

Campus community asked to help 'define IT' at NDSU

Bonnie Neas, vice president for information technology, is looking for feedback on the present status and future needs of information technology at NDSU.

Neas said the results will be "a basis for developing a cohesive, robust IT environment to successfully support the teaching, research and administrative efforts of a growing university." To get discussions started, she presented "Defining IT at NDSU," a two-session open forum held March 27 on the needs, challenges and direction of technology services.

President Joseph A. Chapman opened the forum by welcoming the nearly 100 participants at the first session. "NDSU has gone through an enormous amount of change. We've added not only many more people, we've added a lot more places. We're scattered literally all over the world, and connections are critically important," he said. "Beyond that, IT is changing so fast that remaining current, let alone being a leader, becomes an enormous challenge for us."

Neas said the new division, which merges Telecommunications and Information Technology services, is looking for ways to improve services with limited resources.

She also noted two of the major difficulties her division is facing. "Spam is a big problem – it is about 70 percent of our e-mail per day. So, it is a big challenge for us. The other thing that is a major issue is securing our networks – there is a lot of effort going into that," Neas said. "The university system is going to be looking at outsourcing student e-mail during the next few months."

Neas said faculty, staff and students are invited to submit IT-related questions or concerns through an online form at www.ndsu.edu/vpit/defining_it/form.

"We plan on providing feedback, results and answering questions on our Web site. Also look for additional future events like the open forum," Neas said. "We always welcome and encourage input."

NDSU Extension releases weed barrier video

A video on the use and maintenance of polypropylene weed barrier fabric for trees is available from the NDSU Extension Service.

"The video explains annual weed barrier maintenance requirements when used in tree plantings," says Julie Kramlich, NDSU Adams County Extension agent. "It also explains how the weed barrier may need to be removed after a certain period of time for the optimum growth and health of the trees."

Various methods for removing the weed barrier are explained in the video, which also shows examples of potential damage that can occur in weed barrier plantings that are not maintained or left around the trees too long. Alternative tree care methods are detailed in the video, as well as how to care for the soil between the rows of trees.

The video is available at www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/hettinger/economics.htm.

The video was produced by the Adams County Soil Conservation District, Adams County Extension office, NDSU Hettinger Research Extension Center and NDSU Agriculture Communication Department.

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NDSU Extension Service awarded \$10,000 folic acid grant

The Dakota Medical Foundation has awarded the NDSU Extension Service a \$10,000 grant to improve women's knowledge of folic acid and its role in preventing birth defects.

The NDSU Extension Service and North Dakota Folic Acid/Healthy Pregnancy Task Force plan to educate women of childbearing age about folic acid through multiple avenues, including public service announcements, classes, brochures, Web site (www.ndsu.edu/healthypregnancy), table tents and bookmarks. This educational effort will be based on messages in the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Ready or Not" campaign.

The statewide task force promotes the message that consuming 400 micrograms of folic acid a day can prevent up to 70 percent of brain and spinal birth defects. Folic acid is a B vitamin the body needs to make healthy new cells.

"We are pleased to receive this grant funding because it will help us reach thousands of women with this important health message," says Julie Garden-Robinson, food and nutrition specialist with the NDSU Extension Service.

The Fargo-based Dakota Medical Foundation focuses its efforts on improving health and access to medical dental care in the region, especially for children. Since 1996, the foundation has invested more than \$32 million in 299 nonprofit organizations in the area.

PEOPLE

Stuckle to give 'Dakota Memories' presentation in South Dakota

Acacia Stuckle, special collections associate for the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, will give an informative presentation about the Dakota Memories Oral History Project on Thursday, April 24, at 12:15 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in Eureka, S.D.

"This presentation will inform the public on what the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection has to offer along with information about the Dakota Memories Oral History Project," Stuckle said. Organizers of the project will travel to Eureka to conduct interviews this summer.

According to Stuckle, Eureka was a fundamental stopping point for German-Russian immigration in the Dakotas. "I plan on sharing sample video clips from interviews we have conducted and audio clips from our three radio series. The collection is an archival repository, and we are seeking historic photographs, textiles, cookbooks and family histories," Stuckle said.

Sponsored by the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection in the NDSU Library, the Dakota Memories Oral History Project is an effort to document and preserve German-Russian ethnic identity. Since 2005, organizers have traveled the Northern Plains, gathering stories and documenting family relationships and childhood memories of second- and third-generation Germans from Russia.

For additional information, contact Stuckle at 1-6596 or acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu. Additional information about the collection is available at www.ndsu.edu/grhc.

NDSU researchers recognized for top cited scientific article



Boudjouk



Stafslie



Bahr



Chisholm

A scientific article by researchers in the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering at NDSU has been named one of the most-cited articles published in the *Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry* in 2006 by the American Chemical Society. Authors of the article on coatings are Shane Stafslie, senior research specialist; Jim Bahr, senior research engineer; NDSU graduates Jason Feser and Jon Weisz; Bret Chisholm, senior research scientist; Thomas Ready, former senior research associate; and Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer.

The article, "Combinatorial Materials Research Applied to the Development of New Surface Coatings I: A Multiwell Plate Screening Method for the High Throughput Assessment of Bacterial Biofilm Retention on Surfaces," details a new and effective biological screening workflow to rapidly evaluate the performance of new antifouling marine coatings developed using robotic equipment in the Combinatorial Materials Research Laboratory at NDSU. The article is featured on the American Chemical Society publications Web site at http://pubs.acs.org/journals/jchc/ff/promo/most/most_cited/2006.html.

Most-cited articles are based on data from Thomson Web of Science. When scientists conduct research, they often refer to groundbreaking work published by other researchers as they conduct experiments and publish results of research that add to the body of scientific knowledge.

Stafslie earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from NDSU. He previously was an analytical chemist in the pharmaceutical industry at PRACS Institute Ltd., Fargo. He joined the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering in 2002.

Bahr earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from NDSU. Prior to joining the center in 2002, he was a staff engineer at TDA Research Inc., Wheat Ridge, Colo. He works with researchers in designing and fabricating custom lab equipment in the NDSU Combinatorial Materials Research Lab.

Chisholm earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from NDSU and a doctorate in polymer science from the University of Southern Mississippi. He was employed by General Electric prior to joining the center in 2004. He directs the Combinatorial Materials Research Laboratory and also is an adjunct professor for the Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials.

Boudjouk has served as NDSU's first vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer since 2000. He has been active as a teacher, researcher and member of the NDSU Department of Chemistry faculty since 1973. During his tenure as vice president, annual research expenditures at NDSU have increased from \$44 million to more than \$106 million.

Gunkelman Award nominees announced

A total of 20 NDSU personnel and students have been nominated for the prestigious Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award. The recipient will be announced during an award ceremony on Wednesday, April 9, at 3 p.m. in the Alumni Center.

The award was established in 1987 to recognize the student or employee who has made the most significant and unselfish contributions to creating a happy environment for the enjoyment of NDSU students.

Nominees include Marsha Allahar, academic assistant in the Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science; Connie Ambuehl, Facilities Management; sophomore Nadeesha Bellana; David Berryhill, associate professor of animal and range sciences; senior Jerome Billups; senior Charles Elhard; Ruth Ann Faulkner, administrative assistant for the Center for Science and Mathematics Education; Mary Hegney, Residence Dining Center; Vicki Ihry, Tri-College University; Dan Klenow, professor and chair of sociology/anthropology; Ronda Klubben, administrative assistant in health, nutrition and exercise sciences; Victoria Miller, administrative assistant for the Memorial Union; Kay Modin, TRiO project director; Carmen Patzer, Residence Life custodian; Suranjan Panigrahi, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering; Michele Sherman, administrative assistant in the Department of English; senior Kay Snyder; Wolfgang Teder-Salejarvi, associate professor of psychology; Janine Trowbridge, TRiO office manager; and senior Lauren Williams.

The 2008 award will recognize a person who has contributed toward making NDSU a pleasant, cheerful campus for students during the 2007-08 academic year.

Business scholars join honor society

The College of Business at NDSU inducted 31 students and one faculty member into its chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society on March 14. Only students who rank in the top 7 percent of the junior class, top 10 percent of the senior class and top 20 percent of the MBA class at schools accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business are eligible for invitation to the honor society.

