

Gravley-Stack named Diversity Center coordinator



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Evie Myers, vice president for equity, diversity and global outreach, announced Kara Gravley-Stack has been named the coordinator of NDSU's new Diversity Center. She previously served as assistant director for service learning and civic engagement in the Memorial Union.

"I am very excited to have Kara join the Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach. She will be a great addition," Myers said. "Her passion and expertise in the area of inclusion are going to be great for the campus and the new NDSU Diversity Center."

Gravley-Stack, a native of Russell, Minn., earned her bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., and her master's degree in counseling and student affairs from Minnesota State University Moorhead.

She worked as a residence hall director at Concordia College, then as assistant director for activities and organizations at MSUM before coming to NDSU in 2000.

As assistant director for service learning and civic engagement in the Memorial Union, she has overseen the service learning program at NDSU, including the Volunteer Network program. Gravley-Stack helped to develop and continues to coordinate the Safe Zone Ally program, serves on the anti-racism team as a team member and trainer, co-chairs the NDSU Women's Week program, and served two terms on the President's Diversity Council. In December 2003, she was inducted into the Tapestry of Diverse Talents program, in recognition of her efforts to create programs and services that contribute to a welcoming environment for all students, faculty and staff at NDSU.

Gravley-Stack has worked as an adjunct faculty in both the counseling and student affairs master's degree program at MSUM and the Women's Studies department at NDSU. She also developed the Omega Project, a three-credit course offered in collaboration with child development and family sciences, to teach students about social activism, community services and civic engagement.

Gravley-Stack also serves as a board member for the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition and the North Dakota Women's Network. In addition to these activities, she is a Girl Scout troop leader and volunteers with the education program at her church. She and her husband and three children live in Horace, N.D.

Diversity funding and grant opportunities available for NDSU community

The Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach has added information on diversity funding and grant opportunities on the Diversity@NDSU Web site.

Evie Myers, vice president for equity, diversity and global outreach, encourages faculty, staff and students to go to www.ndsu.edu/diversity@ndsu and click on the Funding Resources link to view the opportunities available. The funding information will be updated on a weekly basis.

For more information, contact the Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach at 1-7708.

'It's Happening at State' early deadline reminder

Due to the observance of the Veteran's Day holiday, the deadline for the Nov. 12 issue is noon, Wednesday, Nov. 5

Recipes needed for Staff Senate cookbook

Staff Senate is creating a cookbook of recipes from the NDSU staff.

To make this a success, cookbook organizers are requesting your favorite recipes. They can be submitted by going to the Staff Senate Web site at www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/committees/recipe_submission.

The deadline for submitting recipes is Friday, Nov. 7. Organizers are planning to have the books printed and ready to sell before Christmas.

NDSU Libraries Veteran's Day hours

All libraries will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

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Open enrollment, cancellation and change period to begin

The insurance open enrollment, cancellation and change period began Oct. 20 and will continue through Nov. 7.

If you do not want to make changes at this time, you do not need to complete any paperwork. All changes to health, life, vision or dental insurance should be submitted to the Human Resources/Payroll Office by the Nov. 7 deadline. See the NDPERS Web site at www.nd.gov/ndpers for further information and forms for making changes. We also keep paperwork in our office, located at SGC 102.

NDSU does not participate in the NDPERS flex plan. The flexible spending account is administered through Discovery Benefits. Open enrollment for the flex plan will begin Nov. 1 and run through Nov. 30. More information will follow regarding this plan.

Health Insurance

Employees not currently on our health plan can enroll or add dependents now. This is not the time of year to make changes to your EPO/PPO plan; that usually is in mid-May.

Health forms are available at www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/forms/group-health-app.pdf.

Life Insurance

During this period, employees can apply for additional life insurance for themselves and their dependents.

An evidence of insurability form must be completed now for both the employee and their spouse if additional coverage is being requested. Prudential Financial may elect to have employees complete additional health information following a request. Employees also can elect to cancel their life insurance at this time.

Life forms are available at www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/forms/sfn-53803-group-life-enrollment.pdf.

Evidence of insurability (required for both employee and spouse if applying for increased coverage) forms are available at www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/forms/prudential-eoi.pdf.

Rate charts are available at www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/publications/2008-lifetable.pdf.

Vision Insurance

Employees can enroll, cancel or make changes to the vision coverage with an effective date of Jan. 1. If an employee is participating in the vision insurance and wants to cancel their coverage, a cancellation form must be completed and vision coverage would cease after Dec. 31. Rates for the vision plan will remain the same for the next calendar year and are available at www.nd.gov/ndpers/insurance-plans/vision-rates.html.

Vision forms are available at www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/forms/vision-insurance-enrollment.pdf.

Dental Insurance

Employees can enroll, cancel or make changes to the dental coverage with an effective date of Jan. 1. There are two options for dental insurance:

Cigna Dental: This plan is offered through the state. Details are available on the NDPERS Web site at www.nd.gov/ndpers.

Cigna dental plan rates for both new enrollees and current participants will be increasing Jan. 1 and will be as follows:

- Employee: \$35.10 per month
- Employee and spouse: \$67.76 per month
- Employee and child(ren): \$78.64 per month
- Family: \$111.30 per month

Cigna Dental forms are available at www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/forms/cigna-dental-insurance-enrollment.pdf.

Total Dental Administrators Inc. (TDA)/ProviDent Dental: Details can be found at www.totaldentaladmin.com. Click on "dental plans," then on "North Dakota" and "Elite Plus."

Rates for the TDA/ProviDent dental plan for both new enrollees and current participants will increase beginning Jan. 1 and will be as follows:

- Employee: \$22.14 per month
- Employee plus one dependent: \$41.80 per month
- Family: \$69.60 per month

TDA/ProviDent Dental forms are available on the Human Resources/Payroll forms page at www.ndsu.edu/hr/forms/index.shtml.

If an employee is participating in either dental insurance plan and wants to cancel their coverage, a cancellation form must be completed and dental coverage would cease after Dec. 31.

Fifteen communities selected for North Dakota Horizons project

Fifteen communities from northeastern to south-central North Dakota have been selected for the third Horizons community development project that began in late September.

The NDSU Extension Service will deliver the program to the communities during an 18-month period. The Northwest Area Foundation of St. Paul funds the project.

The communities taking part in this round of the Horizons project are Dunseith, Fessenden, Fordville, Fort Yates, Hannaford, Lakota, Leeds, Marion, McClusky, Minnewaukan, Napoleon, Rolla, Sheldon, Tolna and Underwood.

The project's aim is to reduce poverty and develop leadership in small rural communities in the upper Midwest. The communities selected have populations of 5,000 or fewer people and a poverty rate of 10 percent or more.

Each community will work with a coach during the four portions of the project, which focus on development of study circles, Leadership Plenty sessions, visioning and strategic planning processes, and seven months of executing a working action plan toward the community's goals.

The program's goal is raising human capacity, according to Lynette Flage, Horizons project director.

"We work hard to get a diverse group of people to identify issues in their community and then connect them to the resources they need to succeed," she says.

Initial meetings in each community were held in late September. For more information on the project, visit www.ag.ndsu.edu/horizons.

New transportation and logistics student organization meets

The Association of Transportation and Logistics met for the first time Friday, Oct. 3. The group will focus examining solutions to transportation challenges based on logistic technology. "The group will look at optimal multi-location shipment management, multi-carrier management, consolidations, real time tracking/tracing and automation of processes and security," said Peter Chen, president of the new student organization.

The group has a variety of activities planned for the upcoming year including Radio Frequency Identification training and tours of various technology companies in the area. Chen said he hopes membership in the group can be increased to more than 50 by January. The association will join NDSU's list of more than 250 organizations. For more information, contact Chen at ieelong.chen@ndsu.edu or 1-5990.

Volunteers needed for North Dakota Precipitation Network

Anan Akyuz, state climatologist and assistant professor of climatology in the NDSU Department of Soil Science, is looking for volunteers for a statewide rain and snow reporting network.

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network is the fastest growing national network of home-based amateur rain and snow observers. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration sponsors the program.

"I want to get as many rain gauges as possible around the state to help forecasters and climatologists map North Dakota's rain and snow patterns," Akyuz says.

Anyone with an interest in weather and access to the Internet can sign up. The only equipment needed is a cylindrical rain gauge available from the network for \$22 (plus shipping) and a yardstick to measure snow depth. Training and other information are available at www.cocorahs.org.

Each volunteer is asked to read the rain gauge at the same time every day and upload the measurement to the Web site.

"The result is more precise information about where rain, snow and hail fall and in what amount," Akyuz says. "That will allow climatologists to draw better precipitation maps and gain a better understanding of North Dakota weather." It also can help people who use precipitation information in their work and those who just want to know how much rain or snow is falling outside their homes.

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network will give weather enthusiasts an opportunity to contribute to a national map. North Dakota volunteers will be able to start from a national map and see all of the data collected by almost 12,000 volunteer observers across the country and then zoom into their area to compare the data with nearby volunteers.

Akyuz would like everyone, including teachers, students, farmers, doctors and others, to be a part of this network. North Dakota is the latest state to join the network and will begin providing information on Nov. 1. To sign up, go to www.cocorahs.org. Click on "Join CoCoRaHS" under the main menu. Training slides are available under the resources menu.

For more information, contact Akyuz, at 1-6577.

OBITUARY

Johnson

Ross J. Johnson, an NDSU junior majoring in accounting, died Oct. 10 in Fargo. Johnson, 20, was the son of Jeffrey and Angela Johnson of Eyota, Minn.

Johnson graduated from Dover-Eyota High School in 2006 and attended the University of Minnesota-Morris for two years. In high school, he played on the 2006 state basketball team and went on to play basketball at the University of Minnesota-Morris. He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Eyota.

PEOPLE

Bromley to participate in art auction



Bromley

Kimble Bromley, associate professor of visual arts, was invited to exhibit his work as part of the North Dakota Museum of Art's Autumn Art Auction. "Scott," one of Bromley's Billboard Series, will be exhibited and put up for auction.

Bromley places discarded billboard materials, donated by Newman Outdoor Advertising, on a canvas and paints on the scraps. "The concept of billboards has always fascinated me," Bromley said. "First and foremost, they create an immediate and powerful visual impact. They follow principles of design. They mark their territory and influence how we think. Yet, they merely illustrate a specific idea. My challenge in working with billboards is to create something visually powerful going beyond illustration."

"As Time Passes," from Bromley's Pond Series, also will be exhibited. These works are painted on location at his family's rural property close to Pelican Rapids, Minn.

The Autumn Art Auction is one of North Dakota's premier art events of the year. Art works are auctioned off as a fundraiser for the museum. This year's auction took place Oct. 25.

Sublett and Jones to be featured in opera



Sublett

Virginia Sublett and Robert Jones, both associate professors of music, are featured performers in the upcoming Fargo-Moorhead Opera production of "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Sublett, soprano, will portray Donna Anna, whose attempted rape by Don Giovanni sets the wheels in motion for his eventual downfall. Jones, baritone, will portray Donna Anna's father, the Commendatore, whom Don Giovanni murders when he comes to her aid.



Jones

Sigurd Johnson, timpani, and Jeremy Brekke, trumpet, both associate professors of music, will perform in the Fargo-Moorhead Opera orchestra during the production.

"Don Giovanni" will run Friday, Oct. 31, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2 p.m. in Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are available by calling (701) 239-4558.

NDSU students and researchers win competitive coatings awards

Alex Kugel, NDSU coatings and polymeric materials graduate student and research assistant at NDSU's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE), presented a research paper that was selected for the 2008 Roon Foundation Award at "FutureCoat! 2008, Globally Responsible Coatings: Getting There from Here," Oct. 14-16, in Chicago.

The research paper, "Novel, Environmentally-Friendly Antimicrobial Coatings Derived from Biocide-Functional Acrylic Polyols and Isocyanates," was based on coatings research conducted at CNSE involving a group of NDSU researchers including Bret Chisholm, Shane Stafslie, Laura Jarabek, Justin Daniels, Lyndsi Vander Wal, Scott Ebert, Michael Jepperson, Jim Bahr, Rob Pieper and Dean Webster, professor of coatings and polymeric materials.

The award is sponsored by the Coatings Industry Education Foundation and is an annual award given to a paper containing original work never presented or published relating to the protective coatings industry that represents a step forward in real scientific contribution to the coatings industry. A panel of judges from industry and academia reviews the papers.

The NDSU Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials also won awards at the conference. NDSU students received high honors by placing first, second and third in the doctoral/postdoctoral student division poster contest, and first place in the graduate studies division student poster contest.

In the doctoral/postdoctoral poster session, Xiaodong Shi received first place, Robert Pieper second place and Stacy Sommer third place. Hong Xu received first place in the graduate studies student poster session. The student poster session competition is designed to provide a forum for students involved in coatings research by giving them the opportunity to showcase new ideas, techniques and preliminary results.

Pedersen receives North Dakota communicator of the year award

Carl Pedersen, NDSU Extension Service energy educator, is the North Dakota Association for Communication Excellence 2008 communicator of the year.

The award recognizes an individual who has displayed exceptional expertise and professionalism in delivering educational programs and information to the public through several types of media. The association and NDSU Agriculture Communication staff selected Pedersen for the honor.

He is developing statewide educational and informational programs on the efficient use of energy in residential buildings, and small commercial and agricultural operations. The goal of these efforts is to increase North Dakota's awareness of the opportunities to save financial and natural resources through the efficient use of energy.

A luncheon will be held in Pedersen's honor on Monday, Nov. 3, at noon in the NDSU Memorial Union's Hidatsa room. Bonnie Lund, senior communications representative at Xcel Energy in Fargo, will be the featured speaker. The cost of the luncheon is \$8 per person. Make checks payable to ACE. Sign up in Morrill Hall, room 7, or call 1-7881 by Oct. 24.

Meister launches radio show



Meister

Mark Meister, NDSU associate professor of communication, has started a weekly radio show dealing specifically with civic issues and activities. "Civic Radio," which premiered Oct. 22, is broadcast on KNDS 96.3 FM on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

"The purpose is to give voice to civic issues," said Meister, who is the show's host. "There's a lot of talk radio – progressive talk radio, conservative talk radio, news talk radio and sports talk radio. We deal exclusively with civic events at NDSU and throughout the Fargo-Moorhead community. We're a place to promote civic ideals, civility and democratic participation."

"Civic Radio" aims to inform listeners about events and organizations that provide for the betterment of the F-M community. Each week, the show underlines a key issue to enlighten listeners about their community, evoke discussions and allow for participation. The broadcast's goal is to bring community members together by educating them about current activities and organizations, giving them a forum to discuss opinions and inspiring others to become active civic leaders.

"The ultimate goal is to have a student host the show. We offer broadcasting as one of our majors, and when a student interested in these issues comes up, they'll do it," Meister said, noting the idea for the program evolved from a Contemporary Rhetoric class he taught. "We are getting a good response to the show. The students are very creative about putting together music montages about civic issues. They do most of the work."

"Civic Radio" was developed by executive producer Meister; co-host and co-producer Alicia Johns; and co-producer and KNDS general manager Stephanie Shea.

KNDS is a partnership between Radio Free Fargo, an F-M community organization of broadcasters, and NDSU. The station is an entertaining learning environment that provides area disc jockeys and students with firsthand experience in broadcasting, public relations, journalism, Web development and electrical engineering.

Contact Meister at 1-7635 or mark.meister@ndsu.edu for more information.

Miller guest conducts at Prairie Harvest Choral Festival



Miller

Jo Ann Miller, NDSU University Distinguished Professor of music, was a guest conductor at the 2008 Prairie Harvest Choral Festival in Britton, S.D., on Oct. 20.

Miller spent the day working with choral students from 13 schools. The festival ended with a group performance in the William Amacher Auditorium.

She joined the faculty at NDSU in 1989 as director of choral activities. She conducts the NDSU Concert Choir and University Chorus and teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting and literature courses. She also is the graduate coordinator for the Master of Music and Doctor of Music Arts degrees offered at NDSU.

Peterson recognized for best crop production program in the nation

Nels Peterson, NDSU Extension agent from Nelson County, was recognized for having the best crop related program in the nation by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in the Search for Excellence in Crop Production at their annual meeting in Greensboro, N.C. Applications are judged on educational objectives, program activities, teaching methods, results, impact statement and evaluation. Peterson competed in this category against state winners from throughout the nation.

The winning entry, "Integrated Management of Blackbirds in Sunflower," was suggested by a formal needs assessment conducted by Peterson with Crop Improvement Association directors. The program was an effort to deal with the devastating impacts of blackbirds on sunflower yields in Nelson County.

Peterson also has been a national finalist as part of a team looking at problem-based learning to train private applicators.

Katti gives keynote lecture at World Congress on Computational Mechanics



Katti

Dinesh R. Katti, professor and chair of civil engineering and associate dean of research in the College of Engineering and Architecture, gave a keynote lecture on "Multiscale Mechanics of NACRE: From Molecular to Macro" at the World Congress on Computational Mechanics in Venice, Italy, in July.

The lecture described a novel hierarchical modeling methodology to model mechanical behavior of complex biological materials. Biological materials have structural order over many length scales (also known as hierarchy) not observed in engineered man-made materials, and new methodologies are developed to describe mechanics of such systems.

Katti also presented an invited lecture at the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics on "A Multiscale Computational and Experimental Investigation of Swelling Clay Behavior: Bridging Scales Using Steered Molecular Dynamics, Modified Discrete Element Method and Experiments" in Goa, India, earlier this month. The presentation described the work of Katti's research group on behavior of swelling mechanisms in clays with application to swelling with water environmental fluids and polymers. The work is supported by two National Science Foundation grants. The work has resulted in the development of a new experimental device to evaluate properties for which a provisional patent has been filed.

In addition, Katti has been invited to serve on the board of the association, which is the world's premier organization in geomechanics.

He serves as associate-editor of the American Society of Civil Engineers Journal of Engineering Mechanics, and is a guest editor for a bio and bio-inspired materials issue for the journal. He chairs the poromechanics committee and is vice chair of properties for the society's materials committee.

The society and association jointly publish the International Journal of Geomechanics, and Katti has been invited to serve on the advisory board of the journal.

NDSU students earn best paper award at international conference

Doctoral students Chris I. Enyinda and Charles Briggs and Won Koo, professor of agribusiness and applied economics, received a best paper award during the Global Academy of Business and Economic Research international conference in Orlando, Fla., Sept. 17-19.

Briggs and Enyinda presented the paper, "The Role of Competitive Intelligence Leverage in Supply Chain Risk Management Strategy." The paper proposes a competitive intelligence approach to managing supply chain risks.

The paper has been published in the Global Academy of Business and Economic Research Proceedings. It also is being considered for publication in the Journal of Global Business and Research.

Briggs is studying transportation and logistics. He is from Nigeria and is on sabbatical from the faculty at Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala. Upon completion of his doctorate, he plans to return to Alabama A&M to continue a teaching, research and publication career.

Enyinda is a professor and coordinator of the Logistics/Supply Chain Management Program at Alabama A&M University and is working on his second doctorate. He originally is from Huntsville, Ala.

Academic advisers are Denver Tolliver, director of the NDSU transportation and logistics program and associate director of Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, and Koo, who also is director of the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies at NDSU.

EVENTS

'African Soul, American Heart' to premiere at Fargo Theatre

NDSU graduate Joseph Akol Makeer is featured in the documentary, "African Soul, American Heart." The film follows Makeer on his first trip to Sudan after fleeing his village in 1987 as a 10-year-old boy. He visits refugees still living in the United Nations Refugee camp in Kakuma, Kenya, then travels to his remote village of Duk Payuel, Sudan, where he tries to find out what he can do to help rebuild his village.

The film will premiere at the historic Fargo Theatre on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is \$10. All proceeds will go to the African Soul, American Heart Foundation.

The documentary was written and produced by Kevin Brooks, associate professor of English. Matt McGregor, an NDSU graduate, filmed and edited the documentary. Greg Carlson, NDSU doctoral graduate, is co-producer.

A photo exhibit from Makeer's trip also will be running at the Cyrus Gallery, Concordia College, Nov. 5 through Dec 19. Deb Dawson, writer, producer and director of "African Soul, American Heart" took the photographs.

For more information about these events or the African Soul, American Heart Foundation, go to africansoulamericanheart.org or contact Brooks at kevin.brooks@ndsu.edu or 1-7147.

NDSU Native American Heritage Events 2008-09 to begin Nov. 3

The opening ceremony for the NDSU Native American Heritage Events 2008-09 will be Monday, Nov. 3, on the east patio of the Memorial Union. Bryan Brady, a Hidatsa tribal elder from New Town, N.D., will conduct the ceremony at 10:30 a.m. He will follow up the opening ceremony with a presentation on Hidatsa culture at 11 a.m. in the Memorial Union Meadowlark room. The event is free and open to the public.

Robert Shimek, White Earth tribal member from Bemidji, Minn., will provide a presentation on the work he does with the Indigenous Environmental Network on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room. The network focuses on energy, climate, toxins, environmental health, mining, sustainable communities, bioethics, globalization, youth, water and international networking of these issues and initiatives affecting tribal communities.

A schedule of events is available at www.ndsu.edu/multicultural. There is information about a Turtle Mountain Chippewa fiddling presentation, Arikara cultural presentation, American Indian poetry reading, Ojibwe leadership and governance film, presentation on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, Ojibwe language sessions and the 2009 powwow on the NDSU campus.

NDSU celebrates 35 years of excellence in agriculture and Bison athletics

The 35th annual Harvest Bowl festivities begin Friday, Oct. 31, at the Fargo Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center with a dinner, awards ceremony and games. On Saturday, honorees will participate in educational sessions on the NDSU campus and attend the Harvest Bowl football game against Indiana State University.

As a land-grant university, NDSU plays a major role in contributing knowledge to the state of North Dakota through research, academic programs and the Extension Service. More than 1,800 agriculturists have been recognized and more than \$76,000 in scholarships have been awarded to NDSU student athletes with agricultural backgrounds.

The NDSU Harvest Bowl program recognizes the success, dedication and hard work of outstanding agriculturists in 53 counties in North Dakota and five counties in Minnesota.

The agribusiness award, chosen annually, recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of agriculture and business in North Dakota and beyond. The late Eugene Dahl, one of North Dakota's premier business owners, is the 2008 award recipient.

Dahl may be responsible for more manufacturing jobs in North Dakota than anyone else. The companies that he was most directly involved with, Bobcat and Steiger, are household names in North Dakota. When you add in the businesses his sons and former key employees have been involved in – Concord, Amity Technology, Phoenix, WilRich and Wishek – you get considerably more jobs.

Eight scholarships also are awarded to outstanding male and female athletes. The 2008 Harvest Bowl Scholarship recipient is Christine Bruins, a member of the NDSU track and

field team. Bruins is from Watford City. The recipient of a Harvest Bowl Scholarship in memory of Robert Johansen is Matt Gratzek, a defensive tackle on the NDSU football team. Gratzek is from Argyle, Minn.

The Bob and Darlene Yaggie Football Scholarship is awarded to Michael Arndt, an offensive tackle on the NDSU football team. Arndt is from LaMoure, N.D. Receiving the Bob Lauf Memorial Scholarship is Inger Hodgson, a guard on the NDSU women's basketball team. Hodgson is from Barneveld, Wis. The Ron and Karen Offutt Scholarship goes to Gerald Ebel, an offensive lineman from Yankton, S.D.

The Red River Commodities Scholarship is awarded to Laura Murphy, a member of the soccer team. Murphy is from East Bethel, Minn. The LeVon Kirkeide Scholarship goes to Whitney Carlson, a member of the women's track and field team. Carlson is from Buchanan, N.D. The Robert and Bruce Yaggie Harvest Bowl Scholarship goes to Ryan Foster, an offensive guard on the football team. Foster is from Eleva, Wis.

For tickets and information on Harvest Bowl activities, visit the Alumni Association Web site at www.ndsualumni.com, call the alumni office at (800) 279-8971 or 1-6800 or e-mail marilyn@ndsualumni.com.

College of Science and Mathematics announces Science Café

The first ever Science Café will be held on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Stoker's Lounge located in the lower level of the Hotel Donaldson, downtown Fargo. Science Cafés are live events that involve face-to-face conversation with a scientist about current science topics.

They are open to the community and take place in casual settings like pubs or coffee houses. Benton Duncan, assistant professor of mathematics, will host the discussion, titled "North Dakotans Matter More than Californians: Your Power and the Electoral College."

The Science Café is sponsored by the College of Science and Mathematics and the Hotel Donaldson. Attendees must be 21 or older. For more information, contact Keri Drinka at 1-6131 or keri.drinka@ndsu.edu.

NDSU studio and scholarship recipient exhibition scheduled

The NDSU Department of Visual Arts will exhibit works created by studio and scholarship recipients Oct. 30 through Nov. 20 at the Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. A reception will be held Thursday, Oct. 30 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the gallery.

Alison Celley, Regan, N.D., and Robert Arlt, Hastings, Minn., are the recipients of the Ozbun Scholarship studio space. Mackenzie Kouba, Sabin, Minn., is the recipient of the Marguerite Tollefson Scholarship studio space. Tawnya Iglehart, Garrison, N.D., is the recipient of the Frederick Walsh Scholarship studio space. Meg Roberts, Bismarck, N.D.; Brad Wherman, Minneapolis; and Erin Redlin, Crosby, N.D.; are the recipients of studio space.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Reineke Visual Arts Gallery is located on NDSU's campus at 1301 12th Ave. N., Fargo.

Lamb cook-off set for Nov. 21

The North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association, NDSU Extension Service and NDSU Department of Animal Science are sponsoring a lamb cook-off Nov. 21 in conjunction with the association's annual convention at the Best Western Seven Seas Hotel in Mandan, N.D.

"This contest is just one more example of how the NDLWPA and NDSU Extension Service are working together to ensure that the sheep industry has a very bright future," says Justin Luther, NDSU Extension sheep specialist and co-organizer of the annual convention.

The competition is open to all North Dakota residents, although professional chefs are not eligible for prizes. Contestants may enter more than one dish. The recipes must use lamb, but any cut of meat is acceptable.

Judging will be based on taste, appearance and how the recipe features lamb. Contestants should provide 12 to 15 servings because convention attendees will taste recipes after judging is completed.

Judges will present first and second place awards in three categories. Contest organizers also will recognize one People's Choice winner. The three categories are:

Easy and economical

These recipes should contain ingredients that are easy to find in North Dakota grocery stores and be economical to make.

Fancy and fabulous

These recipes may contain herbs and other ingredients that may not be easy to find in North Dakota and use more expensive cuts of lamb. They also may be complex and difficult to make.

Youth

This category is open to anyone age 21 or younger with any type of recipe.

Judging will take place at 5 p.m. Contestants will be able to get into the hotel for preparation early in the afternoon. The hotel will offer limited cooking resources, such as electricity for slow cookers, but no stoves or ovens, so contestants should prepare their recipe ahead of time.

For more information about the contest, contact Anne Osborne at (701) 435-2927 or daosborne@starband.net. An entry form is available online at www.ndlwpa.com.

NDSU Art Cinema Series continues

The NDSU Art Cinema Series, a partnership with the Department of Visual Arts and the Fargo Theatre, will continue Monday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. with the showing of "Love is the Devil: Study for a Portrait of Francis Bacon." The film will run one night only and tickets are \$5 each.

"Love is the Devil" is a slice of the haunting life of Irish painter Francis Bacon, whose disturbing paintings are carefully recreated for the viewer against the backdrop of his disturbing personal world.

The NDSU Art Cinema Series presents an intelligent and unique film once a month at the Fargo Theatre. More information is available at www.ndsu.edu/finearts.

Annual United Way silent auction planned

To help raise funds for the United Way, the Division of Information Technology and the Department of Computer Science have joined forces to host the 12th annual United Way Silent Auction, Bake and Book Sale. The event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in IACC on the first and second floor lobbies. All money raised will go toward supporting United Way of Cass-Clay and its many agencies.

There are several ways you can participate. You can donate an item or just come for the fun part of bidding or buying on the day of the event. To donate items, go the auction Web site at www.ndsu.edu/auction and add your item to the list. Deliver the items to IACC 206 prior to Thursday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. You also can view a list of the items on the Web site. Baked goods also will be for sale.

Contact Char Maas at 1-6343 or char.maas@ndsu.edu for more information.

SHORTS AND REMINDERS

Positions Available

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

Administrative Secretary/#00019223

Animal Science

\$27,000+/year

Open until filled

Food Service Worker/#00023538

Dining Services – Residence Dining Center

10 months per year

Monday through Friday with rotating weekends

\$8+/hour

Open until filled

Studio Technician/#00024446

Architecture and Landscape Architecture

\$30,000+/year

Nov. 4

Agricultural Research Technician/#00021585

North Central Research Extension Center

Minot, N.D.

Salary commensurate with experience

Nov. 14

Research Specialist

North Central Research Extension Center

Salary commensurate with experience

Open until filled

Information Technology Specialist/#00019801

Information Technology Services

\$40,000+/year

Nov. 7

Instructional Designer

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute

Salary commensurate with experience

Nov. 15

Intensive English Language Program Coordinator/#00025459
 International Programs
 \$38,000+/year
 Dec. 8

Forest Health Specialist/#00019964
 North Dakota Forest Service
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Dec. 31

Digital Initiatives Librarian/#00019393
 Library
 \$40,000+/year
 Open until filled

Program Manager/#00020888
 Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Open until filled

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

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

CALENDAR

October

- 29 Live at the Wall – NDSU Student Brass Quintet featuring James Landman, Lindsay Hetletved, Mike Harmon, Brandon Bondley and Dan Hinman, 2 p.m., Wallman Wellness Center
- 29 Soil and range sciences seminar – “Caution Exchange Capacity in Soils ... Overview and a Simplified Method,” Jay Goos, professor of soil science, 3 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 29 Animal science graduate seminar – “Past, Present and Future Directions of the Hettinger Research Extension Center,” Chris Schauer, director of Hettinger Research Extension Center, 3 p.m., Hultz Hall 104
- 30 Chemistry and molecular biology seminar – “Interactions in Organic Photovoltaic Device: Materials, Scale Effects and E-fields,” Reginald Parker, University of North Dakota, 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

View the rest of the calendar at www.ndsu.edu/news.

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