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IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

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## Bison family shows appreciation and support for Chapmans at rally



NDSU students, faculty and staff, wearing “We Love Joe” buttons, gathered at a rally in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom on Oct. 21 to thank President Joseph A. Chapman and Gale Chapman for their years of service and to show support during their period of transition. After 11 years as president, Chapman resigned effective Jan. 2.

Amber Altstadt, student body president, and Andy Schlicksup, student body vice president, referred to the people of the NDSU community as a Bison family. “This event is meant to show you the widespread impact that you’ve had on campus,” Altstadt said to the Chapmans. “We want you to know that there is so much support for you here and that we will remember both of your contributions long after you move away from here.”

Participants wrote messages of gratitude and appreciation for inclusion in a scrapbook that was presented to the Chapmans at the end of the rally. Two current students and two alumni also spoke at the event.

Kevin Teigen, who was student body president during the “Don’t Go Joe” rally, spoke about lessons of courage and confidence that he learned from Chapman. “Anybody who has watched NDSU during the last decade knows the concept of goal setting and goal

attaining. It takes a lot of courage to set those big goals and it takes even more courage when those goals are made public because then everybody can see if they are being attained or not,” Teigen said. “It takes a lot of confidence to overcome skeptics who don’t think that things can happen.”

Arun Yadav, an international student from India, thanked Chapman for providing a second home to thousands of international students. “It’s an honor for me to thank President Chapman for all his love, courage, encouragement and support he has given to the international community,” he said. “We just want you to know, President Chapman, we are here for you, the way you were here for us when we needed you the most.”

The BisonArts Singers sang “You Raise Me Up,” while a slideshow played displaying photographs of the Chapmans taken throughout their time at NDSU.

Ashley Young, an NDSU junior in vocal music education and former Miss North Dakota, said she is more proud than ever to be a Bison because of Chapman’s accomplishments at NDSU. She said she has been deeply touched by his involvement, care and desire to see the students succeed, and it has changed her life forever.

Matt Skoy, alumnus and NDSU assistant director for service learning and civic engagement, called Chapman a transformational leader because he garners trust, respect and admiration from his followers. “The faculty, staff and students and coaches are here because you – President Chapman and Gale Chapman – for everything you have done for this institution. Thank you for choosing to make things happen.”

Before the a performance by the Gold Star Marching Band, Chapman thanked everyone for their comments and said during his tenure he has worked with many remarkable leaders of all kinds at NDSU, especially student leaders. “I can go back every year and pick a milestone – a defining event moment at NDSU, in which the students have truly stepped up,” he said. “I recognize the incredible relationship that we’ve had with the students. You’ve made our presidency. Thank you so much.”

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

### **NDSU Graduate School plans information fair**

The Graduate School has planned an information fair on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Room. Participants will learn about the benefits of graduate education and options for student financing.

### **NDSU Staff Senate begins ‘Smoke Free Campus’ polling**

Staff Senate is polling NDSU staff members to learn about their views regarding a smoke free campus. To cast a vote, go to [www.ndsu.edu/staff\\_senate](http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate).

### **Lawn mower, snowblower clinic planned for Oct. 29**

A lawn mower and snowblower clinic is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 29, in the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering building. To schedule an appointment, call 1-7261.

### **‘It’s Happening at State’ Early deadline reminder**

The deadline for the Nov. 11 issue of ‘It’s Happening at State’ is Wednesday, Nov. 4, at noon.

## State Board names Hanson interim president of NDSU



Hanson

The State Board of Higher Education voted to name Richard A. Hanson interim president of NDSU on Oct. 23. He currently is president of Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa.

Prior to joining Waldorf College, he was vice president for academic affairs and dean at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., from 1995 to 2005. He also held positions at California State University, Chico, and NDSU. His most recent positions at NDSU were as associate vice president for

academic affairs and interim vice president for academic affairs.

A native of Hillsboro, N.D., Hanson earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in child development and family relations, both from NDSU. He earned a doctorate in applied behavioral science from the University of California, Davis. He played football for NDSU, then for the New York Giants in 1971 and 1972, prior to becoming a graduate assistant football coach at NDSU.

"Throughout his career, Dr. Hanson has demonstrated an exceptional ability to lead others toward the realization of shared goals," said State Board of Higher Education President Richie Smith and Chancellor Bill Goetz in a letter to NDSU students, faculty and staff.

Hanson's start date has yet to be finalized. The board and chancellor are developing a timeline and hope to have a new president in place July 1. The State Board of Higher Education is expected to consider search committee membership and a recommendation for a search consultant at their Nov. 19 board meeting.

"As members of the NDSU family, we hope you will join us in thanking Dr. Chapman for his tremendous leadership of NDSU and in welcoming Hanson to his new role as interim president," Smith and Goetz said. "By working together, we will assure the continued success of this remarkable university and the people who have entrusted us with their education."

## NDSU Faculty Brass Quintet performs in Bismarck

The NDSU Faculty Brass Quintet performed at the Fiesta Villa in Bismarck, N.D. on Oct. 15.

The NDSU Faculty Brass Quintet includes Jeremy Brekke, trumpet; Erik Vigessa, horn; Kyle Mack, trombone; and Doug Neil, tuba. NDSU music graduate student Kyle Norris also performed with the group on trumpet.

The group performed a variety of music including pieces by Bizet, Purcell, Bernstein and Grainger. They also visited several schools in Bismarck, conducting master classes and performing.

## NDSU telecommunications project completed

NDSU has successfully completed a \$1.2 million upgrade of the AVAYA Telephone System to an Internet protocol-connected enterprise system, on time and on budget.

The process began approximately three years ago with Telecommunications' partners AVAYA, JTM Associates (telecom architects and design engineering consultants), and Network Engineering and Operations staff.

The upgrade was the result of a 15-year business plan providing funding for future upgrades, in preparation for enhanced communications technology and accommodation of future growth.

The upgraded system infrastructure replaced the existing fiber optic connected cabinets. Calls are converted to Internet protocol packets and sent over the NDSU data infrastructure, providing the ability for NDSU telephone service anywhere in the world where adequate data bandwidth is available.

This service can be extended today to telecommuting individuals using the Internet protocol-Softphone software. This Internet protocol-connected infrastructure has allowed NDSU to provide telephone service to all remote locations in the Fargo area, but more significantly it has served the North Dakota State College of Science as part of our single-enterprise telecommunications system.

Using the state data network, NDSU and North Dakota State College of Science now have transparent communications, including five-digit dialing, and centralized roll-out of new features and upgrades.

Sharing of these real-time systems, which are high in cost and maintenance, will allow both NDSCS and NDSU to provide more competitive and cost-effective services to students, faculty and staff.

The final design-engineering phase of this project also extends five-digit dialing, available immediately, to and from several North Dakota University System campuses.

NDSU phones can call other campuses by dialing:

- North Dakota State College of Science: 3-xxxx
- University of North Dakota: 7-xxxx
- Mayville State University: 3-xxxx
- North Dakota State University: 1-xxxx

## Valian presents equity lectures

NDSU Advance FORWARD sponsored a series of lectures by Virginia Valian, distinguished professor of psychology and linguistics at Hunter College and Graduate Center of the City University of New York and author of the book, "Why So Slow? The Advancement of Women," on Sept. 25.

Valian discussed why so few women are at the top of their profession in academia. She also reviewed experimental data that demonstrate how gender schemas produce subtle over valuations of men and under valuations of women, as well as analyzing and correcting hidden and visible equity problems.

Video and handouts from Valian's research and presentations are available at [www.ndsu.edu/forward/resources](http://www.ndsu.edu/forward/resources).

## DIVERSITY

## Students and faculty organize Giving + Learning @ NDSU

NDSU students and faculty from the Department of English and Office of International Programs have created Giving + Learning @ NDSU, a new initiative for English Language Learners, both on and off campus. The program offers support for people who are learning English.

An English Language Learner is paired with a volunteer for one hour per week. The pair works on skills or tasks the English Language Learner seeks assistance with.

As part of NDSU's Global Outreach mission, organizers of Giving + Learning @ NDSU intend to serve the growing international student population at NDSU plus Fargo's immigrant and refugee population.

An open house is planned for Thursday, Nov. 5, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Peace Garden room. Representatives from the program will be available to provide more information. Anyone interested in volunteering and people needing support through the Giving + Learning Program are encouraged to attend.