The following are the 2008 inductees:

MBA

Roman D. Assilbekov, Randy E. Christianson, Allen J. Lee, Warren D. Sundet and Mary Ulmer

Seniors

Jessica A. Anderson, Jacob W. Bryce, Michael E. Gullickson, Nicholas L. Hazard, Mathew Hermanson, Jill A. Lacina, Chad M. Larson, Joshua L. Lien, Andrea J. Marihart, Nathan J. Nerenz, Sara Niemela, Seana C. O'Brien, Zachary Perry, Lee M. Peterson, Dilnoza Qorchiyeva, Alissa M. Sorum and Kristi L. Walter

Juniors

Christian J. Bye, Michael D. Christopherson, Christian A. Nielson, Jordan Rodgers, Thomas C. Rolfstad, Alex Schroeder, Kari M. Steier, Ronald A. Storhaug and Kale R. Van Bruggen

Faculty member

Charles Stevens, associate professor of management

Speakers at the event included Karen Froelich, NDSU associate professor of management and chapter vice president; Betsy Stadick, a '99 business administration graduate and co-owner of Summit Group Software; and Alex Shima, a 2007 inductee and an NDSU senior who represented NDSU at the 2008 National Beta Gamma Sigma Leadership Forum in Atlanta in February.

Khan chosen president-elect of cereal chemists organization



Khan

Khalil Khan, professor in the Department of Cereal and Food Sciences at NDSU, is president-elect of the Scientific Society of the American Association of Cereal Chemists International. The organization is an international scientific society of cereal chemists. Khan will assume new duties in September, president's duties in September 2009 and duties of the chairman of the board of directors in September 2010.

A member for 35 years, he has served in many capacities including member of the board of directors; program chair of the 2004 annual meeting; chair of the education division, protein division, protein and amino acid technical committee; and ad hoc chair of the Applied Research Award, Young Scientist Award and New Meeting Model Committees. He currently chairs the Awards Committee and serves on the Osborne Medal, Applied Research, Young Scientist, Undergraduate Fellowship, Graduate Fellowship, Grant Task Force, Membership Task Force and Education Division committees. He has been an associate editor for Cereal Chemistry and is currently co-editor of the pending new edition of the American Association of Cereal Chemists International Monograph Wheat: Chemistry and Technology.

As president-elect, Khan plans to focus on finding ways to keep the association solvent, vibrant, relevant and the premiere worldwide organization for advancing grain science and related technologies. He calls on all members for help and suggestions on important issues such as increasing membership, encouraging and mentoring students and young professionals, expanding and strengthening the association's international commitment to its diverse global membership and sustaining relevant scientific research.

Khan earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Winnipeg and master's degree and doctorate from the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. He has been a faculty member at NDSU since 1981 and was interim chair of the cereal and food sciences department from 2000-02.

Helgeland article published by North Dakota Humanities Council



Helgeland

The North Dakota Humanities Council has published NDSU history professor John Helgeland's article "Why Is Religion Violent." The article covers topics including why some people wish to eliminate religion, values and concerns of different cultures, religion and conflict on the Great Plains and militant Islam.

Helgeland earned his doctorate from the University of Chicago. He serves on the NDSU Bush Ethics Committee and is a recipient of the Blue Key Distinguished Educator Award.

The article is available at prairiepolis.blogspot.com. For more information, contact Helgeland at john.helgeland@ndsu.edu or 1-7026.

Applied economists present at conference on agriculture and natural resources risk



Lambert

David Lambert and Saleem Shaik, faculty from the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, were selected to present papers at "Economics and Management of Risk in Agriculture and Natural Resources," the annual meeting of SCC-076, which was held March 15-17 in Gulf Shores, Ala.



Shaik

Lambert presented the paper, "The Expected Utility of Genetic Information Using Conditional Probability Distributions." As editor of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, Lambert also is preparing a special section of an upcoming issue to include an overview of risk analysis in agriculture and natural resources, as well as papers presented at the March meetings that are accepted for publication.

Shaik's presentations included one paper co-written with Sanjoy Bhattacharjee from Mississippi State University, titled "Multilevel Modeling of Crop Yields to Test for Normality." He also presented "Does Crop Insurance and Off-farm Income Affect Farmland Values?" co-written with Ashok Mishra from Louisiana State University.

NDSU Madrigal Singers perform at music educators conference



Weber

Michael Weber, associate professor of music, and the NDSU Madrigal Singers performed at the North Dakota Music Educators Association State Conference on March 27 at the Civic Center in Bismarck, N.D.

The Madrigal Singers were selected to perform at the convention through an audition process. They performed works by Monteverdi, Brahms and Mendelssohn. This is the first time the Madrigal Singers have performed at this convention.

