

## Computer security breach puts some records at risk

A security breach made a number of NDSU human resources and payroll records and student loan records for some university system students vulnerable to unauthorized Internet access. The breach, which was not caused by a malicious attacker seeking records, occurred in a two-week period during the end of May and the first week of June.

According to John Adams, vice president for business and finance, 57 student loan records were put at risk. The records are for students who have loans administered by the North Dakota Student Loan Service Center and whose last name begins with "A."

He said an, as yet, undetermined number of human resources and payroll records were subject to unauthorized access.

"We have removed the computers from online access, and individuals who are directly affected will receive further information. The exact number of people affected is still being determined," Adams said. "NDSU also is reviewing procedures where private vendors have access to confidential information and the security measures they use to protect the data."

Adams said the records were on computers maintained by a third-party vendor under contract to archive electronic copies of paper documents. The records were subject to unauthorized access after computer maintenance was performed following a power surge that disrupted normal operations.

The machines are undergoing forensic examination to determine what records were vulnerable and if they were accessed. Information contained in portions of the database includes names, addresses, social security numbers, loan applications and other financial information.

"News such as this is never welcome, particularly when all the details are not yet available, but we wanted faculty, staff and students to know about the matter as soon as possible," Adams explained.

## Chapman to lead 'Conversations Across the Land'

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman will travel North Dakota this summer to lead a tour called "Conversations Across the Land."

"Since the university's founding in 1890, there has been a special relationship between NDSU and the people of North Dakota," Chapman said. "This tour continues this great tradition."

The tour also features other NDSU personnel, including Gene Taylor, athletic director. The tour, in many areas, is scheduled in conjunction with annual field days at NDSU's Research Extension Centers.

"These gatherings are a great opportunity for people to learn more about what NDSU is doing in their own back yard," Chapman said.

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## Reminders from the Varsity Mart

With the end of the fiscal year approaching, departments that are making special orders with "use it or lose it" money must place the orders by June 14. The Varsity Mart does not guarantee that all orders will arrive before the June 30 deadline, but they will try to get them in as soon as possible. For book orders, call 1-8015. For electronics orders, call 1-8013. For art or supply orders, call 1-7828.

The Varsity Mart is going through changes due to remodeling. Several departments have changed location throughout the store. Staff members are available if customers have questions or need help locating any merchandise.

There is a sidewalk sale scheduled from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29. The Varsity Mart will be open from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Varsity Mart also will have extended hours during NDSU orientation days. On Friday, June 15, and Tuesday, June 26, through Friday, June 29, the Varsity Mart will be open from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

During Tuesday, June 26, through Friday, June 29, customers will receive a free NDSU T-shirt with a \$50 clothing purchase.

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Dates for tour activities are:

- June 27—Central Grassland Research Extension Center field day, Streeter, N.D.
- July 10—Hettinger Research Extension Center field day
- July 11—Dickinson Research Extension Center field day
- July 12—Williston Research Extension Center field day
- July 17—Carrington Research Extension Center field day
- July 18—North Central Research Extension Center field day, Minot, N.D.
- July 18—Devils Lake, N.D.
- July 19—Langdon Research Extension Center field day

For more information, contact Marilyn Doeden, Alumni Association program coordinator, at 1-6808 or [marilyn@ndsualumni.com](mailto:marilyn@ndsualumni.com). More information and a complete listing of tour activities also is available at [www.ndsualumni.com/conversations/](http://www.ndsualumni.com/conversations/).

## NDSU initiates fraud hotline

A fraud hotline has been established for the NDSU community to help ensure a healthy work environment by allowing individuals to report fraudulent or wrongful behavior 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. The hotline is a confidential, toll-free service provided and operated by Eide Bailly.

Barry D. Miller, internal auditor, said the fraud hotline is a way for people to anonymously report suspected fraudulent activity. Once a concern or complaint call is received, the caller will have an opportunity to discuss their concern with an experienced, impartial consultant. The caller will not be identified at any time unless they agree to be identified. The consultant will then send a report to Miller and Broc Lietz, associate vice president of business and finance, who will disseminate the information to the proper individuals to identify a way to resolve the concern.

Because employees do not always feel comfortable telling their supervisors about improper behavior, the anonymous reporting system is meant for reporting fraudulent behavior, falsification of university records, discrimination, sexual harassment, substance abuse, misuse of the Internet, violence in the workplace, conflicts of interest and violations of state or federal laws.

According to Miller, utilizing the hotline also will enable the university to detect issues before they become serious and it will reduce losses that can hurt the institution. "We feel it is important for an institution of this size to have a mechanism for a way to respond to concerns," said Miller.

The telephone number for the fraud hotline is 866-91-ALERT (25378) and is scheduled to go into effect July 1. According to Miller, flyers about the fraud hotline will be distributed to the NDSU campus and a link will be established for the NDSU Web site. For more information or to report a concern or complaint before July 1, contact Miller at 1-9413 or [barry.miller@ndsu.edu](mailto:barry.miller@ndsu.edu).

## Cellular voice and data services awarded

Through a recent bidding process, cellular voice and data services for all of the North Dakota University System and State of North Dakota government agencies has been awarded to three providers. Contracts to Alltel, Verizon Solutions and Sprint are in negotiation and will go into effect July 1.

As equipment and service plan pricing becomes available, telecommunications staff will contact departmental telephone administrators with pricing comparisons or changes. For additional information, contact telecommunications at 1-8401.