Contact Kristyn Schlimgen, Giving + Learning @ NDSU program coordinator, at [kristyn.schlimgen@ndsu.edu](mailto:kristyn.schlimgen@ndsu.edu) for more information.

## RESEARCH

## NDSU researchers present at international conferences



Reynolds



Grazul-Bilska



Caton

Members of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy presented at several prominent national and international conferences during the summer. Research associate Pawel Borowicz (not pictured), professor Larry Reynolds, professor Anna Grazul-Bilska, professor and co-director of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy Joel Caton, assistant professor and co-director of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy Kim Vonnahme, assistant professor Carrie Hammer, assistant professor Kasey Maddock Carlin and professor of animal science Dale Redmer, as well as doctoral candidate Allison Meyer (not pictured) presented at the American Society of Animal Sciences Conference in Montreal in July.

Papers presented include, "Assisted Reproductive Technologies Have a Dramatic Effect on Cell Proliferation in Ovine Fetal Membranes During Early Pregnancy," "Large Animal Models of Developmental Programming and Effects of Nutritional Plane" and "Selenium Supply on Intestinal Mass, Cellularity and Proliferation in the Ewe."

Johnson, Reynolds, Redmer, Vonnahme, Caton, Grazul-Bilska and Borowicz presented abstracts to the Society for the Study of Reproduction meeting on July 23-26 in Pittsburgh.



Vonnahme



Hammer



Maddock Carlin



Redmer

Presented papers included "Influence of Plane of Nutrition and In Vitro Hypoxia on Expression of Normal Prion Protein (PrP<sup>C</sup>) mRNA in Placental Tissue Explants from Adolescent Sheep at Day 75 of Pregnancy;" "Expression of Gap Junctional Protein Connexin (Cx) 37 and Cx43 in Fetal Ovaries Obtained from Sheep in Late Pregnancy;" "Implications for Developmental Programming;" "Relationship Between Vascular Growth and Expression of Angiogenic Factors in Uterine Tissues During Early Pregnancy in Sheep;" "Markers of Ovarian Antral Follicular Development in Sheep: Differences Between Final (FW) and Penultimate (PW) Wave Preovulatory Follicles;" and "Cell Proliferation and Vascularization in Human Endometrium of Different Reproductive Failures."

Grazul-Bilska was invited to have a presentation, titled "Angiogenesis in Placenta and Uterus," for the joint seminar of the Polish Society of Physiology and Society of Reproductive Biology at the University of Warmia and Mazury and Polish Academy of Sciences in Olsztyn, Poland; and for medical and research faculty and staff seminar at the Department of Gynecology, Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, both in June.

The mission of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy is to provide coordinated research activities focused on the impact of nutrition during pregnancy on health of the mother, fetus and offspring. These studies are conducted using several animal models, including adolescent or aged pregnancies, differing fetal and maternal genotypes and pregnancies with single or multiple fetuses.

## Chen earns research funding



Chen

Zhigang Chen, research scientist at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering, has received a grant award for \$85,000 from the United Soybean Board. Chen's research focuses on developing novel soy-based urethane acrylate oligomers and monomers through non-isocyanate synthesis route.

Urethane acrylates are important precursors in producing high performance thermoset materials such as coatings and composites. Currently, urethane acrylate production involves the use of phosgene (a chemical war agent) and isocyanates (toxic sensitizers).

Through this sponsored project, Chen will explore green, one-pot synthesis routes to produce soy-based urethane acrylate oligomers and monomers through non-phosgene and non-isocyanate synthesis routes. High performance, lower cost soy-based urethane acrylates are expected to be developed in safer synthesis routes, which will consequently find wide applications in biobased thermoset composites and coatings.

Chen earned a doctorate from NDSU's Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials.

## Kandel trains Uganda farmers about raising sunflowers



*Kandel explains line planting to Ugandan farmers.*

Hans Kandel, NDSU Extension Service agronomist in the plant sciences department, has returned from a two-week trip to Uganda, where he worked with more than 60 farm trainers to develop technical skills in sunflower production and Extension methods.