Weber is the associate director of choral activities at NDSU. He conducts the Madrigal Singers, the University Chorus and teaches classes in choral conducting, choral literature and music education. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota, a master's degree from California State University in Fullerton and a doctorate from the University of Arizona.

Lifton article published in Indian journal



Lifton

An article by Paul Lifton, associate professor of theatre arts, will be published in the inaugural issue of *Mukharagam*, a research journal published by the Kerala Kalamandalam.

The article, "Soaring to Hemakuta in Indra's Chariot: Reflections on an American University Production of Kalidasa's *The Recognition of Sakuntala*," is about the 2006 Little Country Theatre production of that classic Sanskrit play. It was an invited submission requested by the new journal's editor, K. G. Paulose, vice chancellor of the Kerala Kalamandalam.

The Kerala Kalamandalam is a school of performing arts founded in the early 20th century. It was recently designated a "Deemed University for Art and Culture," located in the town of Cheruthuruthy in the state of Kerala, India.

Presser to represent NDSU at College Music Society Conference

Clara Presser, senior vocal major and student body vice president, will present a lecture and recital during the College Music Society 2008 "Two Greats" Super Regional Conference, March 28-29 at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill.

The title of Presser's presentation is "The Functionality of Poetic and Musical Themes in Selected Songs from 'Beloved, Thou Hast Brought Me Many Flowers' by Libby Larsen." *Beloved* is a complete and successful example of a Midwestern, 20th century American song cycle. Larsen selected poetry from Hilda Doolittle, Rainer Maria Rilke and Elizabeth Barrett Browning and combined them for this 20-minute collection of love songs.

Presser will focus on three songs from the cycle and discuss the importance of the poetic structure and application to the musical phrase and composition. She will review the different poetic movements and ideals and analyze Larsen's ability to accomplish the musical needs of the poems. Janet Geston will accompany Presser on piano and Adriana La Rosa Ransom will accompany her on cello.

"Clara represents the best of what our undergraduate fine arts majors represent. She's the student body vice president, an outstanding singer and a fine scholar," said John Miller, director of the Division of Fine Arts. "We're proud to have her here at NDSU, and proud of how she will represent us nationally."

NDSU visual arts faculty selects high school winners

Faculty from the NDSU Department of Visual Arts selected the winners of the 2008 Juried High School Art Exhibition, which ran through March 25 at the NDSU Downtown Visual Arts Gallery.

The NDSU Visual Arts faculty selected the following works for scholarship awards:

3D Category

Camron Victor, Fargo South High School, received first place with "Urchin Bowl," a red earthenware project. Renee Godke, Fargo North High School, received second place with "Japanese Influence," a ceramic project. Robert Wagner, Fargo North High School, received third place with "Perfection of Perfect," a ceramic project.

2D Category

Gustav Hamilton, Fargo South High School, received first place with "Radio Flyer," a project made with charcoal. Godke also received second place in this category with "Self Portrait," a project made with marker. Rand Seay, Grand Forks Central High School, received third place with "Desolation," a serigraph project.

In addition to the scholarship recipients, many other works by high school students were selected for the exhibition. For more information, contact Tamara Erdmann at 1-8818.

NDSU Business of Acting class travels to New York and Tennessee



Chabora

Pamela D. Chabora, associate professor of theatre performance, and nine NDSU theatre students auditioned for professional theatre jobs in New York City, March 1-9. They also traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn., for professional auditions at the Southeastern Theatre Conference.

Students Chantelle Albers, Hannah Bell, Paige Greenwood, Taylor Schatz, Carissa Thorlakson, Christopher Pirkl, Anna Pieri, Ryan Macleod and Stephanie Richter accompanied Chabora on the trip.

Following the trip, Chabora was offered a contract to perform leads in four shows and teach at Theatre West Virginia, an outdoor theatre in Beckley, W. Va., this summer. Four students received offers to work at Tecumseh, an outdoor theatre in Ohio; at the Actor's Theatre of Louisville in Kentucky; and at Commonweal Theatre in Minnesota. Seven students received advanced auditions from professional theatres and are still receiving offers.

EVENTS

NDSU to host 'Art Education Day' with James Rosenquist Artist in Residence



Pellitteri

Area high school students will join the NDSU Department of Visual Arts for an opportunity to work with Jonathan Pellitteri, the 2008 James Rosenquist Artist in Residence, on Friday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at NDSU Downtown.