## Smoking proposal goes to committee

The University Senate has approved a motion that refers a proposed policy about campus smoking to a committee that will be appointed by president Donna Terbizan. The action was taken during the group's May 7 meeting.

The committee will be asked to edit the proposal, taking into account another motion approved by the University Senate which stated that on-campus smoking will only be permitted in designated smoking areas, with exemptions for the Extension Research Centers, private buildings in the Research and Technology Park, all leased properties and Newman Outdoor Field.

## Varsity Mart to become NDSU Bookstore

The Varsity Mart is changing its name to the NDSU Bookstore, effective July 1. The store is located in the Memorial Union.

"We looked at what we do and our main function, which is to provide educational materials for courses at NDSU. The name change solves a lot of problems for us as we explain to customers who we are and what we do," explained Carol Miller. "We also wanted to tie in that we are an NDSU department—owned and operated by NDSU."

The bookstore has been called the Varsity Mart since 1961. At that time, a naming contest did not bring satisfactory results, and then-bookstore manager Richard Kasper, then-President Fred Hultz and Dale Brostrom, former Student Union manager, chose the name "Varsity Mart." The store previously was known as the Agricultural College Bookstore and University Bookstore.

According to Miller, customers outside the university are often confused by the name Varsity Mart, and "varsity" is an outdated term for many students. She added that the Memorial Union is currently undergoing remodeling, and this is an appropriate time for a name change.

"We will have a new look and a new name. It goes together," Miller said. "We'll also soon have new locations at the Wellness Center and in the downtown, and the emphasis on the connection to campus will be very important."

Miller said the change comes following feedback from the Alumni Association, Office of Admission, Publications Services and conversations with students, faculty and staff. She said materials carrying the Varsity Mart name will be phased out over time.

## Policy updates

The following policies have recently been added or revised. To see the complete policy, go to [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/policy](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/policy).

### **Policy 609: E-mail as an Official Communication Medium to Students**

This is a new policy. The scope of the policy is e-mail communication to students. Electronic mail (e-mail), like postal and campus mail, is an official means by which the University may communicate with students. NDSU exercises the right to send e-mail communication to students and expects that e-mail communication is received and read by students in a timely manner.

## Asian visitors explore dry pea as pasta ingredient

Thirteen participants from five Asian countries were at Northern Crops Institute (NCI), the week of May 25 to attend a course investigating pea flour as an ingredient in pasta and noodles. The course is one of two offered this summer in collaboration with the USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council (USADPLC).

Participants traveled from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. They represent 10 noodle manufacturing companies, a university and international representatives of USADPLC.

Mehmet Tulbek, NCI pulse and oilseed quality specialist, coordinates and is a speaker for the course. "U.S. pea cultivars show excellent milling and pasting properties. Therefore, the short course promotes pea flour fortification in terms of blending and end product quality attributes," said Tulbek.

Topics in the course include pea flour quality evaluation, functional properties, effects of pea flour on dough quality, pasta and noodle making technologies, shelf life and sensory evaluation aspects. Participants also toured Premier Pulses International, Minot, N.D., and visited with pea breeders at the Research Extension Center in Carrington, N.D.

Minerva Salvatierra, research and development specialist with Monde Nissin Corp., Philippines, said that he will use the information from this course to innovate new products. "We are looking for a raw material that is a benefit for our consumers," Salvatierra said. "What we have learned is timely to what we are producing right now as we focus on health, wellness and nutrition products."

Larry White, marketing director for Northern Pulse Growers Association, said that the group already does a significant amount of business in the Philippines, selling U.S. peas to their snack food industry.

"We hope these people go back home with new ideas about pea flour as an ingredient in their products," said White. "Pea is a very healthy product that has an excellent amino acid profile with low fat, high protein and a lot of anti-oxidants."

Northern Pulse Growers represents Montana and North Dakota producers. According to White, the region's pea acreage went up 400 percent in the last five years and around 87 percent of U.S. dry peas are grown in North Dakota and Montana. White says that the price of peas is at an all-time high.

Other speakers for the course are Greg Johnson, Premier Pulses; Kevin McPhee, research geneticist with ARS/USDA, Pullman, Wash.; Blaine Schatz, director, Carrington Research Extension Center; Clifford Hall, assistant professor of cereal and food sciences; Charlene Hall, associate professor of veterinary and microbiology sciences, Pat Berglund, NCI director; Brian Sorenson, NCI technical director; Bonnie Jacobson, NCI food technologist; and Rilie Morgan, NCI processing technician.

NCI provides educational and technical programs and services to expand domestic and international markets for northern-grown U.S. crops. Located on the NDSU campus, NCI serves as a resource center for international buyers, trade teams and processors seeking technical information on northern-grown crops, including current crop quality, unique characteristics of northern-grown crops, grain procurement strategies for these crops, product and process development and value-added processing.

## NDSCS teams with NDSU to gain nanotech skills

NDSU and the North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, N.D., are teaming together to teach students skills in high technology and nanoscience. It is part of an intensive summer course in high-tech labs at NDSU's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE).

The course, NANO 205, is part of an ongoing two-year program to provide students with skills to compete in the high-tech industry. Students will learn how clean rooms operate, how to work in them, and how to use instruments found in high-tech industry settings.

