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Heilman is named 2009 student commencement speaker

NDSU graduating senior Joe Heilman has spent the past year as the public face of the student body in his role as student body president. He's testified before North Dakota legislative committees on behalf of NDSU and its students. He's visited with students in India and alumni in Arizona about the value of a United States degree.

At 10 a.m., Saturday, May 16, he will be the student speaker at NDSU commencement ceremonies in the Fargodome.

"I really enjoy public speaking," he said. "It will be the largest group I have ever spoken to. I want to share my message and the experience we've had as a class."

Heilman will speak about the NDSU theme, "students are paramount," and how that phrase has changed for him during his student career.

"As I became more involved in the decision making that happens here, the phrase took on a whole new meaning in that everything we do is for students. It's not just a marketing scheme, it's a way of life," he said.

As the student body president, Heilman is often seen around campus talking to faculty, administrators and students. His ease with talking to people comes from a deep-rooted passion to learn about people.

"Just being able to visit with people helps me learn – whether it's a conversation about their kids or their success as an entrepreneur. You just have to be an active listener," Heilman said.

Since he was 15, Heilman has been an entrepreneur himself. He started a disc jockey business and soon booked 40 to 50 shows a year based only on word of mouth marketing. He started off his NDSU career as an engineering major, but shifted to business with a minor in accounting during his freshman year.



Heilman

During his time at NDSU, he's been involved with Concert Choir, Accounting Club, Student Government, Kujenga Diversity Retreat, Summer Leadership Institute, North Dakota Student Association, Dance Marathon and numerous Student Government committees. He's also served the community through Students Today Leaders Forever, the Pay It Forward tour and the flood fighting efforts in March. This passion for service can be traced back to high school in Rugby, N.D., when he received the President's Gold Volunteer Service Award.

He spent five semesters on the Dean's List, but had to sacrifice some of his academics to run for and serve as president. The sacrifice was worth it.

"You don't understand what your place is in the world and what impact you have until you come to a large community," he said. He added that being exposed to all levels of diversity "really makes you realize the role you can play. It really opened my eyes in the way of how you meet people – how you treat them fairly. You can have a connection with anybody if you truly seek to do so."

Heilman got involved with Student Government through friends who also served. As president, he helped lead many of the organization's accomplishments in the past year. They helped to lay groundwork for a new advising system. They opened lines of communication between faculty, staff, administration, alumni and students. They started a volunteer-based service to help temporarily disabled students, a Sustainability Task Force and a new football ticket policy. All this while managing a nearly \$3 million budget.

"Joe is a fine example of a student who has taken advantage of all NDSU has had to offer and given back to NDSU as much as he has had to offer," wrote Jo Ann Miller, NDSU distinguished professor of music, in a letter of support for his selection as student speaker.

Heilman is the son of Duane and Jeni Heilman of rural Rugby, N.D. With his business major and accounting minor, he plans to pursue a Master of Business Administration degree and hopes to join a local company that has opportunity for growth.

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Calendar will not appear in April 29 issue

This week, the calendar will not appear in "It's Happening at State." To view the NDSU event calendar, go to the NDSU homepage www.ndsu.edu.

NDSU community invited to Lynn Miller Benefit

A benefit and auction for Lynn Miller is set for Saturday, May 16. A dinner will begin at 4 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. An auction and dance will begin at 7 p.m. at O'Kelly's.

Taylor announces completion of 2009 football schedule

NDSU director of athletics Gene Taylor has announced the completion of the 2009 football schedule. Go to www.gobison.com to view the complete schedule.

NDSU Opera Theatre to present 'Albert Herring'

NDSU Opera Theatre will present "Albert Herring" on Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Askanase Auditorium. Tickets are available at the Fine Arts Box Office or by calling 1-7969.

Challey to receive honorary doctorate at commencement



Challey

NDSU alumnus Robert Challey will be awarded an honorary doctorate during commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 15, at 4 p.m. at the Fargodome.

Challey has an exemplary and dedicated connection with his alma mater. In fact, the lobby of NDSU's Festival Concert Hall is named the "Challey Atrium" in his honor.

