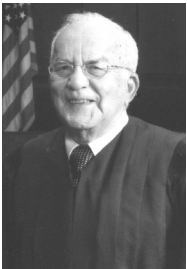


Fercho, Bright to receive honorary doctorates



Bright

Judge Myron H. Bright and Dr. Calvin Fercho will receive honorary doctorates during NDSU spring commencement ceremonies Friday, May 9, at 5 p.m. in the Fargodome.

Bright, who is considered one of the nation's finest jurists, is a senior status judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He has served the judicial profession for 40 years.

"Judge Bright is a North Dakota and national treasure. He has been nothing short of a giant on the federal judiciary," wrote Nicholas W. Chase, Assistant United States Attorney, in a letter of nomination.



Fercho

Raised in Eveleth, Minn., Bright graduated from the University of Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota School of Law. After graduation, he practiced with the law firm of Wattam, Vogel, Vogel, Bright and Peterson in Fargo. His private practice spanned 21 years until President Lyndon Johnson approved his nomination to the federal bench by the late Sen. Quentin Burdick in 1968.

In a letter of nomination, Kevin Thompson, professor and head of criminal justice and political science, wrote that Bright was honored by the American Judicature Society and recognized by the American Law Institute-American Bar Association Committee on

Continuing Professional Education. "The field of law and legal education is fortunate that Judge Bright elected to pursue a legal career instead of the advertising career he was weighing in his younger years," Thompson wrote. "The legal profession is a better profession today because of his will, dedication and cooperative ventures."

Dedicated to higher education, he established the Judge Myron H. and Fritzie Bright Endowment Fund at the University of North Dakota. He also funded the Myron H. Bright Jurist in Residence program at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to fund speaking engagements from internationally known jurists. His compassion and interest in student learning earned him the title of Distinguished Professor of Law at the St. Louis University School of Law.

In addition to his outstanding achievements, Chase praised Bright's "larger-than-life" personality. He described Bright as having an infectious and disarming sense of humor.

"There is no federal judge in this country who is more liked or held in higher regard than Judge Bright," Chase explained. "When analyzing Judge Bright's judicial opinions, several themes emerge. Perhaps the most distinctive is that Judge Bright has a special place in his heart for 'the little guy,' who he knows does not always have an equal change of prevailing against more powerful litigants. That concern has led him to write groundbreaking decisions in the areas of environmental law and employment discrimination law.

"In his distinguished and inspiring career, Judge Bright has influenced the development of legal principles in every area of the law and has brought immeasurable honor to his adopted home of North Dakota," Chase wrote.

Fercho is nationally known for his innovations in the area of cataract surgery, cataract removal and intraocular lens implantation. He performed more than 14,000 surgeries and implants during his 36-year career, and is known for introducing a surgical technique called the "continuous circular capsulotomy," which later became a major breakthrough in cataract implant surgery.

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NDSU Bookstore sidewalk sale

The NDSU Bookstore will hold a "Kiss Winter Goodbye Sale" in front of the store April 23-25 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer publication dates set for 'It's Happening at State'

Regular weekly publication of "It's Happening at State" will end following the May 7 issue. Summer editions are scheduled for June 18, July 16 and weekly publication is set to resume Aug. 20. Submission deadlines are noon June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14.

News and event updates will be available on the "It's Happening Today" Web site at www.ndsu.edu/news as information becomes available.

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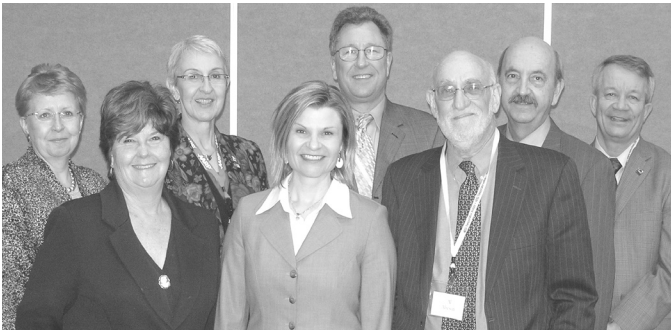
Fercho began his higher education studies at NDSU, earned a bachelor's degree in medicine from the University of North Dakota in 1950 and a doctor of medicine degree from Northwestern University in 1953. Fercho completed a postdoctoral residency at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, Chicago, from 1953-55. He established an independent ophthalmology practice, The Fercho Cataract and Eyecare Clinic, in Fargo in 1956, and retired in 1992.

