 1-8379.

## FDA, extension host food safety workshops

The Food and Drug Administration and the NDSU Extension Office have scheduled hands-on training workshops on acidified foods in Fargo and Bismarck. The Fargo workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Cass County extension office on the NDSU campus, and the Bismarck workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Capital Electric Cooperative.

The workshops are designed to provide current and future small processors with the basic elements needed to understand the main processing steps, FDA regulations, critical control points and record keeping to safely manufacture specialty foods for the marketplace.

The workshops are intended to provide technical information and practical training by demonstrating the production of pickled foods. National FDA experts and an extension professional will serve as workshop instructors. The workshops are funded in part by the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Nutrition.

"Our ability to partner with local extension experts to provide low-cost and informative training to small food processors is critical to preventing future food-borne illness outbreaks," said Amy Johnson, FDA public affairs specialist.

Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU extension food and nutrition specialist, added, "This testing is important because just one food safety problem resulting from non-compliance could have ramifications for all the state's food processors."

The \$40 registration fee includes course materials and refreshment breaks. For more information or to register, contact Garden-Robinson at 1-7187 or [jgardenr@ndsuxext.nodak.edu](mailto:jgardenr@ndsuxext.nodak.edu)

## Engineering and Tech Expo scheduled

The NDSU Career Center will sponsor the fifth annual Engineering and Tech Expo, scheduled for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Bison Sports Arena.

The expo offers an opportunity for employers to connect with engineering and technology students in a casual business environment, and build relationships with students searching for Cooperative Education assignments and full-time employment. An estimated 80 companies are anticipated for the event, and about 1,500 students are expected to participate.

"It's an exciting opportunity for students to connect with potential employers and for faculty to touch base with employers that are hiring our students," said Joel Hanson, Career Center assistant director. "With a tight job market, it's important for students to be prepared for the expo by doing their research on the various companies and bringing plenty of resumes.

"In addition, many companies have indicated that the number of schools they visit has been reduced due to smaller recruiting budgets. It is encouraging to see the number of companies coming to the expo remain strong. It reinforces the fact that employers are committed to coming to NDSU because of the high quality of our students," Hanson said.

Last year's expo attracted more than 1,100 students who met with representatives of 68 employers.

For more information, contact Hanson at 1-8468 or visit [www.ndsu.edu/career\\_center](http://www.ndsu.edu/career_center).

## 38th annual history conference set

NDSU, Concordia College and Minnesota State University Moorhead will sponsor the 38th Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference, scheduled for Oct. 1-4, at the Radisson Hotel, Fargo.

“Over the past 25 years, this has become one of the major regional history conferences in the United States,” said David Danbom, program co-chair and NDSU professor of history. “This year, we will have nearly 300 participants on the program, drawn from all over the United States and Canada as well as from the United Kingdom and the People’s Republic of China.”

The 63 sessions at the conference cover a wide variety of topics, ranging from the military strategy in Operation Enduring Freedom and the politics of woman suffrage in the Northern Plains to the history of childhood and foodways of the Upper Midwest. Of particular local interest are sessions on Fargo’s Renaissance Zone, the relationship between journalists and history, and the historical reflections of former N.D. Gov. Bill Guy, former N.D. Gov. Ed Schafer, former Minnesota Senate majority leader Roger Moe and other regional political figures.

The banquet speaker will be David Kennedy of Stanford University, whose book, “Freedom From Fear: The American People in Depression and War,” won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 1999. Kennedy’s Friday night address will be on Franklin Roosevelt’s impact on American life.

The program for this year’s conference was constructed by Danbom and Claire Strom, assistant professor of history, and arrangements are being handled by Gerald Anderson, associate professor of history, and Larry Peterson, chair and professor of history.

For further information about conference or banquet attendance, contact Peterson at 1-8824, or [larry.r.peterson@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:larry.r.peterson@ndsu.nodak.edu).

## Counseling and disability services to offer relationships workshop

“Success in Relationships: Tools to Excel,” a six-week workshop on relationship skills is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 30, in a location to be determined.