A 1967 graduate, Challey studied business and the sciences. He was student body vice president, a member of Blue Key Honor Society, producer for the student musical "Oklahoma" and drum major and trombonist with the NDSU Gold Star Band.

Challey has enjoyed a highly successful career, becoming chair of the board of The Park Place Group, a real estate development and investment company in Walnut Creek, Calif. He also is a director and treasurer for the Smuin Ballet of San Francisco.

Challey was named to the NDSU Development Foundation board of trustees in 1981, and has served on numerous committees and advisory boards. He received an Alumni Achievement Award in 1986 and the Development Foundation's Service Award in 2002. He was instrumental, as an advocate and financial sponsor, in bringing the Smuin Ballet to Fargo twice in recent years.

"Most recently, Bob and his wife, Sheila, pledged a donation to the Department of Music of \$2.15 million, whose proceeds are used for scholarships for music majors, thereby assuring outstanding music students of support for their studies at NDSU," wrote John Miller, director of the Division of Fine Arts, in a letter of nomination. "This gift is unquestionably the most significant financial contribution in the history of the music department at NDSU."

Thomas Riley, dean of arts, humanities and social sciences, wrote, "Bob Challey is a man of keen insight and ability, and he has made, through his efforts here and at large, tremendous contributions to both the present and the future of the arts in a broad and tangible way.

Miller also wrote, "As I mentioned in my remarks for the dedication of the Challey Atrium (in 2006), he is 'in my top one' of dedicated, talented representatives of NDSU."

Challey and his wife, Sheila, and their three children live in Danville and Lake Tahoe, Calif.

NATURE program seeks faculty participation

The NATURE (Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education) program team is developing lesson plans and other educational activities for 2009-10, the organization's fifth year. The team is seeking additional NDSU faculty to participate in its activities, which generally focus on environment, energy and emerging technologies.

NATURE is an educational outreach program intended to increase participation of North Dakota American Indian college and high school students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) funds the program.

Components of the project include a summer camp at NDSU for tribal college students and faculty, summer camps at the tribal colleges for high school students, and academic-year Sunday academies at the tribal colleges for high school students. The tribal college faculty, NDSU faculty, University of North Dakota faculty and reservation high school teachers collaboratively develop all activities of the program. In a recently added activity, tribal college students work on their research projects at their campuses under the guidance of a tribal college faculty mentor and a university faculty mentor. These are semester or yearlong projects, increasing research skills of the students.

Other than monetary compensation, NATURE provides opportunities for the participating faculty to gain an understanding of the learning styles of American Indian students. Contact G. Padmanabhan at G.Padmanabhan@ndsu.edu or 1-7043 or David Givers at david.givers@ndsu.edu or 1-7516 if you are interested in participating in the NATURE program.

Extension Service continues to provide flood information

As floodwaters persist in rising and receding across the state, the NDSU Extension Service continues to update information for North Dakotans. At www.ag.ndsu.edu/disaster/flood.html residents can learn about how to build a sandbag dike, what important papers to have together if you must evacuate, how to talk with children and dealing with stress, how to clean and salvage items, drying out before rebuilding, how to feed wet grain to livestock and other topics.

The site also includes audio and video clips, and links to other resources, such as information in other languages.

"Throughout the flood fighting, the NDSU Extension Service has been seen as a reliable source for accurate, up-to-date information. Many government and media Web pages link to NDSU's information," said Becky Koch, ag communication director. "Weekly conference calls continue to be held with county Extension agents and representatives from the state Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency. With feedback on their needs, faculty and staff from a wide variety of disciplines quickly have provided information to help North Dakotans prepare for and recover from flooding."

DIVERSITY

NDSU researchers receive Africa-U.S. initiative grant



Khaita

NDSU researchers have been awarded one of 20 prestigious planning grants through the Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative. The \$50,000 grant will be used to continue NDSU's joint programs with Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

Margaret Khaita, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, is the principal investigator for the grant, titled "Capacity Building in Integrated Management of Vectorborne and Zoonotic Diseases in Eastern and Central Africa."