At CNSE, participants will learn about high-tech laboratory instrumentation and how it applies to microelectronics and nanotechnology. "This experience is designed to help prepare students for high-tech opportunities that continue to be developed in the region," said Philip Boudjouk, NDSU vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer. Nanotech opportunities have arisen through the Red River Valley Research Corridor, championed by U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan.

The Nanoscience Technician program is a collaborative effort between NDSCS and Minnesota State Community and Technical College (MSCTC), Moorhead, Minn. "Technicians will play vital supporting roles in the Red River Valley Research Corridor, and this cooperative effort will prepare NDSCS students to work with researchers on emerging technologies that will make this region a national leader," said Michael Burke, chairman of the Mathematics and Science Department and director of the NDSCS Center for Nanoscience Technology Training. "Our program is fortunate to have NDSU as a partner willing to share its expertise and facilities." NDSU's Center for Advanced Electronics Design and Manufacturing, a North Dakota Economic Development Center of Excellence, also plays a role in such technology opportunities.

Under the Nanoscience program, students' initial two semesters may be taken at NDSCS or at the MSCTC Moorhead campus. Many classes also are available online, and some are taught at the Skills and Technology Training Center, an NDSCS satellite facility in Fargo. The program includes lab training, as well as internships at various companies in the Red River Valley and surrounding area. Faculty participants from NDSCS include Burke, Kristi Jean, Rick Hendrickson and Tim Thompson. Participants from NDSU's CNSE include director Greg McCarthy; David Bunzow, manager of research services and facilities; and Greg Strommen, engineering technician.

Nanotechnicians work in many industries such as biomedicine/biotech, microelectronics/microfabrication, radio frequency identification (RFID), coatings and polymeric materials, agriculture, environment and energy. Nanotechnology job projections are estimated at 2 million workers worldwide by 2015, according to the National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network.

CNSE has supported the NDSCS Nanoscience effort by serving as advisers in technical and curriculum areas and by serving on the program advisory board for emerging technologies. In addition, NDSCS faculty members train in CNSE labs during the summer and fall. "We are pleased to provide this opportunity to students and faculty in the state as we work to establish high-tech opportunities in the region," said McCarthy,



## Gallery to host Governor's School exhibit

The NDSU Downtown Visual Arts Gallery is scheduled to host the North Dakota Governor's School (NDGS) in the Arts exhibit, July 13-Aug. 13. The opening reception is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. Friday, July 13. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The NDGS in the Arts is an intensive six-week program for high school students interested in expanding their techniques in printmaking, photography, sculpture and drawing. Students explore research methods through journaling and sketching, art documentation, creating artwork, observing professional artists and preparation of artwork for exhibition and travel.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Kent Kapplinger, NDGS in the Arts coordinator, at 1-8360.

## Nursing department receives Dakota Medical Foundation grant

The NDSU Department of Nursing has received a matching grant of \$15,000 for scholarships for students who intend to work in the Dakota Medical Foundation service area. This is the fourth consecutive year in which the foundation has provided scholarship funds to baccalaureate nursing students at NDSU.

Thus far, the foundation's generosity has helped 30 students complete their education.

Dakota Medical Foundation, Fargo, focuses its efforts on improving health and access to medical and dental care in the region, with a special emphasis on children. Since 1996, the foundation has invested more than \$28 million in over 275 nonprofit organizations in the region.

For more information, contact Mary Margaret Mooney, professor and chair of nursing, at 1-7772 or visit [www.dakmed.org](http://www.dakmed.org).

## Office 2007 to be installed by fall

Information Technology Services (ITS) staff are planning to install Office 2007 on all cluster and classroom computers over the summer.

"Office 2007 is what most of our students will be using in the workplace. It's important that we provide them relevant, hands-on experience if they are going to be successful after they graduate," says Jeff Gerst, director of ITS.

Instructors using PowerPoint, Excel, Word or Access in the classroom should be aware of the installation in order to avoid unexpected surprises when classes begin in the fall. According to ITS, the look and feel of Office 2007 has changed and requires adjustment for users. Training staff members report that the response to the new program has been positive.

"I think users are going to be pleasantly surprised by the new functionality of Office 2007," according to Rosi Kloberdanz, director of IT client services. "The new applications are more context sensitive. They show users what's available now."

ITS plans to offer orientation sessions and classes to help users get comfortable with new software. Online tutorials also are available.

For more information, visit [www.ndsu.edu/its/help/Office2007](http://www.ndsu.edu/its/help/Office2007).

## Campus construction boom continues

It will be another busy summer at NDSU for construction and renovation work.

"There will be many projects happening across the campus that will be highly visible," said Bruce Frantz, director of Facilities Management. "In addition, there will be several interior projects that won't be as noticeable to the casual passer-by, but will be significant in their impact."

According to Frantz, the \$22 million Memorial Union addition and renovation project continues, with most of the remaining work scheduled to be completed before the beginning of fall semester. Although there will be some remaining work to be accomplished later in the fall, the expected completion of Bison Connection on the first floor in October is the most significant.

Construction on the \$10 million Living Learning Center West project will start shortly. It is located on the east side of 18th Street and will complement the existing Living Learning Center. It is scheduled for completion in July 2008.

The design work on the Lincoln Mutual Building project continues, Frantz said. The renovation will accommodate the re-location of the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture to the downtown building. A construction start has not been identified.

Meantime, the Pioneer Mutual Building renovation project began in June for the College of Business and the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. Frantz said the scheduled completion date is January or July 2009.

The \$12 million Wellness Center project is scheduled to have the addition completed this month, and renovation of the existing locker rooms to accommodate an expanded daycare facility is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Roofs will be replaced on seven buildings. Work has started on the Auxiliary Building, with the others being Architecture, Bison Sports Arena, Dolve, Dunbar, Stevens and Waldron. According to Frantz, some projects will be completed before fall semester begins. The Stockbridge Hall roof replacement that was started last fall will be completed early in the summer.

Other projects include new seating for academic classrooms across campus; new stage lighting and panels in Askanase Hall; replacement of windows in Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse; renovation of Dakota Plaza; renovation of EML 161 to accommodate an expanded daycare facility; new exterior signage for the Music Education and Research II; construction at the T2, HR-east and the Visitor/Pay parking lots; an expansion of the campus hanging flower baskets and work on the football practice field.

"The campus is continuing its growth and expansion in our journey to the next level progresses. The difference this upcoming biennium from the past is the additional funding from the state that will help reduce our backlog of deferred maintenance," Frantz said.

In addition, Frantz said the design process for the research greenhouse complex will begin shortly. Although a final location has not been determined, it will be west of 18th Street and south of the Safety Office. A ground breaking is anticipated for spring 2008.

Frantz also said the \$5 million first phase of the Minard Hall renovation project was approved by the legislature. It was funded with a 10 percent local match, meaning the legislature appropriated \$4.5 million, with an additional \$500,000 to be raised locally. Frantz said bids for the project are possible in the spring of 2008.

## NDSU Downtown receives national conservation award

The NDSU Downtown building has received a "Certified" rating through Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) from the U.S. Green Building Council. NDSU was notified of the recognition May 14.

Designed by Michael J. Burns Architects Ltd., the former Northern School Supply building now houses NDSU's visual arts department, major components of the architecture and landscape architecture department and the Tri-College University office.

"LEED certification is the Green Building concept where you are long-term energy efficient, and this is the first building that NDSU has qualified. It is a very big honor for the downtown project, as well as NDSU, to start down this path," said Keith Bjerke, vice president for University Relations, who served as chair of the building committee. "We will be continuing this type of architecture as we move forward and do everything we can to be energy efficient into the future."

Bruce Frantz, director of Facilities Management, said, "This project is the first LEED certified facility in the Upper Great Plains. It demonstrates NDSU's commitment to energy efficiency, sustainability and the environment. The concepts and processes that were learned from this project will be carried over to future projects, so we can become more environmentally friendly."

The Green Building Council is a coalition of leaders in the building industry to promote environmentally responsible buildings. With 9,000 member organizations and a network of 75 regional chapters, the council's core purpose is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment.

## Staff Senate leadership selected

The NDSU Staff Senate elected several members of its leadership team for the 2007-08 academic year during its meeting May 9. At that meeting, outgoing president Steve Bergeson, senior writer in the Office of the Vice President for University Relations, handed over duties to incoming president Barb Geeslin, assistant to the dean of the College of Business.

Selected as vice president/president-elect was Gretchen Bromley, grants administrator and student services coordinator in animal and range sciences. She will serve as president during the 2008-09 academic year.

Kay Sizer, manager of public relations and special projects in the Office of the Vice President for Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer, was elected secretary. Laura Dallmann, administrative secretary in electrical and computer engineering, was re-elected treasurer. Heather Heger, library associate, was re-elected membership officer.

Selected as members at large for the Staff Senate Executive Committee were Lorna Olsen, ITS instructional services consultant; Josh Boschee, Greek Life coordinator; and Vance Olson, electronics technician in Facilities Management.

Elected as Staff Senate representatives on University Senate were Lois Christianson, legal assistant; Bergeson; and Marty Hoag, ITS associate director.

Tammy Cummings, ITS videoconference coordinator, was named to the University Senate Faculty Personnel Committee. Jody Bohn, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute academic program coordinator, was selected to the Arboretum Committee.

Melissa Stotz, ITS classroom technologies coordinator, was named to the Campus Space and Facilities Committee. Bruce Steele, TRIO Programs project director, was named to the Library Committee.

Bruce Sundeen, Ag Communication video production specialist, was selected for the University Athletic Committee. Lauren Unger, Residence Life hall director, was named to the Health and Wellness Advisory Board.

## Former faculty member dies

Former NDSU faculty member Zeno W. Wicks Jr. died at his home in Louisville, Ky., on June 5. He was 86.

Wicks, who held positions as a research chemist, industry executive and consultant, earned his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College in 1941 and his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1944.

Following a 28-year career with Interchemical Corp., Wicks joined NDSU in 1972, serving as a professor and chair of the Department of Polymers and Coatings. In 1980, he was recognized as a distinguished professor.

After retiring from NDSU, Wicks was a consultant and teacher of short courses on coatings for industrial companies. He was invited to give courses in Mexico, Australia, England and China.

Among his many honors were the 1988 Roy Tess Award in Coatings, the 1986 Mattiello Lecturer Award and four Roon Awards from the Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology, which recognizes outstanding technical papers directly related to the protective coatings industry from

Wicks is survived by five children.

## Curry dies

Former All-America offensive lineman and assistant football coach Lew Curry died June 1, while on a fishing trip in Canada. Curry, 52, was inducted into the Bison Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

He was working at NDSU as a sports psychologist and taught one class. Curry earned first-team All-North Central Conference and league Most Valuable Lineman laurels in 1976, and was selected for first team Kodak All-America and third-team Associated Press honors in 1977.

In 1983, Curry was an NDSU graduate assistant and then moved on to Texas Christian University in 1984 as a graduate assistant. He returned to the Bison in 1985 as the offensive line coach for head coach Earle Solomonson, and helped NDSU to NCAA national championships in 1985 and 1986.

Curry earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from NDSU, his master's degree from the University of Montana and his doctorate from the University of Kansas in 1993. He previously was an assistant professor of health and human performance at the University of Montana.

## Mid-Con becomes Summit League

The Mid-Continent Conference, which NDSU will join on July 1, has changed its name to The Summit League. The decision by the conference's Presidents Council was announced at a news conference May 15.

The conference's new name, logo and Web site ([www.thesummitleague.org](http://www.thesummitleague.org)) went into effect June 1.

The change is part of the Summit Plan, which seeks to advance the league to a premier mid-major conference by focusing on student-athlete welfare, academic performance, attendance and an improved rating percentage index (RPI) in all sports.

"The presidents of the new Summit League are committed to raising the stature of this conference to the top of the mid-majors," said NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman. "Academic performance of our athletes is extraordinarily good. Our athletes are incredibly good athletes. This is an opportunity for us to mesh NDSU with a conference that now shares very much the same values that we have for our move to Division I. I'm very excited about this and looking forward to full membership and getting underway this next year."

Troy Goergen, associate athletic director for marketing and media relations, said the new name and logo came about after a nine-month process with input from member institutions. He said more than a hundred proposed names were originally submitted.

"We want to become a premier conference in the country," said Tom Double, conference commissioner. "We want to be a major player, and the new name and logo are appropriate at this time."

## Video aims to curb college-age risk drinking

Parents' words and advice have a clear, pro-active impact on limiting high-risk drinking among college-age students. That is the message of a new video parents will see during NDSU orientation sessions this summer.

The eight-minute video, called "Message in a Bottle: talking to your student about alcohol," is a team effort of the NDSU Office of Orientation and Student Success and the Safe Communities Coalition of the Red River Valley.

During the video presentation, parents, students, law enforcement officials and a local expert discuss why frank communication is important. They talk about what works and what doesn't, and the video emphasizes that every situation is different, with no set way to discuss the issue.

"There was no script. The video includes people openly and honestly telling their stories," explained Jane Vangsness, alcohol and other drug prevention coordinator in the NDSU Office of Orientation and Student Success. "Research shows that parent communication even as late as the summer before students come to college will lower their high risk drinking rates."

According to Vangsness, the 2006 NDCORE study reported parents' expectations and rules about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use have an impact on limiting or controlling their use. She also points to research conducted in 2001 that found parents who had pro-active communication with college-age teens about alcohol use had a positive effect on their student's drinking and drinking-related consequences.

"We have known for a long time that it takes many interventions to impact the alcohol related behavior of college students. This parent video, combined with the educational and policy interventions already in place at NDSU, will be another powerful tool in encouraging the legal and low-risk use of alcohol by college students," said Laura Oster-Aaland, director of the Office of Orientation and Student Success. "We are excited about this opportunity to encourage parents to discuss alcohol use with their students."

The video project was funded through an \$8,000 grant from the North Dakota Department of Transportation's Office of Traffic Safety, and NDSU supplied matching funds for a student video production coordinator. The video was produced by Video Arts Studios, Fargo.

It will be shown during the parents' luncheon at NDSU orientation June 26-29, July 10-13 and Aug. 1 and during scholars' orientation on June 15. In addition, Vangsness said it will be shared with other institutions in the North Dakota University System, with up to six campuses using it.

"If parents have already had a conversation with their son or daughter about alcohol and drug use, I hope they have that conversation again. If they haven't, they need to know that there is no right or wrong way to do it. I'd like the video to serve as a catalyst," Vangsness said. "Just talking makes a difference, and it is the right thing to do."

The video also will soon be available online at [www.ndsu.edu/alcoholinfo](http://www.ndsu.edu/alcoholinfo).

## PEOPLE

### Gill-Robinson receives grant for mummy research

Heather Gill-Robinson, assistant professor of anthropology, has been awarded a three-month Faculty Research Visit Grant from the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD), the German Academic Exchange Service, Bonn, Germany.

Gill-Robinson's areas of research interest have focused on the investigation of a collection of seven bodies (six mummies and one skeleton) from peat bogs in northern Germany. Gill-Robinson will explore aspects of peat bog mummies in conjunction with Archaeologisches Landesmuseum Schloss Gottorf, a museum in Schleswig, Germany.

Gill-Robinson also delivered the keynote address for the Swiss Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Basel, Switzerland, on May 18. Some of the images in the presentation were researched by Gill-Robinson in conjunction with Damien Reinhart, a McNair Scholar and senior who majored in anthropology. Following the conference, Gill-Robinson conducted collaborative research in anthropology with Frank Rühli of the Institute of Anatomy at the University of Zurich.

Her research was recently cited in the article, "Rehabilitation of a Moorland Corpse," in *Abenteuer Archäologie*, a German popular press archaeology magazine headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany. Earlier this year, Gill-Robinson's "Culture, Heritage and Commodification," was released in the book "Cultural Heritages as Reflexive Traditions," published by Palgrave Macmillan.



## Holbrook receives diversity impact award

Sandra Holbrook, director of the Office for Equity and Diversity, was honored with the first Diversity Impact Award, given by the President's Diversity Council, on May 4, at the Tapestry of Diverse Talents induction ceremony.

The President's Diversity Council established the award this year to recognize individuals, groups and units that demonstrate significant contribution to advancing diversity based on NDSU's strategic plan for diversity, equity and community. The Diversity Impact Award includes a donation of \$500 presented to the charity of Holbrook's choice.

Recipients of the Diversity Impact Award must be committed to the spirit of diversity. They must demonstrate leadership through interaction among persons of different cultural backgrounds and illustrate commitment to inclusion of persons within the institution who are members of traditionally underrepresented groups.

Holbrook will be honored at a retirement reception scheduled for 10 a.m.-noon Monday, June 18, at the NDSU Alumni Center Atrium.

Holbrook also serves as co-chair on the President's Diversity Council, a member of the Anti-Racism Team and is an active participant in Training Our Campuses Against Racism (TOCAR) and the Higher Education Anti-Racism Team (HEART). She is a member of the Policy Coordination Committee, the NDSU Women's Studies Advisory Board and she has served as the chapter treasurer for Phi Kappa Phi at NDSU.

After 33 years of service to the NDSU community, Holbrook will retire July 13.

## McLeod announces resignation

Mitch McLeod, head baseball coach, announced that he will retire June 30. The announcement was made May 22.

McLeod began his coaching career in 1993 and is NDSU's all-time wins leader with a record of 347 wins, 322 losses and 4 ties. He was named the North Dakota Associated Press Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association College Division Coach of the Year in 1996.

McLeod has a doctorate in curriculum and instruction and plans to continue teaching at NDSU in the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences.

## Streifel presents at Midwest ISO

Julie Streifel, ND EPSCoR database specialist and consultant with the NDSU Skills and Technology Training Center, was an invited speaker at the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (ISO) "Power System Operator Short Course" April 24, in St. Paul, Minn.

Streifel presented "Critical Communications Over the Phone." The Midwest ISO is an essential link in the safe, cost-effective delivery of electric power across much of North America. The conference provided training for professionals from utilities throughout the Midwest ISO, centering on operations, principles and practice in a changing utility industry landscape.

## Schwinden named head women's golf coach

Lisa Schwinden, head professional at Osgood Golf Course, Fargo, is NDSU's new head women's golf coach. Lynn Dorn, women's athletic director, made the announcement May 30.

At Osgood, Schwinden is responsible for the operations of the course and the formation of women's golf leagues. She also owns the golf shop. She previously worked at Edgewood Golf Course in Fargo as the assistant head professional.

"I'm very excited to be part of such a great athletic program," said Schwinden. "I'm eager to meet with the team and begin the process of taking NDSU to the next level."

Schwinden was the first female PGA head professional in the state of North Dakota and is only one of 115 PGA professionals nationwide certified to instruct by the PGA's Certified Professionals Program.

She was a four-year starter at the University of Portland and was named to the West Coast Conference all-academic team all four seasons.

## Steel bridge team wins fifth national title

Students from the North Dakota State University chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) traveled to California State University, Northridge, on May 26, to defeat 42 schools in the final round of the 16th annual National Student Steel Bridge Competition.

Scott Harpole, NDSU senior and co-captain from Green Bay Wis., says this win makes all the hours of hard work worth it because not only is NDSU the only school to win this competition more than once, they are now the first school to take home back-to-back wins.

"Entering the competition with four national titles, NDSU is the closest thing to a dynasty, no other school having been crowned more than once," Myron Levin, reporter for the Los Angeles Times, wrote.

The NDSU team won the competition with their design of a 107-pound bridge, assembling their structure in approximately five minutes. Harpole said that their bridge was, by far, the lightest bridge at the competition. "It was a typical bridge design as you would see in a real-world application," Harpole said. "It had a three-foot high truss over a diamond-shaped beam across the bottom. The whole thing was close to six feet tall, four and one-half feet wide and 19 feet long."

Magdy Abdelrahman, NDSU assistant professor of civil engineering and construction and faculty advisor of ASCE, says that the team won the competition because the team focused on improving previous year's designs. "The team was able to optimize on all elements, making sure they developed the most efficient design," he said.

According to Harpole, rules for this year's competition emphasized the weight of the bridge and the time it took to put it together. To improve on time and accuracy, he estimated that the team had erected their bridge 75 times by the end of the competition.

Harpole and Ben Kuisle were co-captains of this year's team. Dave Adams, Lee Winters and Andrew Wrucke made up the construction team that traveled the competition. Suzanne Schmitz and Tim Durham assisted in the preparation for the competition.

## Carlson receives ASDA award

David Carlson, postdoctoral fellow with the NDSU Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy, received an Innovation in Dairy Research award from the Midwest branch of the American Dairy Science Association (ADSA). The award is sponsored by Land O' Lakes/Purina Feed.

Carlson received the award for his abstract, titled "Evaluation of Carnitine for Fatty Liver Prevention in Dairy Cows." The abstract was based on research Carlson conducted as part of his doctoral studies at the University of Illinois. Carlson also presented the data as part of the Young Dairy Scholars program of the Midwest ADSA.

Carlson's research at NDSU is supported by a National Institute of Health (NIH) grant for research on nutrition, fetal growth and placental angiogenesis that was awarded to Lawrence Reynolds, co-director of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy and professor of animal and range sciences, and Dale Redmer, professor of animal and range sciences, in collaboration with Jacqueline Wallace at the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, Scotland.

## NCI technical director elected to two posts

Brian Sorenson, technical director at the Northern Crops Institute, was elected chair of the Wheat Quality Council (WQC) at its annual meeting in February.

The WQC is an organization that brings together all wheat industry participants from breeders and producers to millers, processors and bakers.

Sorenson also was named an alternate member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

The committee is comprised of 15 members and 15 alternate members, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, who represent all facets of the grain industry. The committee meets twice annually to advise USDA on the establishment of programs and services under the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

Sorenson joined NCI as technical director in 2001. He received his bachelor's degree from Mayville State University and his master's degree in cereal chemistry from NDSU.

## Odney, Waldron, Peltier Awards presented

Three NDSU faculty members received prestigious annual campus awards during the 10th annual "Celebration of Faculty Excellence" May 9. Dogan Comez, professor of mathematics, received the Odney Award for Excellence in Teaching; Michael D. Robinson, associate professor of psychology, was presented the Waldron Award for Excellence in Research; and Kalpana Katti, professor of civil engineering, was acknowledged with the Peltier Award for Innovation in Teaching.

Comez was chosen to receive the Odney Award, which is selected primarily on comments from students that describe a faculty member's ability to stimulate interest in subject matter and demand rigorous thought.

Comez said he was greatly honored. "As an academician, my main tasks include doing research, being a good teacher and serving my community. Receiving this award gives me more incentive; it means what I am able to do is appreciated," he

said. "This is one step for me to achieve more as a researcher, teacher or serving my community."

Comez joined the NDSU faculty in 1985. He also is the project director of the Graduate Student-University-School (GraSUS II), a program dedicated to increasing the quality of science and mathematics education in Grades 6-12.

Robinson was selected to receive the Fred Waldron Research Award, which was established to recognize outstanding faculty research.

"I was very surprised to receive it this early in my career. It is quite an honor," Robinson said. "From day one that I came to NDSU, it has been a terrific place to work. For me, it has turned out better than I could have hoped, and part of that is the environment, colleagues and administration all the way up and down."

Robinson joined the NDSU faculty in 2001. He was the recipient of the 2004 College of Science and Mathematics Award for Excellence in Research and the James A. Meier Junior Professor Award. In addition, he is associate editor for the Journal of Personality, associate editor for Cognition and Emotion and consulting editor for the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology and Psychological Science.

The Peltier Award, established by Joseph and Norma Peltier to recognize outstanding innovation in teaching, was presented to Katti, who has incorporated modules on advanced materials and nanotechnology into two civil engineering courses.

"It is a real honor to receive this prestigious award," Katti said during the ceremony. "Teaching is the most central of the duties of a university professor. Bringing a culture of innovation to the classroom is paramount."

Katti joined the NDSU faculty in 2000. She received the College of Engineering and Architecture Research of the Year Award in 2003 and a National Science Foundation CAREER Award in 2002. She is a fellow of the Faculty Institute for Excellence in Learning.

The 2007 NDSU Development Foundation grants and awards recipients also were recognized.

Receiving funding from the Board of Trustees Endowment were Eugene Berry, Amorette Hinderaker, Marie Hvidsten, Michael Tomanek and Kara Wolfe. Receiving funding from the Centennial Endowment were Robert Barigye, Achintya N. Bezbaruah, Pamela Chabora, Dale Sullivan and Kimberly Vonnahme.

Marcelo J. Carena, Carrie Hammer and Birgit Pruess received Gordon A. Larson Agricultural Research Funds; and Kathy Enger, Kristi Groberg, Kenneth Lepper and Andrew Mara received funds from the Libraries Endowment.

## Chabora named artistic director

Pamela Chabora, associate professor of theatre, has been named the artistic director for the 2007 LaMoure County Summer Musical Theatre, Grand Rapids, N.D.

Chabora also will direct and choreograph the first production, "The Fantasticks." The production runs at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 28-30, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 1.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (701) 883-5230.



## Sibi named Meier Professor

Mukund Sibi, professor of chemistry and molecular biology, has been selected for the Dr. James A. Meier Senior Professorship Award for the College of Science and Mathematics.

"You are most deserving of this award," wrote Kevin McCaul, dean of science and mathematics, in a letter informing Sibi of his selection for the prestigious honor. "Your dedication to teaching, research and the department are evident in your record. This award can be thought of as a 'thank you' from the college."

Gregory Cook, associate professor of chemistry and molecular biology, wrote in a letter of nomination that Sibi's research in organic chemistry has provided insights into controlling chemical reactivity that have a far-reaching impact in organic chemistry, particularly in pharmaceutical development.

Cook wrote that Sibi "has endeavored to promote our department and our university around the world. His outstanding service and outstanding accomplishments are a testament to NDSU and I can think of no one more deserving of this honor."

Marvin J. Miller, George and Winifred Clark Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame, wrote in a letter of support, "Prof. Sibi deserves recognition for his innovative, productive research, but he is also the 'complete package'—an excellent researcher, teacher, mentor and professional who loves his profession and has passionately dedicated his life to serving as a positive role model as he advances our profession in every way possible."

Currently the Dale Hogoboom Professor in chemistry, Sibi has published more than 140 papers in peer-reviewed journals. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Bangalore University, India, and his doctorate at City University of New York. Sibi was a postdoctoral fellow at Dartmouth College, the University of Waterloo and Florida State University.

The professorship is effective July 1, and continues for three years. It carries a stipend of \$3,500 per year.

The professorship is supported through an endowment gift from alumnus Meier, B.S. '59, Ph.D. '71, who held several leadership roles at Pittsburgh Paints and Glass during his career. Meier received an honorary doctorate from NDSU during May commencement ceremonies.

## Oliver receives Congressional Science Fellowship

Christy Oliver, doctoral student in animal and range sciences, has been selected for a Congressional Science Fellowship sponsored by Federation of Animal Science Societies. The one-year fellowship will begin Sept. 1, in Washington, D.C. Oliver will serve as a scientific and agricultural liaison to legislators or legislative committees at the U.S. Capitol.

Oliver is currently finishing her doctorate under the instruction of Joel S. Caton, professor of animal and range sciences; David J. Smith from the USDA in Fargo; and with Robin C. Anderson from the USDA in College Station, Texas.

Her research involves studying a novel pre-harvest food safety tool, sodium chlorate. She is investigating its efficacy against important food borne pathogens, including E. coli and Salmonella, and its absorption and metabolism in cattle.

The USDA-ARS and National Cattlemen's Beef Association fund Oliver's research.

## Clark, Archaeology Technologies Lab noted in International media coverage

Some of the cutting-edge technology used by NDSU's Archaeology Technologies Lab (ATL) received attention in recent editions of newspapers around the country, as well as in international publications. The use of video, animation and graphics, along with other technology to depict historical sites, is generating much discussion as museums and other sites use the tools in their exhibits.

The work of Jeffrey Clark, professor of sociology and anthropology, and the ATL was highlighted in a national Associated Press story, noting that virtual heritage also raises questions about historical accuracy. As quoted in the Wall Street Journal online, Clark said colleagues at a recent international conference are discussing ways to ensure that visitors to museums and sites understand the limits of virtual reconstruction.

"Archaeologists realize that any reconstruction—physical or virtual—is only conjecture, but the casual museum visitor may attach a validity to it that isn't there," said Clark. His team is noted for its 3-D, computer-generated visualizations that depict the On-A-Slant village of the Mandan Indians in the 18th century.

"We can't travel back in time, but using computer applications in archaeology, we can create this world the way it may have looked like and give you the feel of being in that time and place," Clark said.

The article also appeared in dozens of media, including the Washington Post, The Globe and Mail, Forbes.com, ABC News, CBS News, Seattle Post Intelligencer, Boston Globe, USA Today, Chicago Tribune, Jerusalem Post, as well as publications in Germany and Australia.

Clark also was elected first chair of the steering committee for Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology North America (CAANA). The new organization plans to attract professionals and students from throughout North America, sponsoring symposia at conferences in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The new group's counterpart is the Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA), an international organization of professionals in archaeology, computer science, mathematics, architecture and design, museum studies and other professionals who share ideas and methods for computer applications in archaeology and related approaches to human heritage. Clark also a member of the CAA International Steering Committee, which will meet in Budapest, Hungary, next year.

Clark's goal with the newly formed CAANA organization is to expand membership by attracting professionals and students from throughout North America. Clark and NDSU's ATL hosted the 2006 International CAA conference in Fargo, which was the first time the conference was held in North America. Until the CAA conference in Fargo, only about a dozen North Americans attended CAA conferences. The Fargo event brought 150 North Americans to the 2006 conference. "Colleagues helped us lay the groundwork for CAANA with the Fargo conference," said Clark "The time is right to move forward with a North American chapter of this professional association."

## Terbizan, Comez to lead University Senate

Outgoing University Senate president Eugene Berry, associate professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, handed over the leadership role to Donna Terbizan, professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, during the group's May 7 meeting. In addition, Dogan Comez, professor of mathematics, was selected as president-elect.

Terbizan will lead the University Senate during the 2007-08 academic year. She has been employed by NDSU for 25 years, and has served on many campus organizations, including University Senate, University Senate Academic Affairs Committee, the Institutional Review Board, the Commission on Health and Wellness, the Technology Fee Advisory Committee, Graduate Council and the University Awards Committee. She is the coordinator of the Human Performance and Fitness Program.

Terbizan also is active in several professional organizations, including the North Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and the Northland Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine. She is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and the Research Consortium of American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Comez's campus service includes University Senate, University Senate Executive Committee, Center for Science and Mathematics Education Advisory Board, Academic Integrity Committee, University Library Committee and the Faculty Development Committee. Comez has also served as chair of the mathematics department's Policy Review Committee, Program Review Committee, Assessment of Learning Committee and the Sonya Kavelevsky Mathematics Day Organizing Committee.

## AHSS faculty members honored for teaching, service and research

Three faculty members in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences are being honored by the college for their contributions to teaching, service and research.

Thomas Ambrosio, associate professor of political science, was honored for outstanding research.

"Professor Ambrosio has made numerous contributions to the field of Russian foreign policy, ethnic conflict and irredentism," wrote Manjusha Gupte, assistant professor of political science, in a nomination letter. "His work has been incisive and insightful, analyzing the authoritarian trends within Russian domestic politics that have, in turn, influenced Russia's foreign policy."

Ambrosio has written multiple articