

National Science Foundation awards NDSU \$3.7 million

NDSU has been awarded a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Institutional Transformation grant for more than \$3.7 million from the National Science Foundation to address and study issues of recruitment, retention and advancement of women faculty, including women of color and women with disabilities within the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. The grant, titled NDSU ADVANCE FORWARD, will run for five years.

NDSU's FORWARD, a group of faculty, staff and administrators interested in responding to concerns about the campus climate, has spent several years collecting and analyzing data, developing programs and seeking funding. The grant will be directed by principal investigators Canan Bilen-Green, associate professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering, and Ann Burnett, director of women's studies. Other investigators are Elizabeth Birmingham, Karen Froelich, Kalpana Katti, Kevin McCaul, Marjorie McCullagh, Christi McGeorge, Rhonda Magel, Don Schwert, Kay Sizer, Gary Smith, Craig Schnell, Claire Strom, Christina Weber and Charlene Wolf-Hall. Other members of FORWARD include Evie Myers, Kay Sizer, Bonnie Neas, Sandra Holbrook and Kathleen Slobin, who will lead an external advisory board for the NDSU ADVANCE FORWARD grant.

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman has pledged funding to address similar issues for women faculty in non-science, technology, engineering and mathematics areas.

"NDSU is committed to providing an environment where everyone can contribute and be an equal part in the life of the institution. It is critically important to have women faculty in key roles," President Chapman said.

NDSU ADVANCE FORWARD will develop and implement strategies that reach across the university through three programs: institutional climate change, individual career advancement for women faculty and a research agenda on issues related to institutional climate change and the advancement of women faculty.

The grant will be used to fund a variety of areas including a full-time employee in the Office of Equity and Diversity devoted to working with campus search committees to recruit women faculty. The money will fund programs such as gender training for all faculty, chairs and deans and research grants of \$30,000 each to women faculty. An important component of the grant will be identifying and training senior male faculty as allies to support campus climate initiatives.

The provost will create a Commission on the Status of Women Faculty to conduct reviews of salary, workload, service commitments and resource analysis by gender and rank. The Commission on the Status of Women Faculty along with the provost will offer gender equity awards to units doing outstanding work in engaging their members in equitable practices, policies and activities.

Mary J. Berg Auditorium dedicated in Sudro Hall

The College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences dedicated the Mary Jaylene Berg Auditorium in Sudro Hall on Sept. 8. This is the fourth and final part of a more than \$1.4 million estate gift given by Ordean Berg, BS '41, agriculture education, in memory of his daughter, Mary, BS '74, pharmacy. Mary died Oct. 1, 2004. Ordean died a few months later in January 2005.

Ordean's entire estate was given to the college to establish the Mary J. Berg *cont.*

Homecoming events and information reminder

For publication in "It's Happening at State," information regarding Homecoming should be submitted by Sept. 18 at noon.

Help Thundar win mascot of the year

Go to www.capitalonebowl.com to vote for Thundar to win Capital One National Mascot of the Year. You can vote once a day. The winner will be announced during the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1.

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Distinguished Professorship in Women's Health, the Mary J. Berg Scholarship Fund for pharmacy students and the Mary J. Berg Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.

"It's a tremendous benefit to students, faculty and staff," said Charles Peterson, dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences. "It honors one of our own alumnae who went off and had a major impact on women's health, not just in the country but internationally."

Berg earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical pharmacokinetics from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She became the first female promoted to full professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She led international efforts to bring together women pharmacists in order to assure the inclusion of gender-related health issues in pharmacy curricula. She was a charter member on the advisory committee that reviews the research strategy of the National Institutes of Health's Office of Research on Women's Health, and she served on the board of directors of the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research. She co-edited four books and wrote 50 journal articles. She was inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in 1999.

In 2000, Berg was an honored alumna at NDSU for Masters Weeks for the College of Pharmacy.

Transit leaders meet at NDSU

An administrator from the Federal Transit Administration and officials from several national transit organizations gathered at NDSU on Sept. 10 to discuss programs of the university's Small Urban and Rural Transit Center.

"I can see how cutting edge a lot of this work is and how germane it is to transit across the country," noted Vincent Valdes, associate administrator of the Federal Transit Administration's Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation in Washington, D.C. Valdes complimented the transit center on a study of how rural communities and small urban areas can better make use of diverse transit resources. He also cited transit center research on how increased fuel costs impact transportation on Indian reservations. "Those projects are directed at local issues, but can have an impact on a much broader scale. We have to think of both the local perspective and the global perspective of what we do."

Valdes and other transit leaders were at the NDSU Alumni Center for an annual advisory board meeting for the Small Urban and Rural Transit Center, which is part of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. Other guests included Charles Dickson of the Community Transportation Association of America, Rob Padgett of the American Public Transit Association, Karen Wolf-Branigin of Easter Seals Project Action and Francis Ziegler, director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation. The 30 participants also included state Department of Transportation officials and transit agency managers from North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota and Utah.

"This meeting is our opportunity each year to step back and ask our board members and clientele to provide feedback on what we're doing and provide ideas for what we should do next," said Jill Hough, director of the center. "Caught between booming ridership and ballooning fuel costs, transit managers who are members of the advisory board suggested

a number of proposals for research and outreach efforts. Their comments and suggestions will help shape the center's agenda of activities for the coming year," Hough said.

"Transportation and Transit are going to look very different in five to 10 years," noted Ziegler. He noted that drivers are choosing more fuel-efficient vehicles in response to environmental concerns and increasing fuel costs are resulting. That means gas taxes may no longer be the major vehicle for transportation funding.

Participants in the meeting cited several trends that are impacting transit in rural and small urban areas. Those include fuel costs, increased ridership, lagging public funding and an increase in the number of elderly.

"Across the country we're seeing lots of smaller systems with double digit growth in their ridership. Places where the economy is depressed and people are losing jobs are still seeing increases. That says a lot about mobility," noted Padgett. "We need to say to our public officials, 'We need help here.'"

He noted that lawmakers, local officials and others are frequently surprised to find that transit fares seldom cover transit costs. "They don't understand that it costs a lot less to subsidize transit and let a person age in place rather than put them in a nursing home or subsidize a ride to work for someone who might not be able to work otherwise."

"We've seen a 28 percent increase in ridership," notes Julie Bommelman, transit administrator for the city of Fargo. "The publicity around that increase has been great, but people don't realize that our costs have gone up much more than that."

Several people at the meeting noted that with federal transportation legislation set to expire next year, the next federal transportation authorization will have a significant impact on how transit operations will be able to serve their clients. "You can't grow a business or an agency without investment," noted Jim Moench of the North Dakota Disabilities Advocacy Consortium. "We need to be able to demonstrate the return on investment in transit, or at least the cost of not investing."

"We have to get our constituency involved in the political process or none of the stuff we talked about here will happen," noted Bruce Fuchs, director of transit programs for the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

Senior Staff chapter of Mortar Board receives Silver Torch Award

The NDSU Senior Staff chapter of Mortar Board was presented with the Silver Torch Award for the 2007-08 academic year. Amanda Nelson, 2008-09 chapter president, accepted the award at the national conference in Columbus, Ohio, in July.

Mortar Board Inc. is the National College Senior Honor Society. It recognizes college seniors for excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. Mortar Board members represent the top scholars and leaders on their campuses.

NDSU was one of 59 chapters to take home the Silver Torch Award, selected for their timeliness and dedication while exemplifying the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

For more information, contact Kara Gravely-Stack, chapter adviser, at 1-8566 or kara.gravley-stack@ndsu.edu.

Proposals sought from NDSU community for race and ethnicity conference

The Office of Equity and Diversity is encouraging members of the NDSU community to submit presentations for the 2009 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, which will be held May 26-30, 2009, in San Diego.

Conference organizers are seeking proposals that discuss efforts to create inclusive higher education environments, programs and curriculum; improve campus racial and ethnic relations; and expand opportunities for educational access and success by culturally diverse, traditionally underrepresented populations. The session should provide important insights, points-of-view, skills, tools and strategies that stress solutions, implementation and practical applications. Presenters should carefully select a time format, thinking realistically about the type of material to be presented, the number of presenters and the need to allow for questions and discussion. Sessions typically require 75- or 90-minute formats, unless significant interaction and processing of content is required or when the number of co-presenters necessitates a longer format.

A complete list of suggested topics, categories, category definitions, presenter guidelines, time formats and submission guidelines are available at www.ncore.ou.edu.

The deadline for submissions is Dec. 15. A confirmation notice of receipt will be sent to each presenter listed on the proposal coversheet within three to five business days after the proposal package is received. Presenters will be notified by Feb. 4 if their proposal has been accepted or declined.

If you are planning to submit a proposal, notify Evie Myers, chief diversity officer, at 1-7703 or evie.myers@ndsu.edu.

TechGYRLS after-school program for girls to be offered

The NDSU Department of Industrial and Mechanical Engineering and YWCA Cass-Clay are sponsoring TechGYRLS, an after-school program for girls in grades four through seven, starting Sept. 29. The program is held at NDSU and taught by mentors from the NDSU student organization of Society of Women Engineers. The 10-week long program meets on Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The girls will learn about Microworlds and LEGORobotics. With Microworlds the girls will explore the magic of a computer while making their own animated calendar. With LEGORobotics the girls will learn to build and program their own Lego robots. Other activities include a trip to KVLV/KX4, a tour of a local manufacturing company, bridge design and hands-on jewelry manufacturing.

For more information, contact Canan Bilen-Green, associate professor of industrial and mechanical engineering, at 1-7040 or canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu. To register, contact Nicole Ellis at 232-3449 or nellis@ywcacassclay.org by Sept. 24.

NotiFind enrollment begins

A short time ago, you were informed that North Dakota University System colleges and universities are implementing NotiFind, an emergency notification system. As a campus employee, your participation in this important project is required by State Board of Higher Education Policy 1902.

To register, go to <http://enroll.nodak.edu> and sign in. You will need your employee electronic ID or employee ID and password, to sign in. If you do not know your employee ID, check your campus ID card or payroll statement or contact the payroll and human resources office.

For detailed information about NotiFind, including how to log in and password instructions, see the employee section of the NotiFind FAQ document at www.vcsu.edu/safety/vp.htm?p=1252. You also will find a link at that site where you can ask a new question.

After successfully logging in, on the "Enroll Your Services" page, click on the emergency notification link in the bottom, righthand corner and complete the registration form by Sept. 29.

Although personal information will be used in emergency situations, you will want to take note of the section on the page asking for permission to use and release home address and home telephone (including personal cell phones) for non-emergency purposes. For more information, see NDUS procedure 1912.3 at www.ndus.nodak.edu/policies/ndus-policies/subpolicy.asp?ref=2593.

Cooperative Sponsorship Committee proposals requested

The Cooperative Sponsorship Committee invites departments and colleges to submit funding requests for the 2008-09 academic year.

The committee was established to assist departments and colleges in bringing guest lecturers and artists to campus. It promotes joint sponsorship of a wide range of lectures and related public events on timely topics for NDSU and the Tri-College community.

All requests should be submitted electronically via the committee Web site. Complete request guidelines and request form can be found at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/csc.

In some years, all funds have been allocated during fall semester. Funds available after March 1 will be allocated at the discretion of the committee on a first-come, first-served basis. To ensure maximum use of limited available funds, the committee suggests joint departmental and inter-college program sponsorship.

Committee members are S. Derek Killilea, committee chair and professor of biochemistry; Bahman Bahrami, chair and professor of business administration; Gary Ketterling, College of Human Development and Education; Carla Gross, assistant professor of nursing; Janna Stoskopf, dean of student life; John Miller, director of fine arts; Cindy Urness, assistant professor in the College of Engineering and Architecture; Juan M. Osorno, assistant professor of plant sciences; and a student representative from Campus Attractions.

PEOPLE

NDSU students earn first place in agricultural engineering competition

The NDSU student engineering branch of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers took first place in the annual Student Engineering and Mechanization Awards conducted by the Association of Equipment Manufacturers. Agricultural and biosystems engineering majors Ryan Nagel, a senior from Linton, N.D., and Ross Petersen, a senior from Clara City, Minn., prepared the NDSU report. The NDSU branch won in the category for branches with fewer than 33 student members.

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers initiated the awards in 1935 as part of its commitment to excellence in agricultural engineering education. Winners are American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers student branches, which have compiled the most outstanding record of activities and accomplishments in the previous year in membership, meetings, programs and special member activities, including campus and community participation. The awards recognize exemplary student achievement as an example to encourage continued quality of and active participation in society student branches.

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers helped establish student branches to provide undergraduates interested in agricultural engineering some insight into their chosen profession. Student branches are active at most universities offering professional training in engineering related to agricultural, food and biological systems.

The Association of Equipment Manufacturers is the North America-based international trade group representing the off-road equipment manufacturing industry. Its members manufacture equipment, products and services used worldwide in the agriculture, construction, forestry, mining and utility sectors.

For more information, contact Janelle Quam at 1-7273 or janelle.quam@ndsu.edu.

NDSU softball adds Destiny Frankenstein to coaching staff



Frankenstein

NDSU head softball coach Darren Mueller announced the addition of Destiny Frankenstein as a graduate assistant softball coach on Sept. 11.

"We are very excited to have Destiny as a part of our coaching staff. She comes with a lot of experience playing in the Big XII and the National Professional Softball League and will be a tremendous asset to our coaching staff," said Mueller.

A member of the New England Riptide of the National Professional Softball League, Frankenstein started at shortstop in more than 60 games for the league champions during summer 2006.

Frankenstein was a four-year standout and two-time team captain for the University of Kansas. She led the Jayhawks to the 2006 Big XII championship and a pair of NCAA Division I regional tournament berths in 2005 and 2006.

A first-team Big XII and all-region shortstop in 2005, she received the KU Woman of Distinction award at the completion of that academic year. Frankenstein was named the Jayhawks most valuable player and offensive player of the year in 2005. She also was a member of the Kansas University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Frankenstein was a graduate assistant for swimming and diving at the University of Nebraska last year. A 2006 graduate of Kansas, she was a volunteer coach for the Jayhawks during the 2006 fall. Frankenstein also has been active as a clinic hitting and defensive instructor.

Padmanabhan presents at World Water Congress



Padmanabhan

G. Padmanabhan, professor of civil engineering, presented a paper titled "Persistence in North American Palmer Drought Severity Index Data Reconstructed from Tree Ring History" at the 13th World Water Congress 2008, sponsored by the International Water Resources Association in Montpellier, France.

The paper is co-written by Rajesh Kavasseri, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Suman Lal Shrestha, doctoral student in civil engineering at NDSU.

Padmanabhan has been a long-standing member of the International Water Resources Association and is a reviewer for its journal. His area of expertise is in water resources systems analysis. Kavasseri has expertise in the area of mono- and multi-fractal scaling of time series data. Shrestha has interest in the analysis of water resources systems. In this study, the authors analyzed 14 reconstructed Palmer Drought Severity Index time series for their temporal scaling properties and long-term persistence using de-trended fluctuation analysis. The findings suggest that short memory models with longer lag terms may not be adequate to model time series data on droughts; long memory models may be necessary.

More than 800 participants from more than 70 countries attended the conference. The International Water Resources Association is a leading organization advancing the understanding and management of water resources worldwide since its inception in 1972. Members are water professionals and educators from more than 100 countries.

Booth to teach community art class

Nathaniel Booth, NDSU Visual Arts adjunct faculty member, will teach Beginning Painting at the Plains Art Museum, beginning Sept. 25. The class will run one evening per week through Oct. 23.

Booth will teach beginning painting techniques to participants using acrylic paints. The class is open to the public and no experience is necessary. To register, contact the Plains Art Museum at 232-3821. Cost is \$63 for members and \$70 for non-members.

Booth is a Minneapolis native, who, after earning a Master of Fine Arts degree from Penn State University in 2007, returned to this region to teach art at NDSU.

NDSU student receives national leadership award



Nelson

Frannie Nelson, NDSU senior majoring in English, is a recipient of Kappa Delta Sorority's prestigious Corre Anding Stegall Leadership Award. The Fargo native received her award during the sorority's National Leadership Conference held this summer in Boston.

Named for Kappa Delta's former national president, Corre Anding Stegall, the leadership awards are presented each year to the top echelon of Kappa Delta student leaders who have demonstrated high academic performance and outstanding leadership within their chapters and on their college campuses. The awards are the highest individual honor that Kappa Delta gives to undergraduate members and were awarded this year to 10 young women from across the nation.

Nelson is a member of Kappa Delta's Sigma Psi chapter and has served the sorority as chapter president, Sisterhood Enrichment Team leader, Panhellenic delegate and Stand Up! Stand Out! chair. Her campus involvement includes NDSU Concert Choir, President's Student Leadership Conference, Student Government: Government Relations and Intercollegiate Affairs Commission, Women in Action Conference, Greek Presidents Council, Bison Ambassadors, Greek Programming Council, NDSU Complaint Resolution Board, Omega Project, Phi Eta Sigma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Libra Honor Society and Order of Omega. Nelson also attended the 2007 Association of Student Advancement Programs National Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Kappa Delta Sorority has been making great things happen on college campuses and in communities nationwide since its founding in 1897 in Farmville, Va. The sorority has a membership of more than 200,000 women, 133 active collegiate chapters and 492 chartered alumnae associations. Kappa Delta is the creator of National Women's Friendship Day. Members support these national philanthropies: Prevent Child Abuse America; Kappa Delta Orthopaedic Awards; Children's Hospital of Richmond, Va.; and Girl Scouts of the USA, through which Kappa Deltas are providing the Uniquely Me program in partnership with the Dove Campaign for Real Beauty. Kappa Delta's headquarters is in Memphis, Tenn.

NDSU researchers study economics of switchgrass as fuel



Leistriz

Along with studies aimed at growing a better plant, researchers in the NDSU Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics have evaluated switchgrass as a dedicated feedstock for cellulosic-based biofuels from an economic point of view. Switchgrass is a warm-season perennial grass that is native to North Dakota and the region.



DeVuyst

"We looked at switchgrass from two perspectives," says F. Larry Leistriz, NDSU economist. "We studied farm-gate prices that would be needed for switchgrass to be competitive with net returns from traditional crops based on different levels of soil productivity. We also studied farm-gate prices that would be needed for switchgrass to be competitive with net returns from traditional crops based on different levels of producer profitability."

Breakeven switchgrass prices were estimated as the price required to cover switchgrass production expenses and provide for the same level of net return from traditional crops. Three types of soils were used: marginal, average and high productivity. To break even with traditional crops, producers would need to receive \$47 per ton from low-productivity soil, \$67 per ton from average soil and \$76 per ton from the most productive soil.

"Several variables, such as yield increases, fertilizer costs, changes in traditional crop prices and crop rotations, may influence the willingness of a producer to grow switchgrass," Leistriz says. "However, what is important is that we now better understand the factors that will influence the economic competitiveness of herbaceous crops, such as switchgrass, with the more traditional crops. It also is important that energy industry leaders, policymakers and researchers now have additional information with which to continue evaluating the economic viability of cellulosic ethanol."

Others involved in the study from the NDSU Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics were Dan Bangsund (not pictured) and Eric DeVuyst.

Student receives Astronaut Scholarship



Apollo 15 astronaut Al Worden presented NDSU junior Matthew Wold with a \$10,000 scholarship from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation during a public presentation and ceremony on Sept. 11.

The Astronaut Scholarship is the largest monetary award given in the United States to science and engineering undergraduate students based solely on merit. Nineteen of these prestigious awards are disbursed each year through the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation to worthy college students majoring in a science or engineering field.

"We target a select group. We want to support those who are literally going to make a difference to the world as they mature," said Worden during his campus visit. "We are getting students that not only have absolutely mind-boggling academic records, but they also do other things. They work in the community, they play music, they sing, so they are very well-rounded students. We hope they become outstanding citizens – that's our goal."

Wold is a junior from Thief River Falls, Minn., who is majoring in agricultural and biosystems engineering, focusing his research on cellulosic ethanol. "I'd like to say thank you very much to the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation for providing me with this excellent scholarship. I am very honored to receive it," Wold said during the presentation.

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1984 by the six surviving members of America's original Mercury astronauts. Its goal is to aid the United States in retaining its world leadership in science and technology by providing scholarships for college students who exhibit motivation, imagination and exceptional performance in the science or engineering field of their major. For more information, log on to www.AstronautScholarship.org.

EVENTS

Bison BEST robotics competition set

NDSU's College of Engineering and Architecture will kick off the Bison BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) Robotics Competition on Sept. 20 at the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The kickoff will begin at 10 a.m. and last until approximately 1:30 p.m. The competition is free and continues for six weeks, concluding on Nov. 1. This is the second year that NDSU is hosting a hub for BEST Robotics.

The competition offers hands-on, real world, engineering-based experience to middle and high school students. The mission of BEST Robotics is to inspire students to pursue careers in math, science and engineering disciplines.

A total of 24 schools will compete this year. At the kickoff event, each school will receive an identical kit of equipment and parts and a set of game rules. The team has six weeks to design, build and test a small radio-controlled robot that outperforms robots.

There are two parallel competitions. The first competition is a robotics game, which is based on an annual theme with four teams competing in a series of three-minute, round robin matches. The second competition is for the BEST Award, which is presented to the team that best embodies the concept of "Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology." Elements include a project engineering notebook, oral presentation, table display, spirit and sportsmanship.

Engineers and other technical professionals from local industries will serve as team mentors advising and guiding students through design and construction of their robot.

Competition organizers are looking for volunteers to help with judging. If you are interested, contact Joel Hanson at 1-9676 or joel.hanson@ndsu.edu. For more information about the competition, contact Nancy Rosslund, Bison BEST hub director, at 1-7994 or nancy.rossland@ndsu.edu. Information also is available at www.bestinc.org. Click on "See BEST in Action."

Accounting Club and Career Center to sponsor 'Meet the Firms'

The NDSU Accounting Club and the NDSU Career Center are sponsoring the 13th annual "Meet the Firms" event scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom.

The event is an opportunity for NDSU, Concordia College and Minnesota State University Moorhead accounting and accountancy students to interact with firms in a business casual environment to exchange information on internships and full-time positions.

Beginning at 4 p.m., some firms are planning to give 12-minute presentations that will give students a detailed description of their firm, clientele and focus. Professors are encouraged to have their students attend these presentations to hear from professionals in the field.

There is no cost for students or faculty to attend the event. For more information, contact the Career Center at 1-7111.

2008 Engineering and Tech Expo set

The NDSU Career Center will sponsor the Engineering and Tech Expo on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fargodome.

The 2008 Engineering and Tech Expo is an opportunity for engineering, construction management and technology students from NDSU to interact with more than 150 firms in a business casual environment for the purpose of exchanging information on internships and co-ops as well as full-time positions. There also will be concurrent company presentations from 10:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The 12-minute presentations will give fair-goers a detailed description of the company and positions available.

Contact the NDSU Career Center at 1-7111 or Lisa Gulland-Nelson at 1-7856 or lisa.gulland-nelson@ndsu.edu for more information.

Family Weekend to be held at NDSU

Family Weekend at NDSU is scheduled for Oct. 10-12. Family Weekend is a chance for families of current students to visit campus and spend time with their student while experiencing art, academics and athletics at NDSU.

More than 500 family members typically participate in the annual event. Families can attend activities such as the president's breakfast, a football game and an NDSU Downtown tour. Additional events also are planned.

For a detailed schedule, call Nancy Mueller, student services coordinator with the Office of Orientation and Student Success, at 1-8379.

NDSU Libraries to hold open house

The NDSU Libraries are holding an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon. The events will be held in the new library classroom in the Main Library.

The campus is invited to take a break and meet staff and subject librarians, discover new information research tools and catch up on all the innovative developments in the libraries. There will be snacks, giveaways, prizes and more.

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute seminar set for Sept. 22

The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute is sponsoring a series of transportation-related seminars on Mondays at 3 p.m. through Dec. 15. The seminars will be in IACC 422.

Jeremy Mattson, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute researcher, will present "The Effects of Rising Fuel Prices on Transit Ridership" on Sept. 22. In the study, he looks at links between fuel prices and ridership on several small transit agencies including Fargo Metro Area Transit and Clay County Rural Transit.

Go to www.ugpti.org/training/seminar.php for up-to-date announcements about the seminars.

Finance and Administration Information Day set for Oct. 7

The Division of Finance and Administration has a unique role at the university because it interacts with nearly every division and department on campus through various departments. In an effort to streamline communication and training, semi-annual training and informational sessions will be offered sharing useful hints for navigating through various departments and processes.

The first semi-annual Finance and Administration Information Day will be Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union. General sessions will be held in Century Theater and breakout sessions with specific education and training related to individual departments in the Hidatsa and Arikara rooms. Individuals can choose what sessions to attend, depending on their role in their department. There is no need to attend sessions in all timeslots. For more information on specific items that will be covered, go to www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/vpbf.

Classes include:

- Accounts payable and travel voucher refresher course
- The ABCs of supervision
- How do I get my monthly Financial reports?
- I have a vacancy, now what?
- What exactly is the University Police and Safety Office and what are the needs they serve?
- Purchasing – What you need to know
- Budget journals and retros refresher
- Payroll forms made easy
- Facilities Management: How do I make requests from Facilities Management and what services do they provide?
- Grants management: Review of helpful reports and queries

To register, go to www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/vpbf and fill out the registration form. Registrations must be returned to Aubrey Ketterling at SGC 112 by Friday, Sept. 26. For more information, contact Karla Mongeon-Stewart at 1-8354.

Defensive Driving Course scheduled

Robin Reidman, North Dakota Department of Transportation, will hold a Defensive Driving Course at NDSU Sept. 23, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Research 1, room 148.

Fleet Services requires people operating fleet vehicles on at least a monthly basis to take the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course as soon as practical after accepting employment, and every four years thereafter. Training for those operating fleet vehicles less than monthly is at the discretion of agency trainers or risk managers. Fleet Services also requires individuals who have been involved in a motor vehicle accident with a State Fleet vehicle, or who have received a traffic citation while operating a State Fleet vehicle in the past 12 months, to attend the course within the calendar year of the accident or citation.

The University Police and Safety Office encourages people who operate State Fleet vehicles less than monthly to attend the class, keeping in mind that priority will be given to those meeting the above requirements.

Space is limited. To register, contact Bill Vandal at william.vandal@ndsu.edu or 1-7835.

Post 9/11 hate incident documentary to be shown at NDSU

“Divided We Fall: Americans in the Aftermath,” a post 9/11 hate incident documentary, will be shown on Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Century Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

A Sikh college student and her cousin created this powerful documentary as they traveled across the country to document post 9/11 hate incidents perpetrated against Sikh and Muslim people in the United States. The 90-minute video will be followed by a panel discussion addressing the issues and answering questions from the audience.

The video is sponsored in collaboration with NDSU Memorial Union, NDSU Muslim Student Association and Minnesota State University Moorhead's Departments of Women's Studies and History.

Contact Kara Gravley-Stack at kara.gravley-stack@ndsu.edu or 1-8566 for more information.

SHORTS AND REMINDERS

Equal opportunity policies annual notice

University policy on equal opportunity and non-discrimination:

North Dakota State University is fully committed to equal opportunity in employment decisions and educational programs and activities, in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and including appropriate affirmative action efforts, for all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex (gender), disability, age, Vietnam Era Veterans status, sexual orientation, status with regard to marriage or public assistance, or participation in lawful activity off the employer's premises during nonworking hours which is not in direct conflict with the essential business-related interests of the employer.

The following notice must be included in all departmental publications such as bulletins, announcements, manuals, publications, guidebooks, brochures, pamphlets, catalogs, application forms or recruitment materials describing or inviting participation in programs at North Dakota State University. (This notice is not required on departmental homepages.):

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Positions available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SCG Building, 1919 N. University Drive.

Office assistant/#00024258
Graduate School
\$25,000+/year
Sept. 22

cont.

Administrative assistant/# 00018744
Williston Research Extension Center
Williston, N.D.
\$30,000+/year
Sept. 23

AM Catering Supervisor/#00019714
Dining Services – Memorial Union
\$11+/hour
Open until filled

Lead Caterer/#00023314
Dining Services – Memorial Union
12 months, Monday through Friday, with weekends
\$9+/hour
Open until filled

Crop Quality Specialist/#00023981
Northern Crops Institute
\$45,000+/year
Oct. 3

Hall Director /#00021601
Residence Life
\$29,000+/year
Sept. 23

Financial Services Manager/#00020175
Center Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
Sept. 26

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

Web Technology Specialist/#00021062
Ag Communications
\$43,000+/year
Open until filled

Programmer Analyst
NDUS ConnectND
 Fargo
\$50,000+/year
Open until filled

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CALENDAR

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