Freeman

"We are so pleased to be selected for this planning grant, which is a high-profile grant that included international planning meetings," said Doug Freeman, department head and professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences. "It

not only helps to create exciting learning and research opportunities for our students and faculty, but it also supports our efforts to build partnerships with institutions at home and overseas to address serious animal health and public health issues."

Khaita said, "This has been a great team effort, and there has been much cooperation for this grant. In addition to veterinary and microbiological sciences, we had faculty from the departments of communication, biological sciences, pharmacy practice and food safety and the National Center for Food Protection and Defense contribute to make it happen."

Khaita said NDSU also received cooperation from the University of Minnesota, Washington State University, Michigan State University, Columbus State University in Georgia and Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan.

According to Higher Education for Development, which managed the competition, about 300 applications came from major research universities, community colleges and polytechnic institutions, and more than 30 Sub-Saharan African countries were represented. Peer reviewers came from the United States and African higher education institutions and included representatives of the United States Agency for International Development.

"This is a good example of the great faculty we have in the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences, and how we can be partners nationally and internationally," Freeman said. "When people work together, great things happen. Margaret has been the leader and none of it would have happened without her, but it has been a true team effort."

The grant builds on NDSU's unique summer study abroad program opportunity in Uganda through the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences. The course, which is preparing for its third summer, gives students a chance to study international animal production, disease surveillance and public health at Makerere University.

That course is leading to a joint master's degree in international infectious disease management and biosecurity. Khaita is also the principal investigator on a previously received \$140,000 grant

from the United States Department of Agriculture in support of the degree program.

"NDSU administration has been very supportive right from the start. Deans Grafton and Wittrock have provided significant direction and support to these efforts. We are partnering through Makerere University with the whole eastern and central region of Africa," said Khaita, noting that President Joseph A. Chapman visited Makerere University last summer and guided the broad partnership vision.

Freeman added that the work is not yet done. "Our ultimate vision is two coordinating centers, one based at NDSU linking institutions in the United States and the other at Makerere University linking schools in eastern and central Africa," he said. "We have big goals, and this grant from the Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative is the next step in achieving those goals."

Visit www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2009/pr090413.html for more information.

'Camp Darfur' planned for NDSU

"Camp Darfur," an interactive awareness and education event about the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan, is scheduled at NDSU on April 29, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Ballroom.

Camp Darfur includes five canvas tents that chronicle genocide from Armenia through Darfur; historical facts on Armenia, the Holocaust, Cambodia, Rwanda and Darfur; and video clips that share stories of refugees living in camps in Chad.

Camp Darfur curators Gabriel Stauring and Katie Jay Scott recently returned from 10 days in Chadian refugee camps, and will provide first-hand accounts of life for hundreds of thousands of displaced Darfurians.

A showing of "African Soul, American Heart" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Ballroom. The documentary tells the story of Fargo resident Joseph Akol Makeer, a Sudanese Lost Boy, who finds success in his adopted country while dreaming of helping orphaned children in his village in south Sudan. For more information, visit <http://africansoulamericanheart.org>.

Camp Darfur's presence at NDSU is sponsored by the NDSU Diversity Council; Cooperative Sponsorship Committee; Department of English; Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Emergency Management; the Office of the Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Division of Fine Arts; Department of History; Department of Modern Languages; Multicultural Student Services; and Office of Student Activities.

For more information, contact Kevin.Brooks@ndsu.edu or visit www.stopgenocidenow.org/campdarfur.

RESEARCH

NDSU researchers published on cover of international journal



Nasrullah

Researchers from the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering and the Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials have published the cover article in the *Journal of Macromolecular Chemistry and Physics*. Mohammed Nasrullah, postdoctoral researcher at the center, and Dean Webster, professor in the Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials, wrote the article "Parallel Synthesis of Polymer Libraries Using Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization."



Webster

Macromolecular Chemistry and Physics is one of the leading journals in polymer science. The article is available at www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122265040/abstract.

The main focus of the work presented in the article explores issues relating to parallel atom transfer radical polymerization synthesis of libraries of low molecular weight polymers and block copolymers. The Office of Naval Research funds the project.

