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IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

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## NDSU hiring freeze lifted, budget solution announced

President Richard A. Hanson has lifted the temporary hiring freeze, which has been in place at NDSU since Dec. 16. He made the announcement in a campuswide e-mail sent Feb. 4, in which he also explained actions taken to resolve a shortfall in the appropriated budget.

Hanson's e-mail message stated:

"As I promised, I write today to provide an update on our appropriated budget shortfall. The good news is the recently formed budget development committee has arrived at a solution. The solution involves all units on campus and consists of two main components. First we are tapping salary savings dollars, that is positions unfilled that have dollars available for all or part of the year, which amounts to \$1.2 million. Second, we plan a 10 percent across-the-board reduction in operating, which amounts to about \$1.3 million. Facilities will trim 5 percent, and the Libraries will not be cut. It is important to note that these reductions represent only 1 percent of our total budget.

"In the creation of this solution, we attempted to make the adjustments transparent to our students. For the majority of the adjustments, we believe this will be the case. Decision making on how the operating funds are reduced is in the hands of unit leaders.

"The campuswide hiring freeze that was part of our initial reaction has been lifted effective today. Hiring decisions have been returned to the divisions, who will make those decisions based on available funding.

"The budget development group will now focus on creating a best practice model for future use. Efforts continue to resolve issues with the non-appropriated budget. I will provide information on those decisions as soon as they are made.

"It is important for all of us to remember that NDSU remains a vital, committed and excellent institution continually committed to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and service. With this step taken, we are ready to move into the future. Thank you all for taking the responsibility required to make these changes."

## NDSU Advance FORWARD Advocate applications sought

The Advance FORWARD project invites and encourages applications from male faculty to serve as advocates in the FORWARD Advocate/Allies Program. Selected advocates will have a one-year appointment. Applicants must be men who are tenured associate or full professors, but eligible men in all academic disciplines may apply and be selected.

FORWARD Advocates is a group of tenured male faculty interested in supporting female faculty members in departments, colleges and the university. Advocates are expected to be active proponents of gender diversity and equality, specifically working to increase the number of women faculty, encourage the hiring and promotion of women faculty to administrative positions and ensure the fair and equitable treatment of women within their units. Advocates must be open to expanding their knowledge and understanding of covert

bias, institutional bias and institutional climate and to being mentored about these issues. Last year's advocates will serve as mentors to this year's advocates.

People interested in knowing more about the work of the FORWARD advocates are invited to attend a Brown Bag Seminar on Wednesday, March 3, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room.

Guidelines for the advocates as well as application information are available at [www.ndsu.edu/forward](http://www.ndsu.edu/forward) (see Advance FORWARD Initiatives). Applications to serve as an advocate are due Friday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact Kevin Brooks 1-7147 or [kevin.brooks@ndsu.edu](mailto:kevin.brooks@ndsu.edu) or Canan Bilen-Green at 1-7040 or [canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu](mailto:canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu).

**NDSU** [www.ndsu.edu/itshappening](http://www.ndsu.edu/itshappening)

**NDSU Customer Account Services moving to Ceres Hall**  
Customer Account Services has relocated to the third floor of Ceres Hall, room 302.

**Transition updates available**  
For information and updates about the transition to NDSU's 14th president, go to [www.ndsu/news/transition](http://www.ndsu/news/transition).

**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.

**'It's Happening at State' schedule reminder**  
The submission deadline for the Feb. 17 issue of "It's Happening at State" is noon on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

## NDSU Harvest Bowl seeks Agribusiness Award nominations

The NDSU Harvest Bowl committee is seeking nominations for its annual Agribusiness Award. The award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of agriculture and business in North Dakota and beyond.

"Since 1992, the NDSU Harvest Bowl has honored those who have excelled in agriculture and business," says Eddie Bernhardson, NDSU Harvest Bowl chair. "Our first recipient in 1992 was Art Link, governor, rancher and farmer. Last year's honoree was Ron Offutt, entrepreneur, businessman and farmer. So you can see from just these two examples what a group of distinguished people have been honored through the years."

Anyone may submit a nomination. The nomination form, including eligibility and procedures, is available at [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com). From there, click on recognition and then Harvest Bowl.

Along with completing the nomination form, the nominator is asked to write a detailed letter listing at least three specific reasons why the nominee should be chosen. The nominator also should point out any specific facts the selection committee should consider and send a resume of the nominee if one is available.

The completed nomination packet may be mailed to the Harvest Bowl Awards Committee, 1241 N. University Drive, Fargo, N.D. 58102. Nominations also may be submitted online at [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com), faxed to (701) 231-6801 or e-mailed to [office@ndsualumni.com](mailto:office@ndsualumni.com). The deadline for submitting a nomination is March 1.

The Harvest Bowl executive committee will select and notify the recipient and nominator. Names of nominees not selected will be kept on file for the following two years. The award recipient will be honored at the Harvest Bowl social, dinner and awards program in Fargo on Oct. 22. Outstanding agriculturalists from 53 counties in North Dakota and several from Minnesota also will be honored at the banquet. Several scholarships are awarded during the banquet to student athletes with agricultural backgrounds.

The annual Harvest Bowl football game, scheduled for Oct. 23, will feature NDSU versus Indiana State. For more information, contact the NDSU Alumni Association at (800) 279-8971 or Marilyn Doeden at [marilyn@ndsualumni.com](mailto:marilyn@ndsualumni.com).

## Women's Club seeks scholarship applicants for fall 2010

The NDSU Women's Club is seeking applicants for two \$1,000 scholarships to be distributed this fall.

Applicants must be students from North Dakota, Minnesota or South Dakota and be a junior in fall 2010 with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or above. Applicants also need to show evidence of extra-curricular or community involvement and provide letters of reference from two NDSU-related personnel, one of whom must be a major professor.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Financial Services and are due Monday, May 3.

## Staff Senate celebrates 20 years

The NDSU Staff Senate celebrated its 20th anniversary when it met on Feb. 3. Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, highlighted the event with a talk outlining the history and accomplishments of the group.

Established with the encouragement and approval of former President Jim Ozburn on Jan. 1, 1990, the organization has a mission to "address the needs and aspirations of university staff by promoting a progressive campus environment."

"NDSU Staff Senate continues to evolve as a voice for our staff," said Vance Olson, Staff Senate president. "How it grows into the future depends upon the support, involvement and commitment of all our staff. We have made progress, but continued effort is required to sustain the momentum as the NDSU campus community works as a team to offer our students the ultimate in higher education."

Membership in Staff Senate consists of approximately 5 percent of the members of the broadbanded staff. Among the many activities sponsored by Staff Senate are Employee Recognition Week, the Scholarship Fund for classified staff members and their families, staff development programs, Campus Kudos awards and the annual Holiday Blood Drive.

## 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.

Mabry C. Steinhaus established the endowment in 1994 in honor of her late husband Edward A. Steinhaus, an NDSU alumnus, and his parents, Alice Rhinehart-Steinhaus and Arthur A. Steinhaus. It 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.

Steinhaus grew up in Max, N.D., and graduated from NDSU in 1936 with a bacteriology major. He went on to earn his doctorate from Ohio State University in 1939, focusing on bacteriology with a strong interest in entomology.

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.

## RESEARCH

## Mara co-edits special issue of communication journal



Mara

Andrew Mara, assistant professor in NDSU's English department, co-edited a special issue of *Technical Communication Quarterly*.

The journal's topic, "Posthuman Rhetorics and Technical Communication," is part of Mara's area of research specialization. It contains five articles combining this theoretical approach with technical communication practices and pedagogies and

is available at [www.informaworld.com/htcq](http://www.informaworld.com/htcq).

The articles include "Introduction" by Andrew Mara and Byron Hawk; "(Re)Appraising the Performance of Technical Communicators from a Posthumanist Perspective" by Jim Henry; "Early Cold War Professional Communication: A Rationale for Progressive Posthumanism" by Ronald Clark Brooks; "Reconceptualizing Analysis and Intervention in a Post-Techné Classroom: A Comparative Study of Technical Communication Students" by Katherine S. Miles; and "System Mapping: A Genre Field Analysis of the National Science Foundation's Grant Proposal and Funding Process" by Ryan M. Moeller and David M. Christensen.

The issue also includes Sarah Read's book review of Clay Spinuzzi's "Network: Theorizing Knowledge Work in Telecommunication."

## Katti gives plenary keynote lecture in Australia



Katti

Dinesh Katti, professor of civil engineering, was invited to give a plenary keynote lecture at the fourth Asia-Pacific Conference on Unsaturated Soils in New Castle, Australia, last November. The title of his lecture was "What's Up with Clay and Water Molecules? A View into Molecular Interactions and Molecular Responses in Swelling Clays."

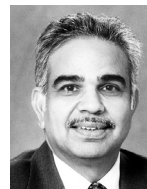
The conference was attended by leading researchers in the field of geotechnical engineering from around the world. The major theme of the conference was on the mechanics of moisture sensitive soils, such as clays. Such soils are susceptible to dramatic changes in engineering properties that can cause significant distress or even catastrophic damage to buildings, infrastructure, triggering landslides due to changes in soil moisture content. The field of unsaturated soils is becoming more important because of potential shift in weather pattern across the globe because of climate change.

Katti's keynote address discussed a paradigm shift in understanding engineering properties of swelling clays from conventional to discernment of molecular behavior as being necessary for both fundamental understanding of clays and also design of structures on swelling clays. Kalpana Katti, Distinguished Professor of civil engineering, is the co-investigator on this research.

According to the researchers, swelling clays are found all around the world and in many parts of the United States, including North Dakota. "When these clays come in contact with water, they swell and exert swelling pressure if constrained from swelling. The swelling can result in lifting of light structures, pavements and moving retaining walls causing significant damage. Hillsides and slopes composed of such clays can slide because swelling also can result in loss of strength," Dinesh Katti said. "In the United States alone, the damage caused by these clays is estimated to be in excess of \$8 billion each year."

Three NDSU doctoral students and two master's students were involved in this research. Some of the findings from this research have been extended to polymer clay nanocomposites for use in structures, flexible electronics coatings and biomedical applications, and has resulted in a new "Altered Phase Theory" to explicate property enhancement in polymer clay nanocomposites. This research is funded by grants from the National Science Foundation with computational support from the Teragrid supercomputers and the NDSU Center for High Performance Computing.

## Padmanabhan chairs session and presents paper



Padmanabhan

G. Padmanabhan, professor of civil engineering, presented a paper, titled "Modeling Phosphorus Transport via Surface Runoff in Songkhla Lake Basin, Thailand" at the American Society of Civil Engineers Environmental and Water Resources Institute international conference held in Chennai, India, Jan. 5-7.

The theme of the conference was "International Perspective on Current and Future State of Water Resources and the Environment" and was attended by approximately 400 professionals from more than 24 countries. There were 300 oral technical presentations and 70 poster presentations.

Padmanabhan's paper is co-written by Penjai Sampongchiakul, a faculty member from Prince Songkhla University, Thailand, and Kitipan Kitboomrang, a graduate of the Environment and Hazardous Waste Management program of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. The paper is the result of research done at Chulalongkorn University during and after Padmanabhan's sabbatical there. In addition to his involvement in reviewing abstracts and final papers for the conference, Padmanabhan also chaired a session on non-point source pollution at the conference.

Padmanabhan frequently reviews papers for the American Society of Civil Engineers Journal of Hydrologic Engineering. He also is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is currently a member of the steering committee for another American Society of Civil Engineers Environmental and Water Resources Institute conference, "Watershed Management 2010: Innovations in Watershed Management Under Landuse and Climate Change," scheduled for Aug. 23-27 in Madison, Wis.

## Maleki publishes paper based on Fargo business research



Maleki

Reza Maleki, a faculty member in industrial and manufacturing engineering, has published a paper in a recent issue of the International Journal of Engineering Research and Innovation. The title of the paper is "Improving Order-picking Throughput in a Warehousing/Distribution Center."

The paper reflects the result of a research project conducted on behalf of Swanson Health Products of Fargo, a mail-order and Internet marketing distributor of dietary supplements. The project entailed not only researching available systems to increase order-picking throughput, but also improvement to processes such as the placement of inventory, operator interface with the system and the information flow. The main focus of the paper is the impact of the proposed systems on order-picking throughput and operating expenses.

The paper was co-written by Bryan Gefroh of Swanson Health Products. Gefroh is a graduate of NDSU's industrial and manufacturing engineering program.

## Miller presents and publishes health research



Miller

Kevin Miller, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise science, had two manuscripts accepted for publication and presented three studies this past summer.

"Electrolyte and Plasma Changes Following Ingestion of Pickle Juice, Water and a Common Carbohydrate-Electrolyte Solution," was published in the "Journal of Athletic Training." The study examined the effects of three drinks on plasma variables during 60 minutes.

"Some athletic trainers claim that drinking small volumes of pickle juice relieves exercise-associated muscle cramps by increasing plasma electrolytes," Miller said. "With this study, we observed that little to no changes occur to plasma variables following the ingestion of pickle juice, Gatorade or water. Thus, it is unlikely that pickle juice relieves cramps during exercise by changing plasma variables."

"Reflex Inhibition of Electrically-Induced Muscle Cramps in Hypohydrated Humans," was published in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*. Miller observed that drinking small volumes of pickle juice relieved electrically-induced muscle cramps faster than drinking water or nothing at all. Prior to this study, there was only anecdotal evidence of pickle juice relieving muscle cramps. Cramp alleviation following pickle juice ingestion was observed despite insignificant changes to plasma variables. Therefore, it was unlikely that cramp alleviation was due to changes in plasma variables.

Miller presented "Pickle Juice Inhibits Gastric Emptying in Rested, Euhydrated Humans" at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Symposia in Seattle. This study showed that pickle juice leaves the stomach slowly compared to water. "Some athletic trainers claim that drinking pickle juice relieves cramps within 35 seconds of ingestion," Miller said. "With this study, we showed that negligible volumes of pickle juice leave the stomach in this time frame making it likely that the effect we observed from the reflex inhibition study listed was neurological rather than metabolic."

He presented "Increasing Electrical Stimulation Frequency Above Cramp Threshold Frequency Increases the Strength and Duration of Electrically-Induced Muscle Cramps" at the annual symposia of Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers Association in Salt Lake City and the National Athletic Trainers Association in San Antonio. The researchers explained how to increase the duration of electrically-induced muscle cramps. Since cramps are unpredictable and spontaneous, Miller says having a model to induce cramps that last a sufficient duration to study treatments is paramount.

He also presented "The Relationship Between the Beginning Electrical Stimulation Frequency and a Person's 'True' Cramp Threshold Frequency" in Salt Lake City and San Antonio. The study determined that "cramp threshold frequency" was not biased by the methodological procedures used to obtain that measurement. "Thus, scientists can use cramp threshold frequency as a quantitative measurement for a person's susceptibility to developing cramps," Miller said.

Miller also was named valedictorian of the Brigham Young University graduate class in August and has been accepted as a presenter at next summer's National Athletic Trainers Association annual symposium in Philadelphia.

## Silkenat presents education research at two conferences



Silkenat

David Silkenat, assistant professor in the School of Education, presented a paper, titled "Coming of Age at Female Academies in Confederate North Carolina," at the History of Education Society Annual Meeting in Philadelphia at the beginning of November. The paper explores the educational and social experiences of approximately 5,000 students at female academies in North Carolina during the Civil War.

He also presented a paper, titled "Lincoln in Black Memory: An Interpretation of Former Slaves' Comments on Abraham Lincoln in WPA Narratives" at a conference titled "Between History and Myth: Politics and Political Use of Abraham Lincoln" at Università degli Studi di Milano in Milan, Italy. The paper examines what former slaves, 70 years after the Civil War, thought about Abraham Lincoln and the legacy of emancipation.

## PEOPLE

## Nostrum assumes leadership on student tech fee committee



Nostrum

Rian Nostrum, director of residence life, has been named chair of the Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee.

Each spring and fall, the committee receives proposals for projects that support innovative uses of technology on campus. After reviewing these proposals, the committee makes funding recommendations to the vice president for information technology. The technology fee, paid by the students each semester, funds the project proposals and a number of core information technology services and enhancements.

“The real value of the Technology Fee Advisory Committee process is that it has the potential to change our way of thinking about technology at NDSU,” Nostrum said.

Nostrum is familiar with the history and operations of the committee, having served as a member since 2001, and he says that his involvement with the committee has other benefits as well. “Chairing the committee affords me the opportunity to provide leadership to students, faculty and staff who I might otherwise never interact with in my daily work,” he said.

Almost \$200,000 dollars was awarded to fund proposals submitted during fall semester 2009.

## Newman named assistant professor at NDSU



Newman

David Newman has been hired as an assistant professor of animal sciences with an emphasis on swine.

His position will involve research, teaching and Extension Service activities related to swine production. He has been an associate swine specialist at NDSU since 2008.

Newman grew up in southern Missouri on a diversified livestock operation focusing on direct marketing pork across the United States.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science with a minor in international agriculture from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2005 and a doctorate in animal sciences from NDSU in 2009.

In 2009, he won the Myron and Muriel Johnsrud Excellence in Extension/Outreach Award from the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources in part for his leadership of the BBQ Boot Camp team. The team, which held a series of educational programs throughout the state on grilling, food safety and livestock industry issues, won the 2009 Program Excellence Award from the NDSU Extension Service.

## NDSU student advertising club wins 2010 ADDY Award

The NDSU Student Advertising Club was awarded its first ADDY Award. The American Advertising Federation of North Dakota reviewed more than 560 entries this year for the awards.

The award will be presented in February at the annual ADDY Awards Presentation. The NDSU Student Advertising Club formed last September to serve students who are interested in pursuing a career in the advertising industry.

The club plans to officially charter this spring with the National American Advertising Federation, the premiere national association for advertising professionals and students.

Currently, the club has 10 active members. Elizabeth Crisp Crawford is the faculty adviser and Mark Vanderlinde is the student president.

## NDSU student-athletes make the grade in the fall semester

NDSU student-athletes compiled a 3.08 cumulative grade-point average during the fall 2009 semester. This was the fifth straight semester in a row according to Gene Taylor, director of athletics.

Ten of the 14 Bison intercollegiate teams had semester grade-point averages higher than 3.0 while another team fell just short. Twenty-six student-athletes achieved a 4.0 grade-point average and 55.3 percent had grade-point averages of 3.0 and higher.

“We are very pleased with the efforts of our student athletes in the classroom. Their commitment to success academically as well as athletically is indicative of the type of young people we have in our program. We are very proud of their outstanding effort this semester,” said Taylor.

The Bison women’s basketball team, coached by Carolyn DeHoff, had the highest team grade-point average at 3.44.

“The academic accomplishments of our student-athletes highlights their dedication to the classroom. We appreciate their understanding of the importance of their studies and the balance they strike between their academic success and athletic performance,” said Lynn Dorn, director of women’s athletics.

The women’s track and field team had the second highest grade-point average at 3.38, women’s volleyball team was third with 3.35, women’s soccer team was fourth with 3.29, men’s golf team was fifth with 3.21, women’s golf team was sixth with 3.20, women’s cross country was seventh with 3.18, men’s track and field team was eighth with 3.14, baseball team was ninth with 3.13 and men’s cross country was 10th with 3.10.

## EVENTS

## Interactive Video Network brown bag event planned

The North Dakota Interactive Video Network will share a variety of innovative uses of videoconferencing on Friday, Feb. 12, from 11:55 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. via interactive video in EML 170.

When it began 20 years ago, the Interactive Video Network was a rather rigid technology that was used primarily for classes and meetings across North Dakota's 11 higher education campuses. Today, videoconference technology is much more flexible and pervasive across the country and around the world. As a result, some in the North Dakota University System have found unique ways to use the technology to their advantage.

Titled "A Showcase of Interactive Video Network Uses – Beyond the Traditional IVN Classroom," the brown bag presentation will highlight topics including:

- How a student group at NDSU shared knowledge of a new service by connecting with a student group in Wisconsin.
- How North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators uses IVN to provide college financial aid information for parents and prospective students to local K-12 schools.
- How the University of North Dakota goes international with class connections.
- How NDSU Extension reaches the rural family with a farm management course known as Annie's Project.

Bring lunch and gain new insights on how to use this technology. Learn how other departments can use the technology to better serve the campus and cut travel costs. Faculty, staff, student group leaders and department heads are encouraged to attend.

Interactive Video Network is part of the Advanced Learning Technologies of the North Dakota University System.

## NDSU plans 2010 Valentine Ball

NDSU Staff Senate is sponsoring the third annual NDSU Valentine Ball on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. Students, staff, faculty and alumni are invited to attend.

A variety of music will be played and NDSU's "The Little Big Band" will provide big band era music. DJ Nola, Corey Mack with Platinum Mixing Productions will be present to play recorded music requests.

Annual events at the Valentine Ball include door prizes and dancing exhibitions. Dining Services will provide beverages, hors d'oeuvres and desserts dipped in chocolate.

Staff, faculty and alumni can purchase their tickets for \$10 per person. Student prices are \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. All profits will be donated to the Staff Senate Student Scholarship fund. Tickets will be available at a contact table in the Memorial Union Feb. 8-19.

If you are interested in helping plan this event, contact Vicki Miller at [victoria.miller@ndsu.edu](mailto:victoria.miller@ndsu.edu) or 1-9447.

## Counseling Center to offer bereavement support group

The NDSU Counseling Center will offer a bereavement support group beginning Friday, Feb. 19, at noon at the Counseling Center. The support group is free and available to any NDSU student, faculty or staff member currently struggling with loss of a loved one.

For more information, contact the center at 1-7671, go to [www.ndsu.edu/counseling](http://www.ndsu.edu/counseling) or e-mail [amber.bach@ndsu.edu](mailto:amber.bach@ndsu.edu).

## NDSU Bookstore at Cityscapes plans several February events

Staff at the NDSU Bookstore at Cityscapes has planned a Valentine's Day inspired children's story and craft time on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. The event will last all afternoon and all ages are welcome. For more information, call 1-5739.

Book group organizers have chosen "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan for their first selection. "Loving Frank" tells the story of Mamah Borthwick Cheney and her love affair with Frank Lloyd Wright. For more information about "Loving Frank," go to [www.indiebound.org/book/9780345495006](http://www.indiebound.org/book/9780345495006).

Two-hour book discussions are planned for Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 6, at 2 p.m. No registration is required. "Loving Frank" is available at a discount at the NDSU Bookstore at Cityscapes.

In honor of African American History Month, the NDSU Bookstore at Cityscapes is offering a 20 percent discount on select titles. To view a list, go to [www.ndsubookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=714](http://www.ndsubookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=714).

The NDSU Bookstore at Cityscapes is located at 630 1st Ave. N. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 1-5739.

## Bison Women's Athletics plans career mentoring seminar

The Bison Women's Athletics Leadership Team has planned a "Women's Career Mentoring and Exploration Seminar" for female NDSU students on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 11:14 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Alumni Center Atrium.

Several community leaders will share tips and recommendations for success, expectations and choices that helped them accomplish their career goals. Conversations will be somewhat informal with opportunities for questions and answers.

The seminar is free and students are encouraged to bring their lunch. Current plans call for experts in the fields of business, banking, insurance, marketing, health services, medical fields, human relations, education and higher education, law and political science, engineering, corporate sales, community outreach and non-profits. For more information, contact the Career Center at 1-7111.

## Little Country Theatre to present 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum'

The NDSU Little Country Theatre continues the season with "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," a book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart and music by Stephen Sondheim.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" takes comedy back to its roots and combines situations from time-tested, 2,000-year-old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of 1960s Vegas shows. The result is a non-stop laugh-fest in which a crafty slave struggles to win the hand of a beautiful, but slow-witted courtesan for her young master in exchange for freedom.

NDSU Theatre welcomes guest director George Cederquist who comes from Chicago where he earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Northwestern University, a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale and training from Wolf Trap Opera and the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" runs Feb. 25-27 and March 3-7 in Askanase Auditorium. Show times are Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, NDSU faculty, staff and alumni; \$8 for non-NDSU students; and \$5 for NDSU students.

To purchase tickets, contact the Fine Arts Box Office at 1-7969, [ndsufinearts@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsufinearts@ndsu.edu), or Music Education Room 115. More information is available at [www.ndsu.edu/finearts](http://www.ndsu.edu/finearts).

## NDSU students to offer fine dining

Students majoring in hospitality and dietetics have planned a fine dining opportunity on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and Thursday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the lower level of the West Dining Center.

Foods From Around the World is planned for Tuesday. Managed by Laura Gerwood, the meal includes a Greek tomato salad with fresh basil served with bruschetta, a bacon wrapped stuffed chicken breast on a bed of long grain and wild rice, dilled baby carrots and a garnish of watercress and a wedge of orange flesh. The meal ends with orange sherbet topped with mint, served in a fresh orange.

A Mardi Gras Feast is planned for Thursday. Managed by Chelsea Leff, the Cajun inspired meal will include a Creole salad with a spicy Cajun vinaigrette, a spicy Cajun jambalaya and a chocolate chipotle brownie with fresh whipped cream for dessert.

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 restaurant 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 welcome.

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.

For more information, contact Stastny at 1-7479 or Dining Services at 1-7023.

## 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](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).

### Administrative Secretary/#00021150

Carrington Research Extension Center  
Carrington, N.D.  
\$23,000 minimum/year  
Feb. 16

### Custodian/#00019405

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

### Hall Director

Residence Life  
\$31,500+/year  
Feb. 14

### Research Specialist/Supervisor/

#00019915/#00019916

Animal Sciences  
\$44,000+/year  
Feb. 15

### 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

### Experiential Education Assistant

Pharmacy Practice  
\$30,000+/year  
Feb. 19

### NDW-R Forms due for 2010

If you are a resident of Minnesota and are having Minnesota state income tax withheld from your paychecks, fill out a new NDW-R form for 2010 and submit to the Human Resources and Payroll Office by Feb. 26. This form needs to be filled out every year in order to continue to have the exemption from North Dakota withholding. Employees who do not complete this form will have North Dakota state income tax withheld from their paychecks beginning March 15. Forms can be found online at [www.ndsu.edu/hr/forms](http://www.ndsu.edu/hr/forms) or in the Human Resources and Payroll Office, SGC 102.

### Correction

In last week's article, "Second annual Darwin Days set," the time for the Fargo Theatre's showing of "Kansas vs. Darwin" was incorrect. The movie will show at 8:30 p.m., not 6:30 p.m.

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## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

**10 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “Human Trafficking 101,” noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. Co-sponsored by Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

**10 Equity and Diversity Center** – “Slavery Didn’t End With the Civil War,” Patrick Atkinson, Institute for Trafficked, Exploited and Missing Persons, 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

**11 Chemistry and Molecular Biology** – “Diastereoconvergent Route Toward Donor-Acceptor Cyclopropanes via Formal Substitution Reaction,” Michael Rubin from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, 4 p.m., Dunbar 152

**15 Presidents’ Day holiday observed** – university closed

**16 Anti-Racism Tuesday** – “The Personal is Structural: What does it Mean to Say Race Structures Our Everyday Lives?” Christina Weber, 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room

**16 University Symphony Orchestra,** 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Featuring students from Minnesota State University Moorhead and NDSU, admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

**17 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “Women’s Health and Wellness in 2010,” Carol Grimm, director of health and wellness at MSUM, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Meadow Lark room. Co-sponsored by Women and Gender Studies.

**18 Anti-Racism Training: Level I,** 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 1-5728 to register and room location.

**18 Chemistry and Molecular Biology** – “Designing Biofluorophores: Can Computational Chemistry Help?” Alex Brown from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, 4 p.m., Dunbar 152

**18 Getting to Know Our Tribal Partners Seminar Series,** 6 p.m., Memorial Union Rose room. A reception is planned in the Equity and Diversity Center at 4:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Tribal College-NDSU Partnership Initiative

**19 Women’s Choral Festival Concert,** 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

**21 Winter Choral Festival Concert,** 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

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