Skills discussed in the weekly workshops are designed for all types of relationships, including friendships and romantic relationships. Topics will include active listening, assertiveness, balance, power, individual uniqueness and intimacy.

The program is sponsored by the NDSU Counseling and Disability Services, and is open to all NDSU students, staff and faculty. For more information or to secure a spot in the group, contact Cheri or Shawn at 1-7671.



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## Blackboard survey results listed

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Last spring, more than 150 faculty and 400 students using Blackboard in fall 2002 or spring 2003 completed an informal use survey.

Approximately 70 percent of faculty respondents indicated they would not have put their course materials on the Web without Blackboard, and more than 95 percent indicated they intend to continue to use it.

Sixty percent of student respondents indicated they used Blackboard at least once daily, and 73 percent indicated the use of Blackboard helped them work more efficiently.

A complete listing of results, including comments, is available at <http://its.ndsu.nodak.edu/blackboard/survey2003.shtml>

## SPONGE: 'Soak Up the Knowledge'

The SPONGE project was established to assist students and faculty experience more success and less frustration when completing instructional technology assignments by improving communication between faculty or students and ITS service areas.

The SPONGE Web site, found at [www.ndsu.edu/sponge](http://www.ndsu.edu/sponge), allows students to choose a major project from a list, get quick help on a more specific topic or search the database. Examples include student Web sites, Powerpoint presentations, audio/video projects and electronic portfolios.

Faculty assigning technology projects should contact Sheree Kornkven, ITS specialist and trainer at 1-6327 or [sheree.kornkven@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:sheree.kornkven@ndsu.nodak.edu); or Nancy Lilleberg, multimedia coordinator, at 1-7140 or [nancy.lilleberg@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:nancy.lilleberg@ndsu.nodak.edu).

## E-mail virus, worm update

During the past month there has been an increase in attempts of various computer "worms" to infect campus computers. ITS detected several machines infected with the Lovsan and Nachi worms and discarded more 390,000 copies of the sobig.f e-mail worm trying to enter anti-virus e-mail scanners.

NDUS and NDSU policies and procedures allow ITS to isolate all identified infected machines by blocking local network or dial-up access. Vulnerable but not yet infected machines also may be blocked.

Anyone with a computer connected to the campus local area network and who loses the ability to use their Web browser or read and send e-mail might have been blocked to protect

other computers. If this happens and other troubleshooting fails to uncover the cause, users should contact the Help Desk at 1-8685, option 1, for assistance.

When you contact the Help Desk do the following:

- When using the dialup modems, provide electronic ID (*firstname.lastname*)
- If the computer is connected to the campus network and is running Windows 2000 or Windows XP, start a "Command Prompt" and type in *ipconfig/all* when prompted.
- In the "Ethernet adapter..." section, record the physical address (e.g. 00-B0-D0-01-20-03) and the IP address (e.g. 134.129.71.56).

This information will be used to check against the list of blocked systems.

Infected systems need to install the necessary patch to prevent subsequent infection. Users also should install the most up-to-date anti-virus software and set your system to automatically update it daily. More information is available at <http://its.ndsu.nodak.edu/lovsan/>.

## Fall training schedule announced

Fall semester training classes are now available. All sessions are free and open to any faculty or staff member on any HECN campus. Pre-registration is required, and class sizes are limited.

Schedules, course descriptions and registration information is available at [www.ndsu.edu/its](http://www.ndsu.edu/its). Follow the "Faculty and Staff Training" link to the training page, or call the ITS Help Desk at 1-8685. For more information or additional brochure copies, contact Lorna Olsen at 1-6328 or [lorna.olsen@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:lorna.olsen@ndsu.nodak.edu), or Cj Johnson at 1-6245 or [cj.johnson@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:cj.johnson@ndsu.nodak.edu).

## Learning Lab training opportunities listed

Six new Learning Lab options offering hands-on help in an informal setting are scheduled from 9 a.m.-noon in IACC 246.