The Combinatorial Materials Research Laboratory at the Center for Nanoscale Science Engineering, which uses high-throughput methods, speeds up the preparation and exploration of new polymeric materials. A large diversity of parameters can be screened simultaneously, resulting in determination of new structure and property relationships. Using automatic robotic methods such as the ones used in the laboratory, researchers can generate and test a large number of samples in one day, cutting experiment times from weeks to days.

Nasrullah's previous research includes the area of photoresist polymers at the Indian Institute of Technology and the area of reversible addition fragmentation chain transfer polymerization at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Nasrullah joined the Center for Nanoscale Science Engineering in 2005 as a research associate to work with Webster and the Combinatorial Materials Research Laboratory team for the development of advanced marine coatings using combinatorial and high throughput experimentation.

Webster previously worked for Sherwin-Williams Co. and Eastman Chemical Co. He joined the Coatings and Polymeric Materials Department at NDSU in 2001. Webster holds nine patents and 13 published patent applications and has written more than 60 publications and book chapters.

English department sends delegation to writing conferences

The Department of English was well represented at two back-to-back conferences in San Francisco, March 11-14. The delegation participated in the 60th annual Conference on College Composition and Communication. Faculty members included Andrew Mara, Miriam Mara, Bruce Maylath, Kelly Sassi and Amy Rupiper Taggart. Lecturers included Jo Cavins, Louise Hanson-Dittmer and Maureen Scott. Graduate students included Katherine Dunlap and Katie Gunter.

Taggart helped lead a special interest group meeting on "Service-Learning and Community Literacy." Her presentation titled "Collaboration 2.0: Using Google Documents for Scholarship and Teaching" was given by a colleague because Taggart was unable to attend.

With Dunlap and Gunter, Andrew Mara led a panel titled "Posthuman Desire and Breaking Disciplinarity," which included discussion of Gunter's paper, "The Evolution of Classicism and the Onset of Digital Anxiety;" Dunlap's "Beyond a/s/l: Embodied Online Dating in a Posthuman World;" and Mara's "The Structures of Posthuman Desire in Technical Writing."

Maylath and Sassi led a panel titled "Collaborative Wave Making with Communication Technologies." The panel included discussion of papers by Sassi, titled "Fear of Making Waves in Cross-cultural Collaborative Groups;" and by Maylath, titled "Using Technology in Trans-Atlantic Collaboration: Virtual Teaming of U.S. Writing Students and European Translation Students." They also delivered doctoral student Melissa Vosen's paper and accompanying PowerPoint presentation titled "Making Waves in the 'Technological Kool Aid:' Using Facebook to Promote Collaboration in Homogenous Groups in Hybrid Upper Division Writing Courses," as she could not attend.

Maylath and Andrew Mara also participated in the annual conference of the Association of Teachers of Technical Writing on March 11, where Mara delivered a paper titled "Playful Innovation in Emerging Technical Communication Genres."

Berg to speak at meat summit



Berg

Eric Berg, associate professor of animal sciences, has been invited to speak at Value Cuts Summit II on May 1 at the Texas Culinary Academy in Austin.

He will be paired with a professional chef. Berg will discuss the science and specifics of underutilized cuts of pork. The chef will demonstrate innovative ways to prepare those cuts.

This is the second time Berg has been asked to speak at a Value Cuts Summit. The first was last September at Kendall Culinary College in Chicago. The Value Cuts Summit brings together meat scientists, professors and food-service innovators to explore and unlock the potential of underutilized cuts of beef, pork and lamb.

Sublett publishes article in Journal of Singing



Sublett

Virginia Sublett, associate professor of voice, will have an article published in the May/June 2009 issue of the *Journal of Singing*. The article, titled "Vibrato vs. Non-Vibrato in Choral and Solo Singing," addresses the stylistic issues and aesthetic preferences that can cause conflict between choir directors and voice teachers, especially at the university level with regard to vocal production.

The Journal of Singing also has accepted an article for future publication by NDSU Music doctoral candidate Erin Oberlander. Her article is titled "Premenstrual Syndrome and its Effect on Laryngeal Functionality."

Published five times a year by the National Association of Teachers of Singing, The Journal of Singing provides current information regarding the teaching of singing as well as results of recent research in the field.

Sublett joined the faculty in 2004, teaching applied voice, opera theatre and voice-related academic subjects. She also has taught at the University of California, San Diego, and the University of San Diego.

NDSU doctoral students present research at national conference

Two doctoral students from the NDSU history program were participants in the annual conference of the Organization of American Historians in Seattle, March 26-28.

Jessica Clark presented the paper, "The German-Russian Story: Reconstructing Identity Through Oral Histories," drawing on her dissertation research and the Dakota Memories Oral History Project of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection for the NDSU Libraries.

Andrea Mott presented the topic, "Brotherhood and Beyond: The Farmhouse Documentation Project," at the graduate student poster session. She also attended working meetings as the region's graduate representative on the Organization of American Historians membership committee.

Pearson and colleagues publish two articles



Pearson

Judy Pearson, professor of communication, has written an article with former doctoral student Jeff Child and senior summer scholar Sandra Petronio. The article is titled "Blogging, Communication and Privacy Management: Development of the Blogging Privacy Management Measure." The article will appear in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology.



Spiering

Pearson also published "Family Problem Solving: A Comparative Study of Adult Children in Puerto Rico and North Dakota" with authors Mary F. Casper, former doctoral student; Kerri Spiering, former doctoral student and associate vice president for equity, diversity and global outreach; and Jeffrey T. Child, former doctoral student

and now assistant professor at Kent State University in Ohio. The article was accepted for publication in the Journal of Intercultural Communication Research.

NDSU doctoral student awarded grant for research project



Chittem

Kishore Chittem, doctoral student in the Department of Plant Pathology, has been awarded a \$9,964 grant from the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program for the project, "Determining Efficacy of Waste Lime in Managing Fusarium Root Rot of Field Peas." Chittem says he hopes to develop a cost effective, eco-friendly approach

for root rot disease management and thereby increase profitability and sustainability of pea production.

Chittem's adviser is Rubella Goswami, assistant professor of plant pathology.

The grant was awarded as part of the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program Graduate Student Grant Program, which funds Graduate Student Grants in Sustainable Agriculture for projects that address sustainable agriculture issues and are part of the student's degree program. This year, 15 projects have been selected for funding in the region.

Funding considerations are made based on how well the applicant articulates the nature of the research and education components of their sustainable agriculture grant proposals. The North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program administrative council members decide which projects will receive Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education funds. A collection of farm and non-farm citizens, the administrative council includes a diverse mix of agricultural stakeholders in the region. Council members hail from regional farms and ranches, the Cooperative Extension Service, universities and nonprofit organizations.

For information on the grant program, contact Marie Flanagan at (612) 625-7027, www.sare.org/ncrsare or ncrsare@unm.edu.

Schuh featured on KFGO radio



Schuh

Jane Schuh, assistant professor of immunology in the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences, appeared on the research and development hour of "Weekend Edition" on KFGO radio, The Mighty 790. The show aired April 18.

Schuh's asthma research focuses on finding candidate genes or targets for asthma, on what initiates the disease process early and shows up later. It includes the assessment of innate, acute and chronic lung responses that occur during the evolution of fungus-induced airway inflammation. Schuh is submitting the results of this research to several scientific journals.

Weekend Edition features research activities from around the region, offering listeners information about how science affects daily life, as well as information about the wide variety of research conducted at NDSU.

PEOPLE

Minnesota Future Farmers of America honors Berg



Berg

Paul Berg, associate professor of animal and range science, accepted an Honorary Minnesota Future Farmers of America Degree at the 2009 Minnesota Future Farmers of America Convention on April 27.

Berg was selected for the degree because of his leadership involvement in agricultural education and the Future Farmers of America. According

to Joel Larsen, adviser for the Minnesota Future Farmers of America, Berg's dedicated service has been valuable to the success of many individuals and programs.

Berg earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at NDSU in animal and range science. He focuses his research on genetic aspects of factors relating to meat and meat products and lean tissue accretion. He teaches courses in meat animal evaluation; meat selection, grading and judging; and animal genetics. Berg is an advisory member of the board of directors for the Northern Plains Premium Beef, Dakota Heritage Beef and Dakota Lamb Growers Co-op.

NDSU student public relations team wins national recognition



From left to right: Gartner, Kopischke, Miller and Athey

NDSU students have received an honorable mention in a national public relations campaign with a project designed to prepare middle school students for college.

NDSU was one of 15 institutions to receive honorable mention in the national Bateman competition sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America. The finalists were Loyola University New Orleans, Michigan State University and University of Maryland. There were 77 entries.

"This is the first year NDSU has had a team compete and to receive a top 15 finish against schools with such reputable communication programs is a huge honor," said team member Kodee Gartner, a senior marketing major from Killdeer, N.D. "More importantly, it gave us the opportunity to apply classroom skills to plan and implement a campaign that benefited Fargo's youth."

Students were challenged to create and launch a grassroots public relations campaign to a designated target audience. This year, the campaign was focused on educating middle school students about the costs and planning associated with college.

The NDSU "Where are YOU going?" campaign included an interactive game to play with the students, a public service announcement, a scavenger hunt set up as an Internet research project, and a middle school night at a Fargo Force game that was held Feb. 21.

Team members included Gartner; Heather Athey, a senior studying public relations and advertising from Mankato, Minn.; Kelsey Miller, a junior public relations and advertising major from Champlin, Minn.; and Andrea Kopischke, a freshman studying public relations and advertising from Morgan, Minn. Amy O'Connor, assistant professor of communication, was the team's adviser.

Altstadt, Schlicksup win election



Altstadt

Amber Altstadt and Andy Schlicksup were elected student body president and vice president during Student Government elections April 16-17. Nearly 19 percent of NDSU students cast ballots.

"It was very exciting. We've already conducted interviews to choose our executive team," said Altstadt, from Perham, Minn., who is a junior studying pharmacy and Spanish.



Schlicksup

"Andy and I are really eager to get started. We have both had such a wonderful experience at NDSU, and we want to make sure every student has the experience we've had," she said. "We want to stand by the Student Government motto that we are here to leave the university better than when we came."

Active in Student Government, Altstadt has been the commissioner of the Congress of Student Organizations, senator for the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences and a member of the executive team. A member of Students Today Leaders Forever, she also was the co-founder and co-director of NDSU's Dance Marathon. She is involved in Blue Key National Honor Society and was Miss NDSU 2008.

"I feel honored and privileged," said Schlicksup, a senior studying political science and criminal justice. "It is a wonderful opportunity to serve students and the community that mean so much to me. I have numerous goals, but just a few would be: improving academic advising, academic recognition and contact with alumni; increasing involvement, computers and wireless internet accessible locations on campus; and being a more eco-friendly institution."

A Maple Grove, Minn., native, Schlicksup has served as the Student Senate's Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences senator. He is a Bison Ambassador and served as president of Interfraternity Council.

Altstadt said the pair wants to create a sustainable impact at NDSU. "We want to put into place changes and programs that will last a long time and be sustainable with the students' time and money and the environment around us. We want to make sure students feel connected to campus from the moment they decide they are coming here until long after they have graduated."

Department of Residence Life holds recognition banquet

The Department of Residence Life hosted a recognition banquet on April 19. Honoring students, faculty and staff, the banquet recognized those whose contributions have a lasting impact on students and have led to another successful year for residence life.

Andrew and Miriam Mara, both assistant professors of English, received Faculty Member of the Year Awards. The Maras are participants in the Department of Residence Life's Faculty in Residence Education Program. While residing in the Living Learning Center this year, the Maras have been actively involved in educational programming efforts with students living there.

Jack Donahue, director of dining services, received the Residence Life Distinguished Service Award. This award is given annually to an individual who has had a significant role in supporting the department, working in collaboration with staff and students.

EVENTS

Myers to give distinguished alumni presentation



Myers

Esther F. Myers has been named the distinguished alumna for the College of Human Development and Education. She will give a presentation on her career journey on Wednesday, April 29, at noon in FLC 124.