Students will work with Pellitteri to create a temporary outdoor sculpture using natural fabrics, wood and rope. They will create a 30-foot wide wall reminiscent of the work of sculptor Richard Serra. The project will be on display through the end of the semester at the NDSU Downtown outdoor courtyard.

Pellitteri's focus as a sculptor is to reach the public with works representing observations of the world around him. He notes that each time he works in a fresh place, his artwork develops in unexpected and exciting directions. Pulling from his experiences in construction as a mason and carpenter, Pellitteri handles various mediums and processes and introduces new materials and methods into his work.

Register at www.ndsu.edu/finearts/registration.shtml or call 1-8818. The event is free. More information about Pellitteri can be found at www.jonathanpellitteri.com.

Animal agrosecurity conference set

The NDSU Extension Service is hosting an international animal agrosecurity conference June 4-6 in Fargo. The "Beyond Borders: Regional Animal Agrosecurity" conference will focus on what would happen if an animal agrosecurity incident involved the U.S.-Canadian border and what role do those in the agricultural, food and health industries, as well as emergency services and law enforcement, have in animal agrosecurity.

"Emergencies and disasters are always local," says Charlie Stoltenow, NDSU Extension veterinarian. "They will require

local action, resources and resolve to deal with an animal agrosecurity incident involving the U.S.-Canadian border. This conference is just the first step in bringing international, national, state and local individuals together to identify the resources on both sides of the border that will be needed to prevent and, if needed, resolve an animal agrosecurity incident."

Other conference topics include developing county-based animal agrosecurity plans. The conference also will consist of several programs to educate participants on animal agrosecurity issues.

The conference is designed for U.S. and Canadian teams that include producers, veterinarians, Extension and outreach staff, regulatory veterinary medicine personnel, animal health board members, agriculture department and homeland defense representatives, emergency managers, public health officials, state animal response team and veterinary reserve corps members, law enforcement officers, livestock association members, veterinary practitioners and commodity group members.

Speakers include U.S. and Canadian veterinary officers, producers, commodity and industry representatives, technical experts, university and Extension faculty and federal, state and provincial officials.

Participants are expected from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Iowa, Alaska and Wisconsin, as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service is underwriting the conference through the Extension Disaster Education Network.

Registration is available online only and is limited to 250 registrants. For additional information or to register, go to www.eden.lsu.edu/AASFargo. For more information, contact Stoltenow, conference chair, at charles.stoltenow@ndsu.edu or 1-7522 or Lisa Pederson, NDSU Extension beef quality assurance specialist and conference coordinator, at (701) 328-9718 or lisa.pederson@ndsu.edu.

NDSU Little Country Theatre to present 'Floyd Collins'

The NDSU Little Country Theatre will present "Floyd Collins" by Adam Guettel and Tina Landau, a unique bluegrass-style musical based on a true story.

The musical is a story of how the entire country held its collective breath in February 1925 as they waited to hear the fate of Floyd Collins, a cave explorer trapped nearly 200 feet beneath the earth's surface at Sand Cave in Kentucky. As word spread about Floyd's entrapment, more than 20,000 people flocked to the cave to seek their fortune from Floyd's misfortune. As the circus reached its height with reporters, jugglers, medicine men, preachers and movie crews, Floyd was all but forgotten. The pursuit of fame and fortune and questions of life and death are played out in this exciting musical.

Floyd Collins runs April 18-20 and April 24-27 in Askanase Auditorium. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors; \$10 for NDSU faculty, staff, alumni and non-NDSU students; and \$5 for NDSU students.

The Fine Arts Box Office is available at 1-7969. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/finearts.

NDSU to host film series on food and agriculture issues

The NDSU Extension, the food and nutrition program and the Department of English, in partnership with the South Agassiz Resource Council, will host a film series on food and agriculture issues. The films will be shown at 2:30 p.m. on April 13, 20 and 27 in Minard 219. The event is free and open to the public.

The films are "What Will We Eat? The Search for Healthy Local Foods," "Broken Limbs" and "My Father's Garden."

"What Will We Eat? The Search for Healthy Local Food" covers the growing failure of the industrial food system and how a grassroots coalition of small farmers and consumers are inventing a healthy, humane, homegrown alternative. The story is told through the voices and experiences of small farmers and their customers.

"Broken Limbs" is about Wenatchee, Wash., home of the well-known Washington apple, and how apple orchardists, by the thousands, are going out of business. Filmmaker Guy Evans investigates farmers who are initiating sustainable agriculture. Known as the "New American Farmers," they are finding success by going against the grain of conventional agriculture.

"My Father's Garden" is an emotionally charged documentary about the use and misuse of technology on the American farm. It tells the story of two farmers' lives, different in all details, united by their common goal of producing good food.

One of the farmers is Fred Kirschenmann from North Dakota. He teaches that we can bring health and beauty back into the garden if we are willing to cooperate with nature's infinite intelligence.

Look for updates on <http://fargolocalfoods.net>. For more information, contact Frank Kutka, sustainable agriculture specialist, at (701) 483-2348, extension 113 or frank.kutka@ndsu.edu.

Safety training sessions scheduled

The dates for the Supervisor and Baseline Safety Training sessions have been scheduled for the months of April and May. All sessions will be held in the Memorial Union.

Supervisor Safety Training will be held Wednesday, April 2, at 2 p.m. and Wednesday, May 14, at 2 p.m. Both sessions are in the Lake room.

Baseline Safety Training is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in the Meadow Lark room; Thursday, April 17, at 3 p.m. in the Arikara room; Wednesday, May 14, at 9 a.m. in the Hidatsa room; and Thursday, May 15, at 3 p.m. in the Hidatsa room.

Both courses are mandatory and must be completed on an annual basis. If you are unable to attend any of the classes, you are encouraged to complete the training online at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/police_safety/safety/Presentations.htm. At the end of the training, submit the short quiz to the Safety Office as proof of your compliance.

For more information, contact Jennifer Baker, loss control and claims specialist, at jennifer.baker@ndsu.edu.

NDSU to host youth conference

The Extension Youth Conference will be held at NDSU on June 16-19. The conference, held every June, energizes North Dakota youth and empowers them with tools to form partnerships with other youth, volunteers, NDSU Extension Service staff and communities.

The conference is open to any youth ages 13 to 18. Participants must have turned 13 by Sept. 1, 2007.

Nearly 150 participants from throughout North Dakota attend each year. "Where are you at? Where are you going?" is the theme of this year's conference. Delegates will have an opportunity to engage in leadership and educational workshops, team building, volunteering, water games, a banquet and hear from keynote speakers.

Participants develop leadership skills, exchange ideas, form friendships with youth from diverse backgrounds and gain an ability to understand career paths and progress.

The registration fee is \$150 which includes all meals and conference activities from the evening of Monday, June 16, through brunch Thursday, June 19, as well as overnight housing, an event T-shirt and a photograph of all the attending delegates. The registration deadline is June 1.

For an additional \$20, buses will be available to transport delegates to and from Fargo for the conference. For more information, contact your county Extension office or the Center for 4-H Youth Development in Fargo at 1-7251.

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute to sponsor trucking conference

The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at NDSU will host a regional trucking conference in June to facilitate an exchange of ideas and information among trucking companies and state departments of transportation.

"Trucks are the primary logistics provider for rural businesses," notes Mark Lofgren, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute researcher, who is helping organize the conference. "We want to assure that the trucking industry is agile enough to adapt to changes in the transportation industry and to changes in the needs of rural business."

The conference will be June 17-18 at the Holiday Inn, Fargo. Trucking firms, trucking industry customers and representatives from state departments of transportation in North Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario are being invited to the conference. A keynote speaker for the conference is expected to be an official from the American Trucking Associations.

Primary topics for the conference include innovative technology in truck logistics, safety and freight security; cross-border freight flows; and truck size and weight issues.

Sponsors of the conference include the Federal Highway Administration, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute's Rural Transportation Safety and Security Center, the North Dakota Motor Carrier Association and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. For more information, go to www.ugpti.org.

NDSU Research and Technology Park to hold 5:01 Entrepreneur Society meeting

The NDSU Research and Technology Park will hold a 5:01 Entrepreneur Society meeting on Wednesday, April 9, from 5:01 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Technology Incubator, 1854 NDSU Research Circle North (north of Alien Technology).

Mark Schill, Praxis Strategy Group, and Kim Kemmer, Flint Communications, will be the featured speakers. They will discuss "Research in Action: Translating Data into Decisions."

Schill will focus on economic development strategy, economic analysis and demographic trends and technology issues for Praxis Strategy Group. His economic and population analysis work has appeared recently in Money Magazine, the Los Angeles Times and Wall Street Journal.

Kemmer will focus on customer studies, monitoring trends and behavior that impact client sales and brand positioning for clients of Praxis Strategy Group and Flint Communications.

Flint Communications and Praxis Strategy Group are sponsoring the event. Flint Communications is a full service marketing and communications firm dedicated to building brands, business and relationships. Praxis Strategy Group is a growth strategy company nationally recognized for working with communities and regions, economic development organizations and innovators in science and technology to create enterprise opportunities.

The 5:01 Entrepreneur Society is a networking event for local entrepreneurs, students, business owners and angel investors. For additional information on the 5:01 Entrepreneur Society or to RSVP, contact Jan Sobolik at 1-6698 or register online www.ndsuresearchpark.com/info/events_services.epl.

NDUS to hold diversity conference

The North Dakota University System Diversity Council will host a diversity conference April 9-10 on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks. The conference theme is "Understanding the Experience."

There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is appreciated in order to plan for meals. To register and get conference information, visit www.conted.und.edu/diversity, or contact Jaclynn Davis Walette at 1-7314 or jaclynn.walette@ndsu.edu.

SHORTS AND REMINDERS

Positions Available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, Room 205, Old Main:

RSVP/VISTA Assistant
Distance and Continuing Education
\$23,000+/year
April 9

Administrative Secretary, Academic Affairs
College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences
\$28,000+/year
April 10

Administrative Secretary/#00023818
Nursing
\$25,000+/year
Open until filled

Cashier/AP Clerk/#00020195
Customer Account Services
\$23,000+/year
April 8

Nutrition Education Assistant, EFNEP/#00018544
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, N.D.
Nine months; 40 hours per week
\$16,740/year
Contingent on availability of federal funds
Open until filled

Nutrition Education Assistant
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
NDSU Extension Service - Fort Berthold
NDSU Extension Service, New Town, N.D.
12 months; 40 hours per week
\$22,318/year
Contingent on availability of federal funds
Open until filled

Nutrition Education Assistant
Family Nutrition Program - Dunn and Mercer Counties
Extension Food and Nutrition
Dunn County Office, NDSU Extension Service, Killdeer, N.D.
12 months, 32 hours per week
\$17,854.40+/year
Contingent on availability of federal funds
Open until filled

Custodian (two positions)
Residence Life
\$17,945+/year
Open until filled

Research Engineer (Position I)
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
May 31

Research Engineer (Position II)
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
April 4 (position available May 2008)

Accountant Programmer Analyst
Ag Budget Office
Salary commensurate with experience
April 9

Turfgrass Research Specialist/#00020163
Plant Sciences
\$28,000+/year
Open until filled

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\$36,000+/year
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NDSU Library
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 Registration and Records
 \$43,000+/year
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 \$41,500+/year
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CALENDAR

April

- 2 Supervisor Safety Training, 2 p.m., Memorial Union Lake room
- 3 Chemistry and Molecular Biology – Donald Branch, Division of Cellular and Molecular Biology at the Toronto General Research Institute, Ontario, Canada, “The Role of VPAC1 and VPAC2 Receptors in the Regulation of HIV Integration,” 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152. Co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health Center for Protease Research.
- 4 Plant Pathology 790 Seminar – F. Adnan Akyüz, assistant professor of climatology and North Dakota state climatologist, “The Most Recent Climate Forecast Tools,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114

- 4 Animal and Range Sciences Graduate Seminar – Kyongshin Cho, NDSU graduate student, “Soybean Oil Induces Breast Cancer Cell Death,” 3 p.m., Hultz Hall 104
- 4 Plant Sciences 790 Seminar – Junyun Yang, “Use of the RB Gene for Resistance Breeding in Potato,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 4 Psychology Colloquium – Bruce Cuthbert, University of Minnesota, “Trends and Translation in Emotion Research: New Approaches to Co-morbidity in Psychopathology,” 3:30 p.m., Minard Annex 138
- 4 Fargo Moorhead Opera presents Dueling Divas, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$45 to \$125.
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- 7 Entomology Seminar – “The Evolution of Sociality in Insects,” Xin-geng Wang, assistant specialist, UC-Riverside candidate for NDSU entomology faculty position, 10:45 a.m., USDA Northern Crop Science Lab, large conference room
- 7 Art Cinema Series – “Klimt,” 7 p.m., Fargo Theatre. Admission is \$5.

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