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Parts of Minard Hall reopen after partial collapse

A week after a portion of Minard Hall collapsed, the section south of the 1929 addition opened for regular business hours on Jan. 4. NDSU officials hope to open the northeast section of the building by Jan. 8 or sooner. Crews also are working to stabilize the severely damaged section during the next few weeks so contractors can salvage professional and personal materials.

President Richard A. Hanson praised the NDSU community and the Fargo community for a highly useful and respectful response to the situation. "Our people in facilities, our people in security, our faculty and our staff have risen to the occasion, once again, which is part of the NDSU tradition. They have stepped forward to offer assistance, to offer office space, equipment and most importantly, moral support," he said.

Contractors worked during the New Year's holiday weekend to shore up the roofline over the damaged section of the building. Facilities Management Director Bruce Frantz said steel beams were inserted through the fourth floor dormers on the south side of the 1929 section. Those beams will provide contractors with support to jack up the collapsed floors. The work could take up to three weeks.

People with offices located in the severely damaged area will not have access to materials in their offices until the building is stabilized. Frantz said any movement could interrupt the equilibrium of the building causing further damage.

A moving company will relocate materials for people whose offices are in the northwest section. Albrecht Boulevard will remain closed this week, but should be reopened for the start of the semester on Jan. 11. Normal bus routes are expected to resume through this area.

Minard Hall faculty, staff and graduate students had about two hours to retrieve professional and personal items from the building Dec. 31. Hanson spoke with media and Minard faculty and staff on Dec. 31.

People who need to order replacement equipment, such as teaching materials or lab equipment, for the upcoming semester are



encouraged to work with Tom Riley, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Kevin McCaul, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.

Meinecke-Johnson Construction was conducting excavation work as part of the \$18 million Minard Renovation Project. Frantz, along with people from Heyer Engineering and JLG Architects, assessed the structural damage from the inside of Minard Hall on Dec. 28. The damage was contained to the north tower, including English department offices on the third floor, the dean's suite and the Office of Institutional Research on the second floor, and psychology labs and offices on the first floor.

NDSU has filed a \$500,000 notice of loss with the State Fire and Tornado Fund.

Officials are still investigating the cause of the collapse.

Minard Hall faculty, staff and students should contact Riley or McCaul with specific questions. For the latest information on Minard Hall or to view the Dec. 31 press conference, go to www.ndsu.edu/news.

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Transition updates

President Richard A. Hanson has planned three open forums to share information about the transition progress and answer questions. They are set for Jan. 13, Jan. 26 and Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Union Century Theater.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration planned

Readings will be presented on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and birthday cake will be served after a noon program in Thundar's Den on the lower level of Memorial Union.

'It's Happening at State' early deadline reminder

The submission deadline for the Jan. 20 issue of "It's Happening at State" is noon on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Minard Hall collapse updates

For updates on the Minard Hall structural failure, go to www.ndsu.edu/news.

Hanson: 'time for a pause'

NDSU President Richard A. Hanson is calling for the university to take a "pause" as it examines budget issues before filling open positions. He made that observation during a forum Dec. 18 in the Memorial Union Century Theater.

More than 300 faculty, staff and students crowded into the theater to hear Hanson's comments on a temporary hiring freeze announced in a Dec. 16 e-mail to campus.

"There is no deficit right now, but there will be if we are not careful. We need to slow down – we need to calibrate and understand where things are," Hanson said, noting he expects the hiring freeze to be lifted in February or March.

Hanson said NDSU temporarily will not fill about 75 percent of current open positions. He said he has asked university vice presidents to submit rankings of "mission critical" positions. In addition, the presidential professional development grant program for faculty and staff has been suspended.

Hanson said organizations that see substantial growth sometimes produce second order effects. "There are unanticipated outcomes that happen because we are growing fast. It is appropriate at certain points in that trajectory for us to pause, take a breath and examine," he said.

Hanson said the administration's communications regarding the budgetary matters need to be clear and open. He plans to hold additional forums in the months ahead to keep the campus community informed.

"With transparency comes responsibility. I want you to be very aware that everyone of you is responsible for being a good citizen of this learning community," Hanson told the attendees. "We want to do things right over the next four to five months, so that we are able to provide a transition for this university to the next strategic element, which is the new president and new vision."

Hanson, who took questions from the audience during the forum, said, "This is about moving the institution forward. We are in the midst of a transition, a very significant transition. My job is to help manage that transition. Part of that is to make sure that what we hand forward is accurate and workable. I want to slow things down for just a moment to take a look at these things."

Barry Hall Library to open spring semester

NDSU Libraries will open a branch library in the lower level of Richard H. Barry Hall, room 22, on Jan. 11.

Services and collections include circulation and reference services; hold request and interlibrary loan pickup; photocopier; course reserves; book, periodical and media collections; computers and GoPrint station; and study areas.

The Barry Hall Library hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jenny Grasto, downtown campus librarian, at jenny.grasto@ndsu.edu or 1-8191.

Search committee begins work

The effort to name the next president of NDSU has begun. The Presidential Search Committee held its initial meeting Dec. 16 in the Memorial Union Plains room.

The committee's charge is to recommend at least three unranked candidates to the State Board of Higher Education for its consideration. During the meeting, the committee adopted a timeline for the search, which included a tentative starting date of July 1 for a new president.

Committee chair Steve Swiontek said an open dialogue is planned with faculty, staff and students. "The committee wants to get their ideas and suggestions on the presidential profile so that at the conclusion of our January meeting, we will be able to advertise for the position. We want to make people aware of what our expectations are when it comes to a new president," he said.

Swiontek anticipates a strong pool of candidates. "We're going to get a lot of candidates who will be very interested in this university," he said. "We have a great group of people here who do a wonderful job, and we need a leader who will enhance, encourage and challenge them. We need a leader who will work with them as a team."

Swiontek said the committee's goal is to forward the names of quality candidates. "We want to provide three qualified candidates to the board, so it will be very challenging for them to decide which one they should pick," he said.

Chancellor Bill Goetz said he has strong confidence in the committee. "We have a good cross-section of individuals who have strong convictions for NDSU, the state of North Dakota and the university system," Goetz said. "We want to keep the momentum of NDSU alive and well. It has been a tremendous past 10 years and we want to continue that agenda. I, as chancellor, and the State Board of Higher Education are 100 percent behind this effort."

Search committee members include Amber Altstadt, student body president; Sue Andrews, State Board of Higher Education member; Barry Batcheller, president and CEO of Appareo Systems; James Burgum, managing director of Arthur Ventures; Bruce Christianson, former State Board of Higher Education member; Lynn Dorn, director of women's athletics; Catherine Haugen, associate vice president for student affairs; Kalpana Katti, distinguished professor of civil engineering; Paul Langseth, vice chair of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education; Kevin McCaul, dean of science and mathematics; Mark Meister, associate professor and president of University Senate; Don Morton, Microsoft site leader for Fargo campus; Evie Myers, vice president for equity, diversity, and global outreach; Bonnie Neas, vice president for information technology; Vance Olson, president of Staff Senate; John Q. Paulsen, member of the NDSU Development Foundation board of trustees; Kris Sheridan, president of Park Company Realtors; Richie Smith, State Board of Higher Education president; Mike Warner, independent businessman/agriculturist; and Chancellor Goetz as a non-voting member.

The committee's next steps include an open comment period for committee members and forums on draft proposals for the presidential profile and advertising materials. The second meeting of the committee is scheduled for Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. in the Reimers Room of the NDSU Alumni Center.

Presidential Search Committee plans open forums

The NDSU Presidential Search Committee has scheduled open forums for the week of Jan. 11-15. The purpose of the open forums is to obtain feedback and gather input on the presidential profile (job description) from the campus and community members. There also are two Webinars scheduled for people who cannot attend.

Open forums are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, Jan. 11, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Memorial Union Lark room
- Tuesday, Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room
- Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Barry Hall Eide Bailly room
- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Webinar
- Thursday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Barry Hall Eide Bailly room
- Thursday, Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room
- Friday, Jan. 15, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Webinar

To participate in the Webinar, Microsoft Windows users should use Internet Explorer (not Internet Explorer 8, the newest version) or Firefox. Macintosh users should use Safari. Go to the Webinar's room sometime before the event (a day or two in advance). If Wimba is running on a computer for the first time, the user will be prompted to run the setup wizard. The directions to run the wizard are as follows:

- Go to <http://ndivnlc.wimba.com>
- Click on "Participant Login." The Room ID is "NDSU_Ag" and under name, enter your name.
- Once logged in, select "NDSU Ag Communication" to enter the room.
- Participants can re-size any of the windows or move the video window around.
- Participants should have a headset with microphone to ask questions. If the group becomes too large, audio may just be one way. Participants can hear the speaker, but to ask a question, they will need to type it in the chat box. It will then be shared with the candidate. That means you don't need a headset or phone, just computer speakers.
- If participants can't make the live presentations, follow the Wimba directions above, but click on archive in the upper right corner. Each presentation should become viewable in the archive a couple hours after the live presentation takes place.

For more information, go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/wimba. The most important links to get started are "Participant - Getting started quick reference," "Equipment Required" and "Wimba Login." For more information about Wimba, contact Scott Swanson at s.swanson@ndsu.edu or 1-7086.

Bison Information Network begins operations

NDSU's student-run campus television station Bison Information Network produced its first television newscast Dec. 10. The "SU TV News" was recorded in the new state-of-the-art Bison Information Network/Communication Department TV Studio Building, located at 1414 12th Ave. N.

The Bison Information Network was founded in August 2007 as an initiative of NDSU Student Government's Technology Commission under the direction of Brian Fier, Peter Gregory and Mike Ostlie. Gregory has served as general manager for the past two years. A total of \$248,000 in student fees was used to acquire equipment, the set and other furnishings. Approximately \$225,000 was used to renovate the space.

"After seeing and participating in the production of the first newscast, I'm extremely proud of what has been done, the talent of NDSU's students and the energy of everyone," said Gregory, an accounting major who graduated on Dec. 19.

Rich Lodewyk, lecturer of communication and broadcast program director, said, "These are exciting times for both the students and the Department of Communication. The first 'SU TV' newscast is a chance for Bison Information Network to showcase their organization, but also a chance for students to realize the experience and opportunities they now have here at NDSU."

The TV facilities include a video editing lab, control room, studio, equipment room and offices. According to Lodewyk, a number of new Department of Communication television broadcasting classes also have been added, including a television studio production class and a sports broadcasting class.

Child Development and Family Sciences gets new name

The State Board of Higher Education approved a new name for NDSU's child development and family science department at its Sept. 17 meeting. Now called human development and family science, the members of the department feel it more accurately describes what they do.

"We have always had a lifespan focus with CDFS 230, Lifespan Development, being a cornerstone of our course offerings. We have always offered courses in adult development and aging and have been a key player in the Tri-College minor in gerontology," says Jim Deal, professor and head of human development and family science.

The department now has master's and doctoral programs in gerontology and plans to have an undergraduate program for gerontology within the next year.

"With this increased emphasis, the gap between our name and what we do has become even more apparent," Deal says. "Changing the name to reflect this is a more accurate representation of the department, would help in recruiting students, and would help those students who focus on gerontology by making their degree reflect the nature of their studies."

DIVERSITY

NDSU holds signing ceremony with Shandong Jianzhu University



A delegation from Shandong Jianzhu University in China visited NDSU on Dec. 17 to learn more about NDSU and discuss areas of potential collaboration.

The College of Engineering and Architecture; Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Evie Myers, vice president for equity, diversity, and global outreach; and Gary Smith, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture; hosted a signing ceremony and luncheon. Officials from both universities signed a general memorandum of understanding.

According to Kerri Spiering, associate vice president for equity, diversity, and global outreach, the agreement will begin by benefiting students in construction management and engineering. "But the overall picture will be with the College of Engineering and Architecture," Spiering said. "Possible other areas include plus programs at the undergrad and grad level. There also are opportunities for faculty research collaboration."

Led by Wang Chongjie, president of Shandong Jianzhu University; Zhigang Zhang, dean of the Postgraduate Administration Office; Youquan Xu, dean of the School of Management and Engineering; Baode Yue, dean of the Human Resources Office; and Xiao Li, director of the International Affairs Office, toured the Research and Technology Park, the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering, and the College of Engineering and Architecture.

The delegation also met with NDSU officials from the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach; Human Resources and Payroll; and the Graduate School.

RESEARCH

Wu and Wang present at international conference

Erxi Wu, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, presented a poster titled "PDGFR alpha and PDGFR beta Differentially Regulate Cell Proliferation and Migration/Invasion in Medulloblastoma Cells" at the 2009 International Association for Biological and Medical Research annual meeting in Boston on Nov 19. Fengfei Wang, senior research associate in Wu's laboratory, is first author for the poster.

"Our presented data suggest that platelet derived growth factor receptor (PDGFR) alpha and PDGFR beta play different roles in cell proliferation and migration/invasion in medulloblastoma brain tumor cells. These studies also highlight the potential of targeting PDGFRs signaling therapy in medulloblastoma," Wu said, "We are excited about these findings, and we are in the process of writing a manuscript."

The International Association for Biological and Medical Research is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2002. The association is registered and headquartered in Boston. Its major mission is to provide a platform of professional interaction and collaboration among the international biomedical research community. Wu served as president from 2002-03.

Wu's laboratory research interests include tumor therapeutic targets, drug discovery and biomarkers. Both Wu and Wang joined NDSU in December 2008. Prior to joining NDSU, they both worked at Harvard University.

CNSE researchers present at microelectronics symposium



Haring

Fred Haring, fabrication technician, and Bernd Scholz, engineer, at NDSU's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) presented a poster presentation and paper at the 2009 International Microelectronics and Packaging Society 42nd International Symposium on Microelectronics, held Nov. 1-5, in San Jose, Calif.



Scholz

Titled "A Process to Produce Low Cost Solder Balls in Custom Sizes," the presentation was based on research being developed at CNSE. "The ability to produce solder balls with standard surface mount technology equipment in custom sizes for use on electronic components, chip scale packages, or even on silicon wafers, allows manufacturers and R&D facilities to save money

by not having to buy large quantities of solder balls, and gives them the ability to make custom sizes for specific chip needs," said Haring. "This solder ball production process also fits the niche of producing small quantities of custom alloy solder balls as they are being designed and tested in R&D settings prior to real world applications." The paper was co-written by Jacob Baer, Syed Sajid Ahmad and Aaron Reinholz.

In addition, Scholz' presented his paper "Novel Multi-Chip Packaging Method Using Stochastic Self Assembly," to 500 symposium participants. Co-written by Sourin Bhattacharya, the paper discussed research being conducted at CNSE in the area of advanced microelectronics packaging process. "Packaging" refers to the full enclosure and electrical interconnection from a small silicon chip to a part, which can be implemented into a portable electronic device like a hearing aid or cell phone.

NDSU is in the process of starting a student chapter of the International Microelectronics and Packaging Society. For information, contact Haring at 1-5336.

Blodgett Salafia publishes article about maternal knowledge



Blodgett Salafia

Elizabeth Blodgett Salafia, assistant professor of human development and family science, recently had an article published with colleagues from Notre Dame. Titled "The Longitudinal Interplay of Maternal Warmth and Adolescent Self-disclosure in Predicting Maternal Knowledge," the article appeared in the *Journal of Research on Adolescence*.

According to Blodgett Salafia, parental knowledge of their adolescents' daily experiences is necessary for healthy adolescent adjustment. "Given the importance of parental knowledge to adolescent adjustment, it is essential to examine factors that may promote knowledge during the transition to adolescence, including parental warmth and adolescent self-disclosure," she said.

The results of this study indicated that greater maternal warmth in sixth grade predicted higher levels of adolescents' self-disclosure in seventh grade, which in turn led to higher levels of maternal knowledge in eighth grade. "A warm and nurturing parenting style encourages a positive family climate where adolescents are likely to openly communicate and parents are therefore likely to be knowledgeable of their adolescents' activities," Blodgett Salafia said.

Blodgett Salafia said understanding the factors that affect parental knowledge may be especially beneficial for future prevention and intervention efforts focused on healthy adjustment during the transition to adolescence.

NDSU personnel present at upper Midwest research conference

The Office of Institutional Research and Analysis represented NDSU at the Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest conference in Bloomington, Minn., Oct. 29-30. Higher education institutional research personnel from Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan attended the annual conference.

William Slanger, director of the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis, presented a poster titled "One Institution's First-time Experience with Collegiate Learning Assessment – Administration, Student Recruitment, and Results."

Emily Davenport, research analyst, gave a presentation titled, "Demonstrating the Voluntary System of Accountability Success and Progress Rate Template and Its Results, and Its Use to Evaluate Institutional Academic Units."

Gretchen Kost, research analyst, gave a research-in-action presentation titled, "Principal Component Identification of Action Variables from a Student Experiences Survey."

All three presentations have been accepted for the National Association for Institutional Research 50th Annual Forum, which is scheduled for May 29-31 in Chicago.

Cooley publishes anthology



Cooley

Dennis Cooley, associate professor of philosophy and ethics and associate director of the Northern Plains Ethics Institute, and Lloyd Steffen, professor of religion studies at Lehigh University, have published their edited anthology, "Re-Imaging Death and Dying."

The eBook is Volume 83 of the Probing the Boundaries series "Making Sense of: Dying and Death," published by Inter-Disciplinary Press located in Oxford, United Kingdom.

The eBook is available at www.inter-disciplinary.net/publishing/id-press/ebooks/re-imaging-death-and-dying.

Researchers give marriage and family therapy presentations



McGeorge

NDSU faculty and students associated with the Couple and Family Therapy Program in the College of Human Development and Education attended the national conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Sacramento, Calif., from Oct. 1-4.



Carlson

Faculty and alumni of the Couple and Family Therapy Program also gave a number of poster presentations at the conference. Sarah DeJean and Christi McGeorge presented "Does Gender Matter? Societal Perceptions of Single Parents." The presentation explored the differences in attitudes toward never-married custodial single mothers and fathers.



Benson

McGeorge, Tom Carlson and Heather Guttormson presented "Promoting Equality in Couples Therapy: Measuring Therapists' Competence." This poster described the development of a measure that assesses marriage and family therapists' knowledge of feminist principles and competence in utilizing practices aimed at increasing the level of equality in couple relationships.

Monica Rock, Carlson and McGeorge presented "Couple and Family Therapy Students' Beliefs about Sexual Orientation and Therapy." This poster described a study about the beliefs of couple and family therapy students about sexual orientation and their self-reported competence working with lesbian, gay and bisexual clients.

Kristen Benson, assistant professor, and Fred Piercy presented "A Qualitative Study of Transgender Relationships and Therapy," which explored what transgender people and their partners think couple and family therapists need to know to clinically address issues related to disclosure of transgender identity and ongoing relational matters with loved ones.

PEOPLE

Agriculture and University Extension personnel honored

Forty-three North Dakota State University Agriculture and University Extension Service faculty and staff were recognized for their service during a recognition and awards program held Dec. 15 at the NDSU Alumni Center. Colleagues nominate individuals, and award recipients in 10 categories receive a \$1,000 honorarium with funds provided from sponsored endowments.

NDSU President Richard Hanson welcomed the group and D.C. Coston, vice president for agriculture and university Extension, announced the award recipients.

2009 Agriculture and University Extension faculty/staff award recipients are:

Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award – Dragan Miljkovic, professor in agribusiness and applied economics

Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award – Dale Herman, professor in plant sciences

Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in Teaching Award – Deying Li, associate professor in plant sciences

H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching Award – Cheryl Wachenheim, associate professor in agribusiness and applied economics

William J. and Angelyn A. Austin Advising Award – Eugene Berry, associate professor in veterinary and microbiological sciences

Myron and Muriel Johnsrud Excellence in Extension/Outreach Award – David Newman, Extension swine specialist in animal sciences

AGSCO Excellence in Extension Award – Dwight Aakre, Extension farm management specialist in agribusiness and applied economics

Charles and Linda Moses Staff Award – Norm Cattanaach, research specialist in the School of Natural Resource Sciences (soil science)

Donald and Jo Anderson Staff Award – Diane Pennington, office manager in the School of Natural Resource Sciences (entomology)

Rick and Jody Burgum Staff Award – Richard Wilhelmi, research technician at the Langdon Research Extension Center

Patnode performs with Lake Agassiz Concert Band



Patnode

Matthew Patnode, associate professor of music, was the guest artist with the Lake Agassiz Concert Band performance of “The Rivers Concerto for Saxophone and Band” on Dec. 6 at Minnesota State University Moorhead’s Weld Hall.

“The Rivers” is inspired by three mythological rivers of the underworld. In each movement, the solo saxophone plays themes based on similar melodic and rhythmic material. According to Patnode, while the

ensemble accompaniment differs in all three movements, the solo saxophone provides a stream of musical continuity, as if the soloist travels down three different rivers singing variations on the same song.

According to Patnode, the first movement, “Eridanus: The River of Stars,” is a fanfare-like procession, at once heroic and dark. The second movement, “Lethe: The River of Forgetfulness,” is more introverted in character, like the sad lullaby of a lost and haunted sleeper. The final movement, “Phlegethon: The River of Fire,” plays on two meanings of fire – the lapping of flames and that of military fire. “The work ends in a climax both biting and strident,” he said.

Two join Office of Admission



Jones

Brad Jones and Elizabeth Worth have joined the Office of Admission staff as admission counselors.

Jones previously worked at US Bank and Hornbacher’s. He earned a bachelor’s degree in mass communication at NDSU in 2008 and was a COAR Team member and telestudent for the Admission Office during his collegiate career.

He also was involved with ThunderRadio and The Spectrum.



Worth

Worth graduated from NDSU in 2004, earning a bachelor’s degree in music, and again in 2008 with a Master’s of Education degree in counseling. She worked as a high school admissions representative at Rasmussen College before returning to NDSU.

Admission counselor duties include meeting with prospective students during their campus visits, at college fairs and in high schools.

Jones also will work with the Intensive English Language Program and the North Dakota and South Dakota Slice of NDSU events. He will serve as a co-adviser for Bison Ambassadors and will assist with planning Discover NDSU days. Worth also will coordinate the Pathway and Discover NDSU programs.

NDSU’s Belmont and Mertens are All-Academic selections

The Missouri Valley Football Conference’s sports information directors named NDSU football players Kyle Belmont and Nick Mertens to the All-Academic second team. Jeff Curtis earned an honorable mention.

Belmont, a strong safety, is a graduate student from Battle Lake, Minn. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology in May 2009. He is pursuing a master’s degree.

Mertens, a quarterback, is a senior from East Grand Forks, Minn. He has a 3.79 grade-point average and is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in management and marketing.

Curtis, a long snapper, is a senior from New Hope, Minn. He has a grade-point average of 3.39 and is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in management communication.

EVENTS

2010 Walk North Dakota Challenge to begin Jan. 10

The NDSU Extension Service's Walk North Dakota Challenge is planned for Jan. 10 to March 6. The program challenges you to work up to walking 10,000 steps a day, which is the equivalent of walking five miles a day, five days a week or 200 miles during the eight-week program. On average, people take 2,000 to 4,000 steps a day.

Participants can walk on a treadmill or walking path, at a community walking facility, around town, on a country road, around home or at work. Walkers are asked to keep track of their steps and report them every two weeks. Report steps online at www.walknd.com or on a mail-in card. If participants don't have a pedometer, count one mile or 2,000 steps for every 20 minutes you walk. Walkers who report their steps as required will receive prizes.

The cost of joining the program is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth age 18 and younger. 4-H club members and leaders can participate free of charge. To register online, go to www.walknd.com. Participants can sign up as an individual or group. If a group has not participated in Walk North Dakota, e-mail Linda Hauge at linda.hauge@ndsu.edu to set up the group before registering.

To register by mail, send a check payable to the NDSU Extension Service to Walk North Dakota, Attn: Linda Hauge, NDSU Dept. 7280, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050.

Since Walk North Dakota began in May 2004, participants have walked more than 1.47 billion steps, or 736,917 miles.

Safety courses scheduled

Laboratory and chemical safety courses have been planned for Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Arikara room and Thursday, Jan. 21, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Room of Nations.

The course is required for new laboratory workers and serves as a refresher course for people currently working in laboratories. Topics include knowledge of chemicals, personal protection, fire safety, electrical safety, hazard communication standards, physical and chemical hazards, chemical spills and waste handling.

Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Training

is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Both sessions will be in the Memorial Union Room of Nations.

The course is required for faculty and staff who receive or ship hazardous materials. The Department of Transportation requires refresher training every three years.

Initial training sessions for new faculty and staff who will ship or receive hazardous materials is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in IAAC 114 and Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in IACC 116.

Class sizes are limited to 20 people per session. In the event no one registers, the class will be canceled. Registration is required and students must attend the entire session.

For more information or to register for the course, contact Stephanie Wegner at stephanie.wegner@ndsu.edu or call 1-7759.

Dakota Cow-calf Clinic set

Cow-calf producers will get a peek at the economic future of the beef industry and their operation at the Dakota Cow-Calf Clinic, an interactive videoconference set for Jan. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The clinic is free and registration is encouraged due to limited seating at each location.

The clinic will broadcast from the Bottineau, Steele, Griggs and LaMoure County courthouses; NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center; and the Chase building in Grafton.

Topics and speakers for the event include, "Future Trends in the Beef Industry," by John Dhuyvetter, NDSU area Extension livestock systems specialist at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot, N.D. Steve Metzger, North Dakota Farm Business Management, will present "Controlling Costs for a Beef Cow Herd." Tim Petry, NDSU Extension livestock economist, will present "Market Outlook for Beef Cattle."

To register, contact John Swenson, Griggs County, at (701) 797-3312 or john.swenson@ndsu.edu; Brad Brummond, Walsh County, at (701) 284-6248 or bradley.brummond@ndsu.edu; Al Ulmer, LaMoure County, at (701) 883-5301 or al.ulmer@ndsu.edu; Karl Hoppe, Carrington Research Extension Center, (701) 652-2951 or karl.hoppe@ndsu.edu; Tim Semler, Bottineau County, at (701) 228-2253 or timothy.semmler@ndsu.edu; or Andy Johnson, Steele County, at (701) 524-2253 or andrew.k.johnson@ndsu.edu.

SHORTS & REMINDERS

Positions Available

NDSU is in a temporary hiring freeze for some state-funded positions. We are accepting applications for positions funded from other sources.

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.

Laboratory Technician/#00021704

Chemistry and Molecular Biology
\$30,000 per year: Depending on experience
Jan. 15

Executive Director of Enterprise Systems and Applications Development

Enterprise Computing and Infrastructure
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Technology Systems Coordinator

Telecommunications
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Systems Engineer

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

Milling Specialist

Northern Crops Institute
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

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

CALENDAR

JANUARY

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13 Transition Update – open forum, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

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