Myers is chief science officer with the American Dietetic Association. Following her retirement as chief consultant to the Air Force surgeon general, she joined the association in 2000 and also has served as director of research and scientific affairs.

Myers' efforts are currently focused on research activities needed for the development of the dietetics profession, the association and the American Dietetic Association Foundation initiative, Healthy Weight for Kids. She has been involved in development of the association's evidence analysis process and research projects focusing on evaluating impact of nutrition services in Medicare demonstration projects.

She is a staff liaison for the American Diabetes Association Research Committee. Myers also is association staff liaison with the Nutrition Care Process and Standardized Language Committee, which is developing and validating terminology to reflect the nutrition care process for standardized language systems and electronic health records.

Prior to joining the association, Myers was site visitor for the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education, peer reviewer for the Journal of the American Dietetic Association and member of the Health Services Research Task Force overseeing dietetic outcomes research. She was a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Nutrition Services for Medicare Beneficiaries and serves on the institute's Committee on Military Nutrition.

Myers earned a bachelor's degree in food and nutrition from NDSU in 1975 and master's degree in human nutrition and food management from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. She earned a doctorate in human ecology and institutional management from Kansas State University.

Sponsored by each of the colleges at NDSU, this is the third year of the NDSU Distinguished Alumni Award Program. Distinguished alumni honorees share career-related experiences and knowledge while visiting NDSU. Each alumnus has an opportunity to meet and give presentations to students, faculty, alumni and the NDSU community. The program provides an opportunity to educate students by introducing them to successful alumni. The classroom presentations and seminars are free and open to the public.

Nelson to present Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Lecture Series

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences at NDSU has invited distinguished scientist Mark T. Nelson to deliver a research lecture and to meet with the department faculty and graduate students. He will present "Astrocyte Control of Local Blood Flow in the Brain" on Tuesday, May 5, at 9 a.m. in Sudro Hall, room 26.

Nelson's research focus is in the area of cardiovascular pharmacology. Nelson is professor and chair of the pharmacology department at the University of Vermont's College of Medicine in Burlington. He earned a bachelor's degree from Tuft University in Medford, Mass., and a doctoral degree in neural science from Washington University in St. Louis.

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

Food Production Management class plans 'Seaside Getaway'

Students from NDSU's Food Production Management class have planned a "Seaside Getaway" for Thursday, May 7, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. on the lower level of the West Dining Center.

Students will prepare an NDSU captain salad with raspberry vinaigrette, a wheat dinner roll with cinnamon honey butter, salmon Florentine, garlic mashed potatoes, sugar snap peas and a fruit and yogurt parfait for dessert.

The price of the meal, including a beverage, is \$8.35. For anyone not on an NDSU meal plan, cash, check or credit cards will be accepted. People who are on an NDSU meal plan can use Bison Bucks. For reservations, call NDSU Dining Services at 1-7023. Walk-ins are welcome.

West Dining Center is located between the four residence hall towers on campus, just south of Newman Outdoor Field. Visitors may park in the NDSU visitor's parking lot. Guests can enter the building using the street-level east door.

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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.

A.M. Catering Supervisor/#00019714

Dining Services
\$11+/hour
Open until filled

Ag Research Technician/ #00020836/#00020837

Animal Science
\$27,000+/year
May 1

Research Specialist/#00019125

Plant Sciences
\$28,000+/year
May 1

Instrument and Research Specialist

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
May 6

Research Engineer/#00018471

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
May 6

Sheep Unit Manager

Animal Science
\$40,000+/year plus house and utilities
(electricity and heat) provided
Open until filled

Nursery Manager/#00020162

North Dakota Forest Service
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Web Designer/#00026480

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute
\$32,000+/year
Open until filled

Assistant Director, Planning and Construction Services/#00025488

Facilities Management
\$60,000+/year
Open until filled

Adviser/Lecturer

(Part-time, 50 percent)
Computer Science
\$17,000+
Open until filled

Internal Auditor

Budget Office
\$50,000+/year
Open until filled

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