Sam Ebukalin, leader of the Popular Knowledge Women's Initiative cooperative, brought Kandel to Uganda. Their hope is the cooperative will become a leading African community development initiative that facilitates learning and knowledge sharing in rural settings. Kandel's strategies include training key farmer trainers in sunflower oil seed production and Extension skills and message development.

The U.S. Agency for International Development and Citizen's Network for Foreign Affairs helped make the connection between Popular Knowledge Women's Initiative and Kandel. He fit the necessary criteria because of his experience with the Extension Service and previously having done some work in Africa.

There are more than 1,000 farmers participating in the Popular Knowledge Women's Initiative cooperative. The objective is to have a one-acre sunflower field per participant. Farming in the Bukedea District is mainly done by hand because only a few farmers have access to oxen.

Line planting and proper distribution of plants in the fields are fairly new concepts for the local farmers. Most of the sunflower fields are intercropped with a low-growing food crop, such as cowpeas, soybeans or dry beans.

"For this project, there was a lot of enthusiasm among the farmers and they were eager to learn and adopt new technologies," Kandel says.

## NDSU awarded \$4 million grant

NDSU recently was awarded a \$4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Phil McClean, professor of plant sciences, is leading the project, titled "BeanCAP: A Coordinated Agricultural Project." NDSU is the lead institution and is collaborating with 18 scientists from nine other universities and USDA-Agricultural Research Service locations.

The project will incorporate research, education and outreach components around the area of nutritional genomics of common bean (pinto beans, string beans, etc.). The research goal of the project is to incorporate the tools of translational genomics into public plant breeders' programs with the aim of improving the nutritional value of beans. The project also aims to educate and train high school and beginning undergraduate students in plant breeding and how it interacts with the field of translational genomics. Finally, the project will develop Web-based platforms to disseminate knowledge of nutrition and genomics to the general public.

Additional NDSU personnel involved with the grant include Julie Garden-Robinson, food and nutrition specialist and associate professor of health, nutrition and exercise science; Christina Johnson, computer graphics manager in plant sciences; Juan Osorno, assistant professor of plant sciences; and Brian Slator, professor of computer science.

## Whitsel travels abroad to assist childhood education program



*Whitsel*

Christopher M. Whitsel, NDSU assistant professor of sociology, traveled to Kazakhstan to provide research design assistance and training for evaluators of the Getting Ready for School initiative of the Open Society Foundation.

The program is a nine-month, home-based curriculum aimed to help parents prepare their young children, who have not attended formal pre-school, to arrive at school with the necessary skills and enthusiasm for learning. It especially targets families who cannot afford to send their children to pre-school or who live in rural areas without access to pre-schools.

Whitsel traveled to Kazakhstan and Tajikistan in October of 2009 to participate in the initial training of the local data collectors. He will continue to guide the evaluation process throughout the year and return to Tajikistan to assist in the second round of evaluations in the coming summer.

The program evaluation will take place in three stages, once in October 2009, again in July 2010 and in 2011 after the children have completed first grade.

## Wu lab publishes article in Molecular Cancer



*Wu*

Erxi Wu, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, and Fengfei Wang, senior research associate in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, have had a manuscript published with collaborator Guoying Zhang from China. "Suppression of growth, migration and invasion of highly metastatic human breast cancer cells by berbamine and its molecular mechanisms of action" was published in the journal, *Molecular Cancer*.

The researchers have been studying the activity of berbamine against highly metastatic human breast cancer and its molecular mechanisms of action. They discovered that berbamine suppresses the growth, migration and invasion in highly metastatic human breast cancer cells and it has synergistic effects with anticancer agents. The researchers suggest that berbamine may have wide therapeutic and adjuvant therapeutic application in treatment of human breast cancer and other cancers.

“Molecular Cancer, a forum for exciting findings in the field of cancer-related research, is an open access journal, providing an unparalleled opportunity to present information to specialists and the public. The online appearance of Molecular Cancer allows the immediate publication of accepted articles and the presentation of large amounts of data and supplemental information.”

Researchers from Wu’s laboratory focus their work on tumor therapeutic targets, drug discovery and biomarkers. The lab has a close collaboration with Yantai University in China.

## PEOPLE

### Jones and Froelich present Gu Shi lecture-recital



Jones

Robert Jones, associate professor of music, and Andrew Froelich, professor of music, presented a lecture-recital at the College Music Society National Conference in Portland, Ore., on Oct. 21-24. The title of their presentation was “A Musical Interpretation of the ‘Gu Shi’ Poetry of Li Po: Three Chinese Wine Songs by Richard Cumming.”



Froelich

According to the presenters, Gu shi (old poetry) was the preferred poetic form of Li Po (705-762), celebrated poet of the T’ang Dynasty (618-907). Gu shi evolved from a Han Dynasty form that framed a rhymed verse with prose passages. This form more successfully expressed important themes of Chinese lyric poetry: human emotion and the natural world. Simile and metaphor were rare, used only when directly linked to the major idea. Individual passages never eclipsed a poem’s central theme.

### Flakoll selected for service on education committees



Flakoll

Tim Flakoll, Tri-College University provost, has been selected to serve on the executive committee of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. He joins North Dakota Chancellor Bill Goetz and Minnesota Chancellor James McCormick, who also serve on the executive committee.

Flakoll has served as a commissioner for the Midwestern Higher Education Compact since 1999 when North Dakota became a member of the organization.

Midwestern Higher Education Compact is comprised of 12 states and the organization’s goal is to advance education through cooperation.

Flakoll recently was selected as one of 42 people from across the United States to participate in the Global Education Competitiveness Summit held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Flakoll, along with national and world education leaders, developed strategies to assess and strengthen state education systems throughout America.

### Two join Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering



Dash

Pabitra Dash has been named software engineer and Carolyn Yehle has been named research technician at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering.



Yehle

Dash previously served as an associate professor of computer information systems at Mayville State University, Mayville, N.D., and as a research scientist for the Department of Animal Science at NDSU. He has worked in the software field for 15 years and brings experience in developing computer information systems, programming and software tools and databases. Dash earned an associate degree in computer programming, an undergraduate degree in agricultural engineering, master’s degrees in post harvest engineering and in business

administration, and a doctorate in post harvest engineering. At the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering, he leads software efforts for the Bioactive Materials Research Lab, developing database and Web interfacing to automate laboratory equipment and developing automation scripts for laboratory tools. He also provides training to laboratory personnel on new software tools.

Yehle, who earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y., is a research technician in the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering’s Bioactive Materials Research Lab. She performs techniques related to microbiology by growing, testing and analyzing the effects of bacteria and algae on coatings. She previously worked as a phlebotomist at Cetero Research, Fargo, and as a lab technician at Ward’s Natural Science, Rochester, N.Y.

### ‘Law of Jazz’ radio show celebrates four years



Law

“The Law of Jazz,” a North Dakota Public Radio program hosted by NDSU Division of Fine Arts assistant director Bill Law, celebrated its fourth anniversary on Oct. 24 on 91.9 FM.

This weekly radio show features a variety of local, regional, national and international jazz musicians. The program is broadcast in North Dakota, western Minnesota and southern Manitoba.

## EVENTS

## Advance FORWARD plans promotion and tenure lecture

Dana Britton, professor of sociology at Kansas State University and editor of the journal, *Gender and Society*, will present "Universities as Gendered Organizations: Theory and Practice," on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 12:15 p.m. in the Memorial Union Arrikara room. The NDSU community is invited to attend the event, sponsored by NDSU Advance FORWARD. A free lunch will be served.

Britton's lecture will focus on promotion and tenure processes that she has studied through her participation in the Partnerships for Adaptation, Implementation and Dissemination grant program. NDSU is one of eight institutions participating in the Partnerships for Adaptation, Implementation and Dissemination grant.

Registration is required at: [ndsuadvance.ndsu.nodak.edu/registration/november\\_5.html](http://ndsuadvance.ndsu.nodak.edu/registration/november_5.html).

## Recognition luncheon set for scholarship donors and recipients

The 2009 College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources Scholarship Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. The annual event honors scholarship donors for their contributions and scholarship recipients for their achievements. Letters of invitation have been sent to all students receiving scholarships in the college, scholarship donors and college faculty.

Joseph A. Chapman, NDSU president; R. Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Kenneth Grafton, dean of the college and director of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station; Jayme Fiesel, senior in veterinary technology from Harvey, N.D., representing student recipients; and Donald E. Anderson, professor emeritus of agribusiness and applied economics, representing scholarship donors, are scheduled to speak at the event.

The College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources awards more than 400 scholarships each year.

## NDSU student art exhibit on display at Hotel Donaldson

NDSU visual arts students will display their work at Fargo's Hotel Donaldson Dec. 11.

Selected by NDSU visual arts faculty, the students who will participate in this exhibition include Robert Arlt, Alison Celley, Kim Pigeon, Meg Roberts, Calysta Swor, Rich Thomasson, Bradley Wehrman and Josh Zeis. The works will present the unique visual ideas explored by these students and the final result is a diverse, contemporary and intellectually challenging exhibit.

## 'How to Make the Holidays Happy' seminar set

Join NDSU Distance and Continuing Education for a seminar, titled "How to Make the Holidays Happy," on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the SGC Building located at 1919 N. University Drive, Fargo. This presentation addresses meal planning, creating and maintaining a budget, decorating for the holidays and entertaining children.

The holiday season is a busy time for most people. Developing a plan of action will allow you to enjoy time with your friends and family. Presenter Marielle Eischens is the owner of Today's Organized Living LLC, a company that educates people on how to live simply so they have time for the important things in life.

Cost for the presentation is \$25 and includes breakfast. A "Happy Holidays" binder will be for sale for \$15 at the workshop. To register, visit [www.ndsu.edu/dce](http://www.ndsu.edu/dce) (Non-Credit Activity: Conferences/Events/Workshops).

For more information, contact Distance and Continuing Education at 1-7015, toll free 1-800-726-1724 or visit [www.ndsu.edu/dce](http://www.ndsu.edu/dce).

## NDSU alumnus to create in-gallery painting

NDSU alumnus Neto Atkinson will create an in-gallery painting on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Gallery. Originally from Guatemala, his work as an artist represents a contemporary movement of his own time.

"As an artist, it is important for me to see the world around me and be able to understand and transmit different problems in our society through my art. By understanding problems and conflicts in society, we are able to put our differences aside," Atkinson said. "This is why my artistic expression comes into play as a method of communicating the ethical and moral sentiment which society hides from it. Exploring behind the barrier to help the spectator define social boundaries and ask questions of where and when moral and ethical concepts come into play. The different abstract imagery and the mix of media represent how our conceptual notions of politics, religions, war, beauty and human nature can be skewed from the ethical and moral sentiment."

Students who traveled to Guatemala with the International Service Seminar also will give a presentation at 3 p.m.. For more information, contact Angela Mathers at [Angela.M.Mathers@ndsu.edu](mailto:Angela.M.Mathers@ndsu.edu) or 1-5729.

## College of Business names Distinguished Alumnus



**Erickson**

The NDSU College of Business has named John Erickson as their 2009 Distinguished Alumnus. The announcement, usually made in the spring, was postponed due to the spring flooding.

Erickson will give his presentation on Friday, Nov. 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the AgCountry Auditorium (room 140) at Richard H. Barry Hall. A reception and award presentation are scheduled for 1:15 p.m.

in the Dean's Suite (room 102).

Erickson, president and chief executive officer, of Otter Tail Corp. in Fergus Falls, Minn., earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from NDSU in 1980. He leads Otter Tail's executive team, providing direction for the corporation by setting organizational strategy, fostering and entrepreneurial culture and defining the vision, mission and values.

Also a certified public accountant, he has been part of the Otter Tail organization for more than 25 years. He joined the organization as an analyst in the rate department. He was named executive vice president in 2000 and appointed president in 2001. He assumed chief executive officer duties in 2002.

He is an active community volunteer and serves on the boards of Lake Region Healthcare Corporation and the NDSU Alumni Association. He also serves on the boards of Texas-based Optim Energy and the Edison Electric Institute.

## Graduate information fair set

The NDSU Graduate School has planned an information fair for Thursday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Room. Participants will learn about the benefits of graduate education and options for student financing.

Representatives from many NDSU graduate programs will be available to share information and answer your questions.

Learn more about the event and the schedule of presentations at [www.ndsu.edu/gradschool](http://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool).

## Fine Arts offers Art and Music Day

The NDSU Division of Fine Arts is planning the eighth annual Art and Music Day for Monday, Nov. 2, at NDSU Renaissance Hall and the Reineke Fine Arts Center.

During their visit to the NDSU Department of Music, interested high school students will visit ensembles studios, sit in on classes, meet with faculty members and NDSU music majors and learn more about scholarships, financial aid and admission.

Students who are interested in a visual arts major also will have an opportunity to visit the department at Renaissance Hall and faculty/student studios, sit in on classes, meet with faculty members and NDSU art majors, find out about NDSU financial aid and the admission process.

For more information or questions, contact Kay Beckermann at 1-9564 or [kay.beckermann@ndsu.edu](mailto:kay.beckermann@ndsu.edu).

## SHORTS & REMINDERS

### Positions Available

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

### Academic Assistant

Center for Global Initiatives and Leadership  
\$26,000+/year  
Oct. 28

### Administrative Assistant/#00020265

General Counsel  
\$25,000+/year  
Nov. 2

### P.M. Catering Supervisor/#00019444

Monday to Friday  
Hours vary, weekends included  
Dining Services – Memorial Union  
\$12.50+/hour  
Oct. 30

### A.M. Catering Supervisor#00019714

Monday to Friday with some weekends  
Dining Services – Memorial Union  
\$12.50+/hour  
Nov. 2

### Food Service Worker (salad preparation) #00021237

Monday to Friday  
4 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Dining Services  
\$8+/hour  
Nov. 4

### Lead Caterer #00023314

Monday to Friday with weekends  
Dining Services – Memorial Union  
\$11+/hour  
Open until filled

### Fire Support Technician

North Dakota Forest Service – Bismarck  
\$24,000+/year  
Oct. 28

### RSVP+ Associate Manager

Distance and Continuing Education  
\$40,000 minimum/year  
Oct. 28

### Clinic Coordinator/#00019547

12 months, 75 percent position  
Human Development and Family Science  
Oct. 29

### Systems Engineer

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

### Food Technology Specialist

Plant Sciences  
\$28,000+/year  
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

### OCTOBER

**28 Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach** – “Sisterhood Circle: Women of Color and Hidden Addictions,” noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose room.  
Co-sponsored by Office of Multicultural Programs.

**28 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “Cool Jobs, Hot Internships: Career Opportunities with the Federal Government,” Josh Boschee, career specialist with the NDSU Career Center, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.

**29 - Dec. 10 Reineke Visual Arts Gallery** – Baccalaureate Group Exhibit featuring Chris Bohn, Leslie LaFleur, Adam McGuire and Jessica Preston. A reception is planned for Friday, Nov. 6, at 4:30 p.m.

**29-Nov. 12 Renaissance Gallery** – Baccalaureate Exhibit, Alison Celley

**29 Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach** – “Judy Siegle: Living Without Limits,” 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Arikara room. Sponsored by Equity Diversity Center and Disability Services.

**30 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “Live United,” United Way of Cass-Clay, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.  
Co-sponsored by Service Learning and Civic Engagement.

**30 Psychology Colloquium** – “Broadening a View of K-12 Classrooms to Include Student Culture,” Nathan Wood, assistant professor in the School of Education, 3:30 p.m., FLC 122.

**30 Volleyball** vs. University of Missouri-Kansas City, 7 p.m., Bentson/Bunker Fieldhouse

**31 Volleyball** vs. Southern Utah, 7 p.m., Bentson/Bunker Fieldhouse

### NOVEMBER

**2 Plant Science Graduate Seminar** – “Herbicide Sorption and Desorption as Affected by Soil Type,” Roberto Luciano, 3 p.m., Loftsgard Hall 114

**2 Woodwind Chamber Night**, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

**2 Art Cinema Series** – “Journey to the Flames: 10 Years of Burning Man,” 7 p.m., Fargo Theatre. Tickets are \$5.

**3 Anti-Racism Tuesday** – “Black Hollywood: How Race Operates in the Movie Industry,” 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Arikara room

**3 Women’s Basketball** vs. Minnesota State University Moorhead (exhibition) 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

**3 Saxophone Quartets Recital**, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

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