- Friday, Sept. 26—Access Database
- Friday, Oct. 10—PowerPoint Presentations
- Friday, Oct. 24—Excel Spreadsheets
- Friday, Nov. 7—Web Page Development
- Friday, Nov. 21—Macromedia Contribute
- Friday, Dec. 12—Scanning/Digital Graphics





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Participants are invited to bring their projects on compact disc, zip disk or floppy disk when attending the sessions. Registration is required, but participants may come and go as needed during the scheduled times. Individual learning sessions also are available. Contact Johnson or Olsen to for more information.

## Technology Lunchbox series announced

Monthly demonstrations on a variety of topics presented by ITS staff members are scheduled throughout the semester. All sessions are scheduled from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in the Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room. Sessions are free and open to everyone. Registration is not required, and attendees are welcome to bring a lunch.

Scheduled sessions are:

- Monday, Sept. 22—"Got SUS? Protect Your System (and Ours Too!)"
- Monday, Oct. 20—"Scanning Documents In To Acrobat PDF Files, or What IS this OCR Stuff Anyway?"
- Monday, Nov. 10—"Macromedia Contribute-Should You Use It?"
- Monday, Dec. 15—"Get the Red Out- 'Doctoring' Your Photos Using Photoshop or Photoshop Elements"

For more information, visit [www.ndsu.edu/lunchbox](http://www.ndsu.edu/lunchbox), or contact Olsen or the Help Desk at 1-8541. For information pertaining to training needs, contact Olsen or Johnson.

## PageCenter server upgrade planned

An upgrade to the PageCenter server scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, Sept 30, or the early morning of Wednesday, Oct 1. Users will receive instructions about what they need to do for their machines to work properly with the new release.

Once the upgrade has been made, users will need to upgrade their Web browser to the most current version and anyone using Windows Client will need to access PageCenter via the Web. Necessary instructions will be sent to users.

PageCenter users are encouraged to sent question, comments or suggestions to Jim Hughes, PageCenter administrator, at 1-8649 or [jim.hughes@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:jim.hughes@ndsu.nodak.edu).

## ITS adds six staff members

Six staff members recently were added to the ITS department.

Lincoln Bathie has been named LAN work group leader. Before coming to NDSU, Bathie was employed at Aakers Business College as a technology coordinator. Before that, he worked for the Fort Yates, N.D., Public Schools as a system administrator, and at Sykes Inc. in Bismarck, as a call center team manager. He has MCSE and A+ certifications.

Jason Smith and Nathan Rorvig have joined the LAN work group team as LAN administrators providing support for and maintaining LAN and desktop computing systems across campus. Smith served in the U.S. Marine Corps for eight years as network /LAN administrator, desktop support specialist, computer systems specialist and course instructor. Before coming to NDSU, Rorvig was employed at Corporate Technologies and the Network Center. He is industry certified in Novell MCNE and CNE 6, Cisco, CAN and A+.

Gary Franz, a recent NDSU computer science graduate, has been hired as a classroom technology specialist. Franz was a student employee for three years serving as a service center consultant and training manager. He will help support technology needs in the campus classrooms, interacting with instructors, staff and students, and monitoring multimedia equipment for reliability and high-quality performance.

Theresa Semmens has been hired as the NDSU ITS security officer. She previously worked for the North Dakota auditor's office assisting in policy and procedure development related to security issues, performance evaluations and professional development. She is a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and has a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and two master's degrees. Semmens, who specializes in system security and control practices, policy design and implementation, and system standards and practices, will focus primarily on NDSU's campus security issues. Dick Jacobson, will continue to provide direction as NDUS security officer.

Tony Huseby as been added to the EduTech team as an information technology specialist serving K-12 schools in the northeastern North Dakota. Prior to NDSU, Huseby was an educator and technology coordinator in Coon Rapids, Minn.

## Shorts and Reminders

### Union Food Court specials for Sept. 17-24

#### Soup of the day

Wednesday: minestrone and baked potato  
 Thursday: vegetable beef and cheeseburger  
 Friday: chicken dumpling and navy bean  
 Monday: chili beef and knoepla  
 Tuesday: chicken noodle and beer cheese  
 Wednesday: wild rice and vegetarian vegetable

#### The Corner Deli

Wednesday: All-American wrap  
 Thursday: pastrami  
 Friday: roast beef  
 Monday: chicken  
 Tuesday: turkey  
 Wednesday: roast beef

#### A La Carte

Wednesday: hand-carved roast beef  
 Thursday: taco salad  
 Friday: chicken fried steak  
 Monday: hand-carved turkey  
 Tuesday: fajita bar  
 Wednesday: lasagna trio

#### Pizza Express

Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken  
 Thursday: Tuscany  
 Friday: once around the kitchen  
 Monday: Hawaiian  
 Tuesday: farmhouse  
 Wednesday: meatball

#### The Union Grab and Go

Wednesday: broasted chicken  
 Thursday: roast beef  
 Friday: sweet and sour chicken  
 Monday: chicken Szechwan  
 Tuesday: meat lasagna  
 Wednesday: roasted turkey

#### More Than A Burger

Wednesday: smothered chicken  
 Thursday: mushroom Swiss  
 Friday: popcorn chicken  
 Monday: bacon cheeseburger  
 Tuesday: popcorn chicken  
 Wednesday: mushroom Swiss

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:

RSVP Project Coordinator  
 12 months; 12 hours/week-flexible; non-benefited  
 Temporary position with possibility of continuation/benefits pending funding  
 Distance and Continuing Education  
 Housed at St. Joseph Hospital, Minot  
 \$9/hour  
 Sept. 22

Coffee Barista/#3220  
 M-F, 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; evenings and weekends as needed  
 12 months, 40 hours/week  
 Dining Services-Union Dining Center  
 \$8+/hour  
 Sept. 22

Concessions/Catering Supervisor/#5338  
 Hours vary as needed  
 Dining Services-Union Dining Center  
 \$10+/hour  
 Open until filled

Nutrition Education Assistant (FNP)/#5745  
 12 months; 30 hours/week  
 Contingent on availability of federal funds  
 NDSU Extension Service-Hettinger and Adams Counties  
 \$13,688 minimum/year  
 Open until filled

Medical Records and Technology Support Assistant/#4892  
 M-F; 40 hours/week for nine months; 20 hours/week for three months  
 Student Health Service  
 \$10+/hour  
 Sept. 17

Managing Editor/#5617  
 Part-time, 50 percent  
 History  
 \$12,000+/year  
 Sept. 24

Admission Counselor  
 Admission  
 \$25,000 minimum/year  
 Sept. 26 or until filled

Assistant Director of Seedstocks/#4259  
 Plant Science  
 Salary commensurate with experience  
 Sept. 30

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

## Calendar

### September

- Through Sept. 19 Virtual Conference on Genomics and Bioinformatics, Memorial Union Century Theater.
- Through Oct. 5 Studio/Scholarship recipient exhibition, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery
- Through Dec 19 "Lo Real Maravilloso: the marvelous reality" exhibit by Lourdes Hawley. President's Gallery
- Through Oct. 13 "It's YOUR Art," selected works from the Memorial Union Gallery permanent art collection, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception and guest speakers 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10; special Homecoming hours 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.
- 17 State Employees Recognition Week Color Day
- 17 Animal and range sciences—Robin Anderson, research microbiologist, USDA Agricultural Research Service Food and Feed Safety Research Unit, College Station, Texas, "Pre-harvest Food Safety in the Meat Industry," 9 a.m., Hultz 104
- 17 Physics—Alan Denton, assistant professor of physics, "Effective Electrostatic Interactions in Colloidal and Polyelectrolyte Systems," 4 p.m., South Engineering 208
- 18 State Employees Recognition Week Hat and Tie Day; popcorn sale noon-4 p.m., Memorial Union West Patio
- 18 Entomology—Anurag Agrawal, University of Toronto, "Diffuse Co-Evolution Between Milkweed and its Community of Specialized Insects," 1 p.m., Hultz 104
- 18 Agriculture Fall Round-Up, 5:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 19 State Employees Recognition Week Casual Day; free ice cream social 2-3 p.m., Memorial Union East Patio
- 19 Animal and range sciences—Marc Bauer, associate professor of animal and range sciences, "Ruminant (Beef) Nutrition Overview;" Lawrence Reynolds, professor of animal and range sciences, "Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy," 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 19 Psychology—Alan Kingstone, University of British Columbia, "Paying Attention to the Real World," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209
- 21 Studio/Scholarships recipients reception, 1:30 p.m., Reineke Visual Arts Gallery
- 22 Catherine Cater Lecture Series—Catherine Verfaillie, University of Minnesota Stem Cell Institute director, "The Promise of Stem Cells: Hype or Reality," 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall.
- 25 Soil science—Robert Horton, professor of agronomy at Iowa State University, "A Vision for Soil Science," 9:30 a.m., Loftsgard 102

- 25 Lively Arts Series—Drum Drum, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors and NDSU employees, \$7 for non-NDSU students and children, and \$6 for NDSU students.
- 26-28 Family Weekend
- 26 Psychology—Ken Wingers, University of Minnesota Medical School, "What's Motivation Got To Do With It?" 3:30 p.m., Minard 209
- 26 Volleyball vs. South Dakota State, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 26 NDSU Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and children.
- 27 Engineering and architecture—Family Weekend classroom and laboratory tours and demonstrations, 10:30 a.m.-noon; picnic for students and parents, noon. For more information and locations, contact Kristin Ferris at 1-7494 or [kristin.ferris@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:kristin.ferris@ndsu.nodak.edu).
- 27 Football vs. South Dakota State 7 p.m., Fargodome (Family Weekend-Trees Bowl)
- 27 Volleyball vs. Augustana, 4 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 28 Faculty recital—Robert Jones, 2 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 29 Faculty recital—Michael Thrasher, clarinet; Bob Groves, piano; and Amy Schneider, mezzo-soprano, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.

### October

- 3 Volleyball vs. University of Nebraska at Omaha, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 4 Soccer vs. University of South Dakota, 1 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 4 Volleyball vs. University of South Dakota, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 5 Soccer vs. University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 8 Tri-College Career Fair, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., Fargo Civic Auditorium
- 10 Little Country Theatre 90th anniversary mask sculpture dedication, Askanase Hall
- 11 Football vs. University of Nebraska at Omaha (Homecoming), 1 p.m., Fargodome
- 12-13 NDSU choral festival, Music Building
- 13 Fall choral concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall
- 15 YMCA of NDSU brown bag seminar, "Diabetes: The Health Risks for All," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room

- 15-Nov. 12 "Points of Departure" exhibit by Lynn Newman, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. 3 NDSU Visual Arts Day, NDSU Music Day and NDSU Theater Arts Day. Call 1-7932 for more information.
- 17 "Honor the Earth" exhibit by Betty LaDuke, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 7 p.m. 5 YMCA of NDSU brown bag seminar, "Student Perspectives: Implications of Racism in Daily Life," noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 17-19 Little Country Theater production "You Can't Take It With You," 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Askanase Auditorium 5-6 Memorial Union Gallery fine craft demonstrations and sales, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Union Alumni Lounge.
- 18 Volleyball vs. University of North Dakota, 7 p.m. Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse 7 Latin American vocalist Erika Luckett in concert, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for NDSU students and children under age 12. Tickets are available at the Memorial Union ticket office.
- 23-25 Little Country Theater production "You Can't Take It With You," 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium 10 Baroque Festival student recital, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall
- 24 Volleyball vs. St. Cloud State, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse 11 Volleyball vs. University of Minnesota, Crookston, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 25 Volleyball vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse 11 Baroque Festival chamber concert, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Fargo
- 28 YMCA of NDSU brown bag seminar, "Top 10 Ways to Improve Your Lifestyle," 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room 14 Woodlands and High Plains Powwow silent auction, Alumni Center.
- 31 Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall 15 Football vs. Concordia University, St. Paul, 1 p.m., Fargodome

## November

- 1 Football vs. University of South Dakota (Harvest Bowl), 1 p.m., Fargodome 15 Baroque Festival main stage concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall
- 1 Choral concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall 19-Dec. 18 Juried student art exhibit, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19.
- 2 Gold Star Marching Band concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall 20 Opera workshop performance, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall
- 2 Graduate student recital—Christine Hitt, piano, 4 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall