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NDSU and Triton Systems Inc. partner on coatings research



Philip Boudjouk (left) and U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan (right) announce the new research partnership at a press conference on Feb. 19.

NDSU and Triton Systems Inc., a Massachusetts-based materials products company, announced a research partnership and Triton's plan to establish a new facility in the NDSU Research and Technology Park. The company's Fargo facility will primarily be devoted to applications engineering and manufacturing of advanced coatings for military products including bed nets, tent fabrics and military garments. Future applications include chemical detection sensing systems.

The Triton facility will house Triton's novel and environmentally friendly ASSET coatings capabilities. The ASSET (Advanced Solutions in Surface Engineering Technology) coating method is a unique and powerful process enabling ultrathin, rugged, highly functional surface modifications and coatings for such broad applications as biomedical devices, textiles, optical systems and electronics. The coatings can be applied to almost any surface making it ideal for a variety of new products. Initially, the facility will be set up to support applications engineering for a number of end-uses for the Department of Defense in partnership with NDSU. Triton plans to acquire approximately 3,000 square feet of space with the goal of doubling that space within 24 months.

"We are excited that the company recognizes the opportunities and expertise available in partnership with NDSU," commented NDSU President Richard A. Hanson. "NDSU offered the first coatings course

in 1905 and continues its international reputation for coatings research and licensing of coatings technology to global companies." NDSU's Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials and the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering specialize in coatings research.

"We see this as a great growth opportunity for Triton and for the NDSU community," said Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer at NDSU. "Triton's partnership with NDSU leverages more than a century of experience in coatings research on campus and nearly a decade of cutting-edge expertise in robotics applied to polymers research and development. The support of U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan and the Red River Valley Research Corridor for NDSU's marine and antimicrobial coatings program laid the foundation for this significant new opportunity. We're very excited to have Triton join our high-tech community."

Being close to the world-class facilities at NDSU will enable Triton to leverage the capabilities of NDSU researchers and Centers of Excellence with Triton's engineering and manufacturing expertise to support concepts all the way to full production of coatings products. "Establishing this facility at this juncture, in partnership with the State of North Dakota, strongly complements the commercialization path that we're on," said Ross Haghighat, Triton president and CEO. "Our customers will benefit immensely from the synergy between Triton and NDSU."

Arjan Giaya, Triton vice president of technology, also noted, "Anti-microbial (anti-bacterial) coatings are increasingly important to the U.S. Military as service personnel deployed overseas are exposed to environmental conditions that can cause illnesses from airborne diseases and physical contact." The specialty coatings that Triton is developing for fabrics (garments, tents, etc.) and medical systems help to markedly reduce the risk of these diseases. The Triton-designed bed nets also combine unprecedented insecticide performance with a form, fit and function that promise to bring enhanced protection and added functionality.

"Having Triton open this facility defines the model of success that we're continuing to build on – to reach out to new technology companies to

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NDSU celebrates Women's Week

NDSU will celebrate its 28th annual Women's Week March 1-5. For more information about events, go to www.ndsu.edu/wgs.

Spring break hours announced

During the week of spring break, hours for NDSU employees will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. Spring break is March 15-19.

Hanson sets open forum

President Richard A. Hanson has scheduled an open forum for Thursday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Union Century Theater.

Transition updates available

For information about the transition to NDSU's 14th president, go to www.ndsu/news/transition.

partner with us and to continue this path of success together,” explained Tony Grindberg, executive director, NDSU Research and Technology Park. “We want our young talent to stay in North Dakota – we want companies to move in.”

Triton has a proven track record of forging global alliances to transition product concepts out of the lab and into the marketplace, partnering with numerous Fortune 500 companies and major universities alike to mature ideas to marketable products. Triton plans to hire applications engineering, processing and manufacturing positions in Fargo.

President Hanson updates campus about Minard Hall

President Richard A. Hanson sent an update on the progress and safety of Minard Hall in an e-mail to NDSU students, faculty and staff on Feb. 18. The e-mail stated:

“Students, faculty and staff,

“I am writing to provide an update on the progress and safety of Minard Hall.

“This week contractors will finish stabilizing the northwest section of the building by attaching galvanized steel supports that reach down approximately 95 feet. We also have monitors in place throughout the 1929 and 1918 sections of the building to measure building movement. As an extra precaution, we are also monitoring the Heating Plant smoke stack to ensure that the structure is not compromised. In addition, contractors have started removing loose brick on the outside of the collapsed area, and after that is completed, the floors in the collapsed area will be demolished.

“The architects for this project have agreed to provide a new plan for the addition by May 28, which means we will have lost about six months from the original schedule.

Please know we are monitoring the situation closely and taking precautions at all times for the safety of our campus community.”

FACE Award nominations being accepted

Nominations are being accepted for the second season of FACE Awards. The FACE Award reflects the spirit of exemplary individuals whose personal integrity motivates them to go above and beyond the expectations of their roles. They have demonstrated through recurring exceptional interactions, or perhaps a specific, one-time, save-the-day experience, that they have reached a recognizable next level of accomplishment in their service to the university.

Submissions can be made in electronic or hard-copy formats. Guidelines for a written narrative, instructions for submission and the nomination form are available at www.ndsu.edu/vpfa. Follow the FACE Award link in the column on the left side of the page.

Nominations are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, July 9.

NDSU approved for Kazakhstan’s Bolashak Science Intern Program

NDSU has been approved to be part of the Kazakhstan government’s Bolashak Science Intern Program. The program covers all expenses for Kazakhstan university faculty to go to foreign universities and conduct research.

An NDSU delegation made up of D.C. Coston, vice president for agriculture and university extension; Kerri Spiering, associate vice president for equity, diversity, and global outreach; David Wittrock, dean of the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies; and David Saxowsky, chair of agribusiness and applied economics, traveled to Kazakhstan this past June with officials from the North Dakota Trade Office. The delegation met with the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Education, Bolashak Program and various universities to develop collaboration and trade opportunities between the university, state and Kazakhstan.

Last fall, a proposal for NDSU to become an approved school in the Bolashak Program was submitted to program officials and the Ministry of Education. Since NDSU has been approved, the Bolashak Program has started sending resumes and research proposals from people in various academic disciplines interested in coming to NDSU to conduct research.

Steinhaus-Rhinehart Scholarship applications available

Applications for the NDSU Development Foundation Steinhaus-Rhinehart Scholarship are available at Student Financial Services in Ceres Hall 202. Students with a senior standing as of fall 2010 can apply for the \$670 scholarship until the March 22 deadline.

The endowment provides scholarship assistance to students in the College of Science and Mathematics or College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources who are majoring in a biological science (animal and range science, biochemistry, biological sciences, biotechnology, biotic resources science, botany, crop and weed sciences, horticulture, microbiology or zoology) and who plan to do research and attend graduate school in the area of biological science. Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or greater.

A committee of faculty from each of the two colleges will monitor applications. The recipient will be determined by mid-April and the award will be made during fall 2010 semester.

Committee will not elect 2010 Faculty Lecturer

The NDSU faculty lectureship committee has decided not to elect a 52nd annual Faculty Lecturer. According to William Bleier, committee chair, nominees did not meet the award’s criteria.

Considered one of the most prestigious of NDSU’s awards, the lectureship recognizes sustained professional excellence in teaching, scholarly achievement and service.

RESEARCH

Jauhar delivers lectures at South Dakota State University



Jauhar

Prem Jauhar, research geneticist with USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Fargo, and NDSU adjunct professor of plant sciences, was invited to give two lectures at South Dakota State University, Brookings, on Jan. 28 and 29. He presented a technical seminar titled "From Green Revolution to Gene Revolution" for the SDSU Departments of Plant Sciences, Biology and Microbiology. Jauhar covered research on genetic enhancement of wheat using tools of classical cytogenetics and modern biotechnology. The seminar also was broadcast on South Dakota Public Radio.

Jauhar also gave a talk titled "India's Glorious Past, the Present Struggle and Where the Country is Going" at the symposium, "India: A Rising Power in the New Global Order," which was sponsored by the South Dakota World Affairs Council and the Stanley Foundation, Iowa. He covered progress made by India in various fields, including the Green Revolution, White Revolution and Blue Revolution; medical advances; superfast computer; nuclear research; and space research leading to discovery of water on the moon. The symposium was widely attended by dignitaries, including the president of SDSU and members of the Chambers of Commerce and McKnight Foundation. The Honorable Ambassador A.K. Attri, counsel-general of India in Chicago, also was one of the main speakers.

"It is widely believed that with a robust, knowledge-based economy and scientific talent, India's emergence as a superpower is a global reality," Jauhar said. "As pointed out by the Wall Street Journal on Dec. 30, 'The decade that was India's could well pave the way for an Indian century.'"

Leelaruban presents poster at Applied Climatology Conference

Navaratnam Leelaruban, a civil engineering graduate student, presented a poster at the 18th Applied Climatology Conference held in conjunction with the 90th annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society in Atlanta, Jan. 17-21. Leelaruban placed third in the student presentation competition and received a certificate of appreciation.

The poster, titled "Geospatial Analysis of Drought Impact and Severity in North Dakota, USA Using Remote Sensing and GIS," is co-written by his advisers G. Padmanabhan, professor of civil engineering, and Adnan Akyuz, state climatologist; and his thesis committee member, Peter Oduor, assistant professor of geosciences. Leelaruban analyzed the spatial variance of drought within the state, ascertained drought severity and county-by-county frequency of impact level within the state using geographic information systems.

Leelaruban says participation in the conference provided him a great opportunity for networking with professionals and to learn about ongoing research in his field.

Jensen publishes emergency management article



Jensen

Jessica Jensen, a lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Emergency Management, had an article appear in the International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters. The article, titled "NIMS in Rural America," presents findings from Jensen's research in three Midwestern states on the perceptions of rural county emergency managers related to the National Incident Management System (NIMS), a federal mandate. NIMS was mandated in 2002 by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 and enforced by the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

Department chair Daniel J. Klenow said Jensen's article is a benchmark contribution to the field of emergency management. Jensen has been researching NIMS for the past three years. She has used funding from the National Science Foundation to conduct research through the Quick Response Research program administered by the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She also is working on the development of a college-level course on NIMS for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Md.

In addition to teaching at NDSU, Jensen serves as associate director of the Center for Disaster Studies and Emergency Management at NDSU.

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Schriefer publishes paper

Cassi Jo Schriefer, a senior in agricultural communication and international studies with minors in animal science, agribusiness and Spanish, finished second in the Undergraduate Paper Competition at the American Society of Animal Science Southern Section meeting in Orlando, Fla. The competition was held Feb. 8.



Schriefer

Schriefer's paper was titled "Effects of Pond Location and Watershed Grazing Management on Water Quality in Oklahoma and Texas." D.O. Alkire and R.R. Reuter of The Noble Foundation's Agricultural Division in Ardmore, Okla., were co-authors of the paper.

Schriefer completed an internship at The Noble Foundation during the summer of 2009.

Maleki publishes manufacturing engineering instructional units



Maleki

The Manufacturing Education Resource Center has published a series of 12 instructional units created by Reza Maleki, NDSU associate professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering. The instructional units cover materials related to facility design, including plant layout, material handling, warehousing and distribution.

The resource center is a service of the National Center for Manufacturing Education in Dearborn, Mich., which is funded by the National Science Foundation under the Advanced Technological Education program.

PEOPLE

Strand receives Prism Award



Strand

Michael Strand, head of NDSU visual arts, received the 2009 Prism Award for excellence in art administration at Concordia University-Nebraska. Nominated by his peers, Strand was selected due to his significant contributions to the arts in the state of Nebraska.

Strand, a ceramist, joined NDSU in August 2009. Prior to this appointment, he was chair of the Department of Art at Concordia University-Nebraska where he also served as director of the Center for Liturgical Arts.

He earned a master of arts degree in painting from St. Cloud State University and his master of fine arts degree in ceramics from the University of Nebraska. He completed an artist residency at the Artigas-Miro Foundation in Barcelona, Spain, and taught at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb.

NDSU faculty scheduled to participate in exhibitions

Kent Kapplinger, associate professor of art, will participate in a group exhibition at Kaddatz Galleries in Fergus Falls, Minn. His mixed-media piece, "Target," will be shown in the exhibit scheduled Feb. 9 through May 11.

Kim Bromley, associate professor of art, displayed his work, "Innocence Destroyed, in the "We're On Huron" exhibition at the Southern Illinois University Carbondale gallery that showed through Feb. 13.

Bromley also will exhibit a new piece, "The Crownness of the Crow," at the Spirit Room's "Great Winter Crow Show" from March 6 through April 10 in Fargo. Held on alternate years, the "Great Winter Crow Show" combines energies and visual ingredients associated with crows. The opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m.

EVENTS

Bloomquist Lectureship planned

The 18th annual Aldrich C. Bloomquist Lectureship is planned for Wednesday, March 31, at 7 a.m. in the Sterling and Crowne Room at the Holiday Inn, Fargo. Bob Engel, president and CEO of CoBank, will present "Searching for Leadership in a Post-Crisis Malaise."

Engel will discuss the need for leadership in the private and public sectors as the country emerges from the financial crisis and heads toward a recovery that won't always feel like recovery. Engel says the void in leadership that continues to plague the United States is in contrast to the values and expectations of those grounded in the cooperative form of governance and rural America.

Engel is responsible for implementing the bank's strategic, business and financial plans as set by the bank's board of directors.

The event is sponsored by the Quentin N. Burdick Center for Cooperatives, with funding from the Aldrich C. Bloomquist Endowment, established by American Crystal Sugar Co. Bloomquist had a distinguished career at American Crystal Sugar Co. as president and longtime executive.

To register, contact Gregory McKee at gregory.mckee@ndsu.edu by Tuesday, March 23.

NDSU students plan 'Escape to Tuscany' meal

NDSU students majoring in hospitality and dietetics have planned a full-service, casual dining opportunity on Tuesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the lower level of the West Dining Center.

The meal includes a spinach salad with warm maple mustard dressing and a whole wheat breadstick, chicken with a rosemary cream sauce atop a bed of whole wheat lemon herb linguine, a side of steamed broccoli garnished with parsley and lemon slice and a bowl of raspberry sherbet with cinnamon crisps and fresh mint.

Students prepare all meals from scratch in the test kitchen in West Dining Center. Sherri Nordstrom Stastny, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, plans each meal with the cooperation of the participating students and NDSU Dining Services.

The meal is open to the NDSU community and the public. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling NDSU Dining Services at 1-7023. Reservations will be taken until 10 a.m. the day of the meal. The cost of the meal, including a beverage, is \$8.75. Cash, check, Bison Bucks and Visa are accepted.

The West Dining Center is located between the three high-rise residence halls on campus, south of Newman Outdoor Field. Visitors may park in the visitor's parking lot.

Counseling Center to offer free eating disorder screenings

NDSU's Counseling Center will offer free eating disorder screenings during the National Week of Eating Disorder Awareness, Feb. 22-26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Ceres Hall room 212.

Appointments are suggested and can be made by calling 1-7671. All screenings are anonymous and last 30 to 45 minutes. People who show symptoms of an eating disorder will be encouraged to make an appointment for a full evaluation.

Symptoms of an eating disorder include being dissatisfied with your body, having an intense fear of gaining weight, over-exercising, restricting calories, avoidance of eating around other people and feeling that food has a power that won't allow you to stop eating even when you are full.

The program offers education and screening to help students stop unhealthy eating habits before they evolve into full-blown eating disorders. "Even people who do not have a diagnosable eating disorder can benefit from this program," says Marlys Borkhuis, assistant director and counselor at the center. "Food concerns, body dissatisfaction and low self-esteem can keep a student from achieving at school or sports and hinder social activities like dating or being with friends."

Online screening also is available at www.ndsu.edu/counseling.

In addition to the screenings, NDSU organizations including Active Minds, Wellness Education Leaders and the Student Dietetic Association will participate in a project called "Operation Beautiful." The mission of the project is to post anonymous notes in public places for other people to find. Post-its will be made available at display tables with examples of positive statements that can be distributed to others on campus. For more information, go to operationbeautiful.com.

Radiation safety course set

Two separate "Laboratory Use of Radioactive Material" courses have been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 25, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Monday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to noon. Both sessions will be held in the Memorial Union Room of Nations.

The course is designed for new and potential users of radioactive materials in the laboratory or field application. It also serves as a refresher course for those currently using radioactive materials. Successful completion of the course is required in order to use radioactive materials on campus and will be verified by a passing test score.

Topics include basic theory of radioactivity, biological interactions with radiation, radiation protection, minimizing exposure level, rules and regulations, safe handling and decontamination, and lab procedures. The instructor is Mike Borr, radiation safety officer.

Participants should bring a scientific calculator.

To register, contact Stephanie Wegner, office manager of the University Police and Safety Office, at stephanie.wegner@ndsu.edu or 1-7759.

Lal to present nanomedicine and technology seminar

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences at NDSU has invited distinguished scientist Ratneshwar Lal to deliver a research lecture and to meet with department faculty and graduate students. He will present "Emerging Nanoscience and Technology for Nanomedicine" on Tuesday, March 2, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Sudro Hall Room 26.

Lal is an authority on biomedical applications of atomic force microscopy and nanoscale imaging of complex biological systems. He has presented many international keynote lectures and his work has been featured in many magazines and news media, including Time, Smithsonian and UPI. Lal was an invited professor at the University of Technology, Sydney, for a BioNanotechnology initiative and a New Zealand Government International Science Scholar. Lal is on advisory boards for several entrepreneurial companies, including RC Nano LLC and Be Green Packaging LLC.

His research involves the development of nanotechnologies for nanomedicine, energy and biomaterials. In addition to seminal research publications in the field of nanomedicine, Lal holds several patents based on atomic force microscopy cantilever arrays, microfluidics, optoelectronics and nanotubes for medical diagnostics and medical nanodevices, nanoscale fluid behavior and new total internal reflection fluorescence, fluorescence resonance energy transfer and related optical microscopy.

The seminar is open to anyone interested in pharmaceutical and biomedical research. For more information, contact Jagdish Singh at 1-7943.

Sophomore Year Experience Committee plans 'ReDiscover U'

Sophomores who are interested in discovering a new major, learning about studying and exam techniques, exploring financial options and getting involved in campus opportunities can get the information they need at "ReDiscover U," an event planned for Wednesday, March 3, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom.

Scholarship information will be available and representatives from all NDSU academic colleges and many departments will be on hand to provide information.

"ReDiscover U" was organized by the Sophomore Year Experience Committee, which was appointed by Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, and Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs. Bob Harrold, assistant dean for academic programs, and Laura Oster-Aaland, director of orientation and student success, are chairs of the committee. Steve Winfrey, director of the Memorial Union, serves as chair of the Sophomore Year Experience Committee.

For more information, go to www.ndsu.edu/sye.

2010 NDSU's Women's Week events announced

March 1-5 marks the 28th annual Women's Week at NDSU. The campus tradition is coordinated by a committee of volunteers and co-chaired by Erienne Fawcett from the Departments of Women and Gender Studies and Communication and Kara Gravelly-Stack, director of the Equity and Diversity Center.

This year's theme is "Rebel Rebel" and focuses on the ways in which women and men of the past and present have, and still do, stand up for women's rights and full equality. The week offers a packed schedule of events including lunchtime and afternoon seminars, a campus movie, self-defense seminar and a performance by musician Magdalen Hsu-Li.

A full schedule of events is available at www.ndsu.edu/wgs. All events are free and open to the public.

Memorial Union Gallery to celebrate Women's Week

The annual NDSU Women's Week art exhibit will be on display at the Memorial Union Art Gallery from Tuesday, March 2, through Saturday, March 27. Titled "Rebels: Creating, Sustaining, Enraging," the exhibit is part of NDSU's Women's Week celebration, which runs from March 1-5.

The exhibit is a non-juried exhibition with no entry fees and is open to NDSU female students and alumnae. Participants do not have to be art majors to enter and can enter up to two pieces of art in any medium.

A percentage of the proceeds from the artist's artwork that sells will go to the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo-Moorhead.

The exhibit also will pay tribute to female artists throughout history, such as Georgia O'Keefe, who will be the featured female artist at this year's exhibit.

A reception is planned for Tuesday, March 2, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Memorial Union Gallery.

NDSU Women's Week has been an annual event for more than 25 years and has sponsored this art exhibit since 2005. For more information on Women's Week, go to www.ndsu.edu/wgs.

Kang to present omega-3 lecture

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences at NDSU has invited distinguished scientist Jing Xuan Kang to deliver a research lecture and to meet with department faculty and graduate students. He will present "Omega-3 Fatty Acids and Nutrigenomics" on Tuesday, March 9, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Sudro Hall room 26. The seminar is open to all persons interested in pharmaceutical and biomedical research.

Kang is one of the leading scientists in the field of omega-3 research. He studies the health effects of omega-3 fatty acids, how they work and how genetic technologies can be used to further their benefits. His work has contributed substantially to the advance of science and technology in his field. His innovations and breakthroughs have been recognized internationally.

Kang's seminal work has opened up new fields of investigation in nutritional medicine. His research has resulted in more than 100 scientific papers and books and several U.S. patents. Much of his work was published in the top tier journals in the field of biomedical science, including Nature, Science, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Medicine, PNAS, Lancet and JCI. Kang was the first to publish an original report about omega-3 in Nature. His high-impact publications have increased the public's and scientific community's awareness of omega-3. During the past few years, he has been invited to speak at more than 80 national and international conferences and seminars including the Massachusetts General Hospital Medical Grand Round. He also was named one of The Best and Brightest 2007 by Esquire magazine.

For more information, contact Jagdish Singh at 1-7943.

4-H Aerospace program set

The 2010 4-H Aerospace event is scheduled for April 25-26, at 1 p.m., at the University of North Dakota John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences. The event is for youth ages 12 to 15 who are intrigued by aerospace. The NDSU Extension Service, North Dakota 4-H Foundation and University of North Dakota Aerospace are sponsoring the event.

Participants will learn about careers in aerospace sciences and the military, and learn the basics of aircraft structure, navigation and aerodynamics and principles of flight. They also will tour the school, learn about air traffic control, take the controls in a digital aircraft simulator, see a radio-controlled plane presentation and participate in a hands-on 4-H project or activity.

Event organizers recommend one chaperone for every four of five youth. The registration fee for both youth and chaperones is \$32 each. The fee includes materials, lodging, two meals and a snack. The registration deadline is April 2. To register online, go to www.ndsu.edu/4h.

For more information, call the NDSU Extension Center for 4-H Youth Development at 1-9218.

Debra Marquart to visit NDSU

Author and former North Dakota native Debra Marquart will visit NDSU on Thursday, March 4, to give a presentation, visit with students and conduct two book signings. She also will make an appearance on Prairie Public Radio's "Hear It Now" on Friday, March 5, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Marquart will speak to Linda Helstern's Literature and the Environment class on Thursday morning. She will conduct a book signing at the NDSU Bookstore at Cityscapes from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Following a 5:30 p.m. social at the Alumni Center's Diederich Atrium and Crary Lounge, Marquart will present "Writing Your Way Home: Researching and Writing Ethnic History for 'The Horizontal World'" from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Diederich Atrium. She will conduct another book signing following the presentation.

Marquart will read from her work and discuss researching, uncovering and writing about German-Russian history for her memoir, "The Horizontal World: Growing Up Wild in the Middle of Nowhere," and for an in-progress roots and travel memoir about her family's migrations through Ukraine and Siberia, tentatively titled "Somewhere Else This Time Tomorrow: On Geographical Flight and Cultural Amnesia."

Marquart is a professor of English in the Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing and environment at Iowa State University. Her books include "Everything's a Verb," "From Sweetness" and "The Hunger Bone: Rock & Roll Stories." Marquart is a member of The Bone People, a jazz-poetry, rhythm and blues project, with whom she has released two CDs, "Orange Parade" and "A Regular Dervish."

Marquart's memoir, "The Horizontal World: Growing Up Wild in the Middle of Nowhere," was awarded the 2007 PEN USA Creative Nonfiction Award. Her work also has received a Pushcart Prize, the Shelby Foote Nonfiction Prize from the Faulkner Society, the Elle Lettres Award from Elle Magazine, a National Endowment for the Arts Prose Fellowship and the 2009 Iowa Author's award. She's currently at work on a novel titled "Among the Ruins," and a poetry collection titled "To Break Into Blossom."

NDSU Libraries, the North Dakota Humanities Council and the Institute for Regional Studies are sponsoring Marquart's visit. For more information, contact Acacia Stuckle at 1-6596 or visit <http://library.ndsu.edu/events>.

Mott to present 'My Adventures in German-Russian Country'

Andrea Mott, 2009 Dakota Memories Oral History project interviewer, will give a presentation about her experiences collecting oral histories in the North Dakota communities of Napoleon and Richardton. The event is set for Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the NDSU Alumni Center Atrium.

"This includes interviewing segments, humorous stories and digital and scanned photographs that focus on narrators as well as the local area," Mott said. "I will conclude the presentation by talking about what I have learned from the Dakota Memories Oral History Project."

The presentation is free and open to anyone interested in oral history and cultural preservation on the Northern Plains. Sponsors for this event are the NDSU Libraries' Germans from Russia Heritage Collection and NDSU's Center for Heritage Renewal. Refreshments and kuchen will be provided.

For more information, contact Acacia (Jonas) Stuckle, special collections associate, at 1-6596 or acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu.

Civil rights presentation planned

Ann Cook-Graver, senior attorney for the Office for Civil Rights (U.S. Department of Education) in Chicago, will speak about academic adjustments and accommodations for college students with disabilities on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room.

Cook-Graver will talk about federal policy, legislation and case law that guide work with students who have disabilities. Jennifer Erickson, NDSU disability specialist, says there's a lot of diversity within the area of disability, which offers many rewards and opportunities to engage in effective decision-making strategies to serve this unique and heterogeneous group of individuals.

Individuals with disabilities are invited to request reasonable accommodations to participate in NDSU sponsored programs and events. To request an accommodation, contact Erickson at 1-7714 or send an e-mail to jennifer.erickson@ndsu.edu.

SHORTS & REMINDERS

Positions Available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

Administrative Secretary/#00019040

Office of Multicultural Programs
\$24,500+/year
Feb. 24

Experiential Education Assistant

Pharmacy Practice
\$30,000+/year
Open until filled

Custodian

Facilities Management
\$19,760+/year
March 3

Custodian/#00019405

Residence Life
\$19,760+/year
Open until filled

Operation: Military Kids Program Coordinator

NDSU Extension Service
\$32,000+/year
Feb. 26

Research Specialist

Full time, nine months
Williston Research Extension Center
Williston, N.D.
\$26,250+/year
Feb. 26

Systems Engineer/#3

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

University Relations
North Dakota State University
NDSU Dept 6020, PO Box 6050
Fargo, ND 58108-6050

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

24 Environmental and Conservation Sciences Green Bag – “OTS,” Erin Gillam and Steve Travers, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

24 Counseling Center – Open House, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Ceres 212

24 Faculty Chamber Night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

25 - March 11 Renaissance Gallery – annual High School Juried Exhibit

25 World I View – “Impact of Globalization on World Welfare,” Won Koo, professor of agribusiness and applied economics, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

25 Men’s Basketball vs. IUPUI, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

25 Peanut Butter and Gender – “Work from the book ‘Catfight: Women and Competition’ by Leora Tanenbaum,” noon to 1 p.m., Equity and Diversity Center. To get the article, contact Kara Gravley-Stack at kara.gravley-stack@ndsu.edu.

27 Women’s Basketball vs. Western Illinois, 5 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

27 Black History Month – Pan African Night, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Show and after party tickets are free, but must be picked up in advance at the Office of Multi-cultural Programs. After party starts at 9:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Plains room.

27 Men’s Basketball vs. Western Illinois, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

MARCH

1 Women’s Week – “Political Rebels,” Christi McGeorge and Dena Wyum, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

1 Women’s Week – “Rebels in the Classroom: Innovative Instruction,” Nancy Lillegren, Ann Clapper, Anita Welch and Donna Grandbois, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room

1 Women’s Week – “Women’s and Gender Studies Open House,” 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Jitters

1 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar – “Grafting for Improved Vegetable Production in Agronomic Traits,” Danqiong Huang, 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114

1 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar – “Understanding Versus Using the Genetics of Heterosis in Maize,” Filippo Bassi, 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114

1 Women’s Basketball vs. IUPUI, 7 p.m., Bison Sport Arena

1 Wind Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

2 Women’s Week – “Native American Females: Chiefs, Warriors, Medicine Women, Not Princesses, Whores and Drudges” Denise Lajimodiere, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

2 Women’s Week – “Out of the Past: The Struggle for Gay and Lesbian Rights in America,” Christie McGeorge, 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

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