In 1987, Fercho received the "Master of Phaco" award from the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. He was one of 23 doctors to be nationally recognized for pioneering a new surgical technique for removing cataracts.

A strong supporter of NDSU, Fercho and his wife, Doris, established an annual scholarship for a pharmacy student who is a North Dakota or Minnesota resident based on scholarship, merit and need. In addition, the Ferchos provided a generous gift to the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences Building Excellence Campaign, which resulted in a room being named in their honor in Sudro Hall's Concept Pharmacy Instructional Laboratory. A member of the NDSU President's Gold Medallion Society, Fercho was the first president and founder of the Professional Building in Fargo.

"Dr. Calvin K. Fercho's accomplishments and career in ophthalmology are extraordinary which have gained him national recognition, and which have reflected positively on the university, our college and North Dakota," wrote Charles D. Peterson, dean and professor of pharmacy, nursing, and allied sciences.

Improved transportation coordination endorsed at transit summit



Speakers at the Transit Coordination Summit included (from left to right): Nancy Smith, AARP national committee chair; Jeanne Erickson, Community Transportation Association of America; Janis Cheney, AARP North Dakota; Jill Hough, Small Urban Rural Transit Center; Ron Hynes, Federal Transit Administration; Al Abeson, national coordination advocate; Jon Mielke, Small Urban Rural Transit Center; and Dave Leftwich, North Dakota Department of Transportation.

Mobility for residents of North Dakota took a significant move forward last week with pledges from Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple and Dave Leftwich of the North Dakota Department of Transportation to work to improve coordination among transit providers in the state.

"The endorsement of this concept puts it on the front burner, politically, and will help make it a priority across the state," notes Carol Wright, of the Small Urban and Rural Transit Center, a part of NDSU's Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. The endorsements came during a Transit Coordination Summit, held April 9 in Bismarck. The center and North Dakota's chapter of AARP sponsored the event.

Within transportation, the terms coordination, cooperation and collaboration refer to groups of people, programs and funding sources working together to improve services to clients through a more unified approach. "The underlying assumption is that a group of entities working together can create a greater benefit for society than individual programs and entities working separately," explains center director Jill Hough.

Nearly 100 transit managers, county commissioners, human service providers and others attended the conference. "The idea was to get past the territorialism that sometimes occurs," Wright said. "We wanted them to view the big picture of mobility in the state and see where they fit."

The keynote speaker at the summit was Alan Abeson, a leading national advocate for transportation coordination. Abeson recently retired as director of Easter Seals Project Action, an initiative that promotes cooperation between the transportation industry and the disabled community to enhance mobility. Abeson contributed significantly to the development of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In his address, he emphasized the concrete results that could be attained through coordination.

Other speakers included Nancy Smith, AARP national committee chair; Ron Hynes deputy associate administrator of the Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation with the Federal Transit Administration; Jeanne Erickson, region VIII United We Ride ambassador with the Community Transportation Association of America; and Janis Cheney, state director for AARP North Dakota.

The transit center conducted a study for the North Dakota Department of Transportation to explore the potential of increased transportation coordination in 2004. Since then, improved coordination has been an underlying theme in a number of transit center research projects.

The Upper Great Plains Institute recently held eight regional workshops across the state on improved mobility through coordination. At the workshops, institute staff members outlined concerns related to mobility and infrastructure and gathered input on how to deal with those concerns. Jon Mielke, a transit center researcher who helped organize the workshops, presented the information at the summit.

"As the demographics of North Dakota and other rural states continue to change, we are going to need to pay particular attention to the mobility needs of those who remain in rural areas," Wright said. "The growing proportion of elderly residents will have significant transportation needs. To make the best use of resources and to provide the highest level of mobility to rural residents will require that agencies and organizations continually work to coordinate their services."

PEOPLE

Recipients named for Odney, Waldron, Peltier and Chamber Awards



Khan

Four NDSU faculty members have been selected for annual campus awards. Eakalak Khan, associate professor of civil engineering, was chosen for the Odney Award for Excellence in Teaching; Gordon Bierwagen, professor of coatings and polymeric materials, will receive the Waldron Award for Excellence in Research; and Ron Stammen, professor in the School of Education, was selected for the Peltier Award for Innovation in Teaching. Also to be recognized is William Perrizo, university distinguished professor of computer science, who was selected for the Chamber of Commerce NDSU Distinguished Professorship Award.



Bierwagen



Stammen

The awardees will be honored during the 11th annual "NDSU Celebration of Faculty Excellence," on Wednesday, April 30, at 3 p.m. in the Alumni Center Atrium. The NDSU Development Foundation sponsors the Odney, Waldron and Peltier Awards.



Perrizo

"The honorees are outstanding selections. Each of them demonstrates exceptional qualities that make them leaders in teaching, cutting-edge research and innovative educational techniques," said Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The recipients are terrific representatives of NDSU's commitment to excellence."

Khan will receive the Odney Award, which is selected primarily on comments from students describing a faculty member's ability to stimulate interest, demand rigorous thought, generate enthusiastic responses and demonstrate distinctive competence. The award has been presented since 1972 in honor of the late Robert Odney, a former Fargo businessman and long-time supporter of NDSU.

"In regard to Dr. Khan's teaching merit, all course materials are delivered with excitement and inspiration. He has an ability to convey abstract ideas with extraordinary clarity and effectiveness," said a letter of nomination signed by 54 students, which also noted that he is the founding adviser of Engineering Without Borders. Khan is the co-adviser of the NDSU American Water Works Association and Water Environment Federation student chapter, and he advised the 2007 Environmental Design Team that took first place at the national competition. He also participates in the Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education program.

"He always puts student's interests over his own, a vital characteristic of a caring teacher. As you may have gathered, Dr. Khan has occupied a number of roles in our lives, but we truly believe the greatest is that of a friend."

Khan earned his bachelor's degree at Chiang Mai University, Thailand, master's degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Hawaii and master's degree and doctorate in civil engineering from UCLA. His honors include the College of Engineering and Architecture 2007 Teacher of the Year and 2005 Researcher of the Year.

Bierwagen was selected to receive the Waldron Award, which was established to recognize outstanding faculty research.

"Gordon has made significant contributions to coatings technology, most recently in the discovery of magnesium-rich primer systems for the corrosion protection of aluminum; coatings education, especially as faculty member and chair of the department at NDSU; and service to the industry, exemplified in his role as editor of *Progress in Organic Coatings*," wrote Dean Webster, tenured professor of coatings and polymeric materials, in a letter of nomination.

"Gordon has contributed to coatings research for almost 30 years and has gained a prominent position in the community of coatings science," wrote Stuart Croll, associate professor of coatings and polymeric materials. "Gordon has published approximately 90 peer-reviewed publications. He has given a large number of invited and plenary lectures at international conferences on coatings and corrosion."

Bierwagen received the 2007 Matiello Lecture Award, 2005-06 College of Science and Mathematics Researcher of the Year and the Roon Foundation Award. He earned his bachelor's degree at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., and his doctorate in physical chemistry from Iowa State University, Ames.

The Peltier Award, established by Joseph and Norma Peltier to recognize outstanding innovation in teaching, will be presented to Stammen. In one of 13 letters of nomination, Mark Schmidt, assistant professor in the School of Education, wrote Stammen designed one of the first Interactive Video Network (IVN) programs as a member of the Tri-College University Educational Leadership Program. "Dr. Stammen published some of the earliest material that focused on multimedia, interactive video networks and online instruction," Schmidt wrote.

"Dr. Stammen has been a leader at NDSU in developing blended instruction. By using face-to-face instruction, IVN and Web-based instructional materials, he has created rich learning environments for graduate students," wrote Myron Eighthy, associate professor in the School of Education.

Stammen earned his bachelor's degree from Minot State University, master's degree from the University of North Dakota, specialist in education degree from NDSU and doctorate from Ohio State University. His honors include the Exceptional Contributions to Teaching Award by the NDSU College of Human Development and Education and the Outstanding North Dakotan: Educator Award from the Greater North Dakota Association.

Perrizo will be recognized with the Chamber of Commerce Professorship. "Dr. Perrizo is a most remarkable professor," said a letter signed by 15 of his faculty colleagues. "He truly excels at all levels of teaching and service. His research program is ambitious, widely recognized and of top quality."

Bonnie Neas, vice president for information technology, wrote, "Dr. Perrizo's passion for his work and his service to his students, colleagues and community, have served as an inspiration to all who have worked and served with him, and who have received – and are still receiving – the benefits of his instruction, programs and mentoring."

Perrizo earned his bachelor's degree at St. John's University, master's degree from the University of Wisconsin and doctorate in mathematics from the University of Minnesota. He has been the leader for two cup winning teams in Association of Computing Machinery Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining competitions and received the Best Paper Award at the International Society of Computers and Their Applications Conference on Computers and Their Applications.

NDSU Graduate School awards doctoral dissertation fellowships

Five NDSU doctoral students have received doctoral dissertation fellowships from the NDSU Graduate School. The awards are designed to increase the completion rate of doctoral students and to encourage the submission of competitive proposals to external funding agencies.

The recipients and their advisers are Darci Block, advised by Kenton Rodgers, from the Department of Chemistry and Molecular Biology; Amber Koblitz, advised by Kevin McCaul, from the Department of Psychology; Shirui Wang, advised by Chao You, from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Jayati Banerjee, advised by Sanku Mallik, from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences; and Kathleen Bergseth, advised by Thomas McDonald, from the Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science.

David A. Wittrock, dean of the Graduate School, created the Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship program in 2003. "This fellowship award allows the recipients to dedicate their time entirely to dissertation research," said Wittrock. "It enables the students to stay focused on their education, keeping them on the path that leads to earning their doctorate."

Hagemeister named recipient of Critical Languages Scholarship



Emily Hagemeister, an NDSU anthropology graduate student, was awarded the Critical Languages Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. The scholarship is part of a program that will send Hagemeister and other participants to Amman, Jordan, for eight weeks to study Arabic and the Jordanian culture.

According to Hagemeister, the scholarship process was very competitive with more than 6,000 applicants for 367 available scholarships. "I am thrilled and honored to be able to represent NDSU among the students who will be gaining a better appreciation of the languages and cultures that the State Department has identified as critical to better international relations," Hagemeister said. "It's such a privilege to be selected for this amazing opportunity that will take me to part of the world I've never experienced."

Hagemeister will leave for orientation in Washington, D.C., on June 12, followed by travel to Jordan on June 15. She will return to the U.S. on August 15.

Launched in 2006, the Critical Language Scholarship program offered intensive overseas study of Arabic, Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, Turkish and Urdu. In 2007, Chinese, Korean, Persian and Russian institutes were added.

The program is part of the National Security Language Initiative, a U.S. government interagency effort to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages.

For more information, contact Hagemeister at 1-6434.

Gamma Sigma Delta inducts 32 members at annual ceremony

The NDSU chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta inducted 17 students and 15 faculty, staff and administrators during its annual banquet held April 11. In addition to election of new officers, the agricultural honor society presented awards to three students and one emeritus faculty member.

Newly inducted students include Amanda Miller, agribusiness and applied economics; Bhavnita Dhillon, agricultural and biosystems engineering; Rachel Brudvik, Olivia Breker and Laura Houglum, cereal and food sciences; Xinrong Dong, Kalene Duppong, Charles Elhard, Andrew Friskop, Peter Gilbertson, Derek Hanson, Angela Kazmierczak, Angela Keller and James Loken, plant sciences; Anuradha Boddeda, food safety; and Preeti Sule and Megan Townsend, veterinary and microbiological sciences.

Newly inducted faculty, staff and administrators include Leslie Backer, chair of agricultural and biosystems engineering; Wenhao Dai, assistant professor of plant sciences; Russell Danielson, associate professor of animal sciences; Brenda Deckard, director of plant science student services; Carrie Hammer, assistant professor of animal sciences; Kenneth Hellevang, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering; Burton Johnson, associate professor of plant sciences; Janet Knodel, assistant professor of entomology; Gregory McKee, assistant professor of agribusiness and applied economics; Julie Nash, research and development coordinator of animal sciences; Joel Ransom, associate professor of plant sciences; David Saxowsky, associate professor of agribusiness and applied economics; Senay Simsek, assistant professor of plant sciences; Dennis Tobias, postdoctoral research associate of veterinary and microbiological sciences; and Dennis Wiesenborn, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering.

Gamma Sigma Delta recognized Friskop and Miller with Distinguished Undergraduate Student in Agriculture Awards. Nancy Hodur, agribusiness and applied economics, received the Distinguished Graduate Student in Agriculture Award. Calvin Messersmith, professor emeritus of plant sciences, received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award for the positive impact that his teaching and research has had on agriculture in North Dakota and the region.

Newly elected officers are Greg Lardy, animal sciences, president; Mark Boetel, entomology, vice president; Mary Niehaus, cereal and food sciences, secretary; and Kirk Howatt, plant sciences, treasurer.

Gamma Sigma Delta is the honor society for agriculture and seeks to encourage high standards of scholarship and worthy achievements in all branches of the agricultural and related sciences as well as a high degree of excellence in the practice of agricultural pursuits.

For more information, contact Frank Manthey at 1-6356 or frank.manthey@ndsu.edu.

NDSU Graduate School announces Teaching, Research Awards

The NDSU Graduate School has announced the 2007-08 winners of the Teaching and Research Awards. The awards are presented annually in partnership with the colleges, which can select a winner in the areas of teaching and research.

According to David Wittrock, dean of the Graduate School, "These awards are an effort to recognize the outstanding contributions that graduate students make both in the classroom and in research laboratories."

In honor and recognition of the graduate students' accomplishments, each student receives a cash award of \$1,000.

Teaching Awards were presented to:

- Issa Qandah, College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources, plant pathology;
- Kristina Caton, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, English;
- Benjamin Braaten, College of Engineering and Architecture, electrical and computer engineering;
- Nicole Graves, College of Human Development and Education, human development; and
- Lindsay Merchant, College of Science and Mathematics, mathematics.

Research Awards were presented to:

- Rishi Ram Burlakoti, College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources, plant pathology;
- Julie Smlak, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, communication;
- Nabi Abolfathi, College of Engineering and Architecture, mechanical engineering;
- Jane Strommen, College of Human Development and Education, human development;
- Alexander Berg, College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences, pharmaceutical sciences; and
- Benjamin Wilkowski, College of Science and Mathematics, psychology.

Bromley artwork to be displayed at Plains Art Museum



Bromley

Kimble Bromley, associate professor and academic coordinator of visual arts at NDSU, has been invited to exhibit his work as part of the Plains Art Museum Spring Gala. Bromley's painting, "Incoming Clouds," will be up for auction as part of this event.

In his artist statement, Bromley writes, "Painting the North Dakota landscape on the surface seems quite straightforward. This open space is a place to breathe. It isn't flat. It is vast. It isn't empty. It is full of sky. Driving around the outskirts of Fargo, I see paintings waiting to happen. I am attracted to the formal elements of specific locations: color, light and form."

The Plains Art Museum Spring Gala will be held Saturday, May 3. Call the museum at (701) 232-3821 for tickets.

Bruemmer and Boschee honored

Kim Bruemmer, NDSU coordinator of student activities, received the Sara Boatman Award at the spring National Association for Campus Activities regional conference.

The Sara Boatman Award recognizes outstanding volunteerism and honors someone who has made significant contribution to students, schools and the community in the field of campus activities. The award is considered one of the highest awards bestowed upon a person in the organization.

Bruemmer also presented "Programming Through Construction" at the National Association for Campus Activities national convention, held Feb. 9-12 in Boston. She has worked for NDSU since 2003.

The Forum has chosen Joshua Boschee, NDSU coordinator of Greek life, as one of "20 Under 40, Making their Mark." The award honors individuals under the age of 40 making a positive impact on others in the region.

"Josh is one of the most passionate people I have ever met. His dedication and desire to create positive change have impacted me greatly," said Angela Mathers, Boschee's nominator.

Boschee graduated from NDSU in 2003 and worked as an NDSU admission counselor for a year. He was a graduate assistant in the Student Activities Office and was hired as coordinator of Greek life in the fall of 2005. He also serves on the Fargo Human Rights Commission and Safe Zone program at NDSU.

NDSU photojournalism students display work at Memorial Union Gallery

Work of NDSU's photojournalism students will be featured in the documentary exhibit, "The life of a campus: North Dakota State University, Fargo, 2008," at the Memorial Union Gallery through May 3. Thirteen students have prepared images based on their documentary project designed to reflect the experiences of students at NDSU.

Ross Collins, associate professor of communication, is directing the project. He said the students' work fits into a long and popular tradition aimed at documenting everyday life in American society. He notes projects reflecting student life have seen little recent attention, particularly in Midwestern universities such as NDSU.

In this show, students have chosen work representing classes and study, relaxing, volunteering and campaigning, and other experiences students encounter during their time at the university. Following the ethical tradition of photojournalism, these photos are not posed or manipulated. They reflect an honest, truthful portrayal of lives, sliced into images frozen by a camera. Some of the photos will be available for sale.

These and other photos from the project will be permanently viewable on a class Web site, www.ndsu.edu/communication/collins/242photojournalism/documentary08.

NDSU's coatings and polymeric materials gains funding from Soybean Council



Voronov

The NDSU Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials has gained funding from the North Dakota Soybean Council for two new projects.

Andriy Voronov, assistant professor, will work on "New Iron Fertilizers for Soybeans Based on Smart Polymers." The project focuses on the development of new iron fertilizers based on polymeric materials, instead of traditional chelates. According to Voronov, smart polymers will contain hydrophilic (water friendly) and hydrophobic (oil friendly) constituents simultaneously and can bind iron to a wide variety of soil constituents under a range of conditions thus preventing leaching of iron, which is a problem with current chelates. Another advantage of the proposed materials is that they would be non-toxic and biodegradable.



Webster

Dean Webster, professor, will work on the development of novel ultraviolet light curable coating materials from soybean oil derivatives. New soybean oil derivatives having thiol and vinyl groups will be synthesized and coating formulations prepared and evaluated. According to Webster, the project will provide a new market for soybean oil derivatives in higher performance and high value added markets.

EVENTS

NDSU students to present Day of Death poster symposium

NDSU undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the courses Mummy Studies and Sociology of Death will present a Day of Death poster symposium on Monday, May 5, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the NDSU Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. Assistant professor Heather Gill-Robinson teaches Mummy Studies and assistant professor Joy Sather-Wagstaff teaches Sociology of Death. The classes are taught through the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Emergency Management at NDSU.

The students will be available to answer questions about their research. A panel of judges will present awards for the top three posters at 2:45 p.m. The symposium is free and open to the public. Organizers would like to have as many visitors as possible so that the students can experience what a typical conference-style poster session is like.

Contact Gill-Robinson at heather.gill-robinson@ndsu.edu or Sather-Wagstaff at joy.sather-wagstaff@ndsu.edu for more information.

NDSU to participate in Walk This Way

The NDSU Wallman Wellness Center and Fargo Cass Public Health are sponsoring a group walk for Walk This Way.

The NDSU community is invited to participate in a two-mile walk, which will be held Thursday, May 1, beginning at noon at the Wallman Wellness Center. Amy Ruley, former NDSU head women's basketball coach, will lead the walk.

Walk This Way is a program that encourages walking and promoting the health benefits of walking. People who participate in at least four Walk This Way events are eligible for a grand prize drawing.

Walkers are encouraged to bring along a water bottle and pedometer. Walks will be canceled only in the event of dangerous weather conditions.

Go to www.fmwalkthisway.com for more information or to register for the event.

Murdoch to give presentation for Distinguished Alumni program



Murdoch

As part of the Distinguished Alumni Program, Steven H. Murdock, director of the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, D.C., will deliver a presentation on Friday, April 25, at 11 a.m. in Askanase Auditorium.

Murdoch earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from NDSU in 1970. He earned a master's degree and doctorate in sociology from the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

He has received numerous honors and awards, including being elected to the Texas Philosophical Society, which is limited to 200 members. He was named one of the 25 most influential persons in Texas by Texas Monthly in 2005 and was the recipient of the Gov. William P. Hobby Visionary Award.

Contact Keri Drinka at keri.drinka@ndsu.edu or 1-6131 for more information.

LunchBytes series continues Monday

The fourth presentation in the Spring LunchBytes series, "Be Original! Blackboard and SafeAssign," is scheduled for Monday, April 28, from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the Memorial Union, Hidatsa room.

This presentation shows participants how to use SafeAssign, a program that will prevent plagiarism, educate students about plagiarism and protect the originality of work. SafeAssign will be available on Blackboard. Instructors can set up SafeAssignments in Blackboard courses so that student work is checked against several comprehensive databases. Instructors and students also can upload assignments for comparison.

LunchBytes presentations are a series of informal demonstrations of technology related topics. The presentations are free and open to everyone. Go to www.ndsu.edu/lunchbytes or contact Lorna Olsen at 1-6328 or lorna.olsen@ndsu.edu for more information.

SHORTS AND REMINDERS**Positions Available**

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

Administrative Clerk/#00021547
NDSU Bookstore
\$23,000+/year
April 25

Clerk>Returns/#00018810
NDSU Bookstore
\$23,000+/year
April 25

Administrative Secretary
Distance and Continuing Education
\$25,500+/year
April 29

Administrative Assistant/#00021957
Extension Administration
\$30,000+/year
April 30

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

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

Research Engineer
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
May 31

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

Coordinator of Recreation Center and Leisure Programs
Memorial Union
\$28,000+/year
April 24

Athletic Media Relations Assistant/#00023719
Athletics
\$24,000 minimum/year
April 25

Digital Initiative Librarian
NDSU Library
Salary commensurate with experience
May 1

Serials Librarian
NDSU Library
Salary commensurate with experience
May 9

Accountant Programmer Analyst/#00021765
Ag Budget Office
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Technical Director/#00021434
Northern Crops Institute
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Programmer Analyst
NDUS ConnectND
Fargo
\$41,500+/year
Open until filled

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

CALENDAR**April**

- 24 Entomology Seminar – Alejandro Costamagna, post-doctoral research associate at the University of Minnesota, “The evolution of sociality in insects,” 11 a.m., USDA-Northern Crop Science Lab, large conference room
- 25 Entomology Seminar – Alejandro Costamagna, post-doctoral research associate at the University of Minnesota, “Impacts of Established Natural Enemy Assemblages on an Invasive Pest, the Soybean Aphid,” 11 a.m., USDA-Northern Crop Science Lab, large conference room
- 25 Plant Pathology 790 Seminar – Javier Delgado, NDSU graduate student, “Toxigenic *Aspergillus* Species and Aflatoxins,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 25 Animal and Range Sciences – James Magolski, “The Importance of Selenium in Muscle Growth and Development,” 3 p.m., Hultz Hall 104
- 25 Plant Sciences 790 Seminar – Monika Michalak, “Programmed Cell Death Plays an Important Role in Defense Mechanisms of a Plant,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 26 Softball vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, noon, Ellig Sports Complex
- 26 Baseball vs. Oakland University (Michigan), 1 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 26 Softball vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, 2 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 26 Baseball vs. Oakland University (Michigan), 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 26 Gold Star Concert Band, Michael Haithcock, guest conductor, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors.
- 27 Softball vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, noon, Ellig Sports Complex
- 27 Baseball vs. Oakland University (Michigan), 1 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

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| <p>27 Spring Choral Concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors.</p> <p>27 Baseball vs. Oakland University (Michigan), 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field</p> <p>28 LunchBytes Series – “Be Original, Blackboard and SafeAssign” 12:10 p.m. - 12:50 p.m., Memorial Union, Hidatsa room</p> <p>28 Varsity Band and Brass Ensembles, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors.</p> <p>29 Baseball vs. Concordia College, 2 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field</p> <p>May</p> <p>2 Last day of spring semester classes</p> <p>2 Tapestry of Diverse Talents – spring induction ceremony, noon, Memorial Union, Century Theater</p> <p>2 Plant Pathology 790 Seminar – Rishi Burlakoti, NDSU graduate student, “Fusarium Graminearum: Population Genetics and Host Resistance,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114</p> <p>2 Softball vs. Southern Utah University, 3 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex</p> <p>2 Softball vs. Southern Utah University, 5 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex</p> | <p>2 NDSU Opera Theatre presents an evening of comic operas – “The Maid as Mistress,” by Pergolesi, “The Stoned Guest,” by P.D.Q. Bach, and “Sunday Excursion,” by Alec Wilder, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors.</p> <p>2 Student Art Sale – Downtown Visual Arts Gallery, 650 NP Avenue</p> <p>3 Softball vs. Southern Utah University, noon, Ellig Sports Complex</p> <p>5-9 Finals week</p> <p>7 Baseball vs. University of Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field</p> <p>9 Commencement at Fargodome, 5 p.m.</p> <p>11 Mother’s Day</p> <p>13 Standard 12-week and four-week summer session classes begin</p> <p>14 Baseline Safety Training, 9 a.m., Memorial Union, Hidatsa room</p> <p>14 Supervisor Safety Training, 2 p.m., Memorial Union, Lake room</p> <p>15 Baseline Safety Training, 3 p.m., Memorial Union, Hidatsa room</p> <p>15 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field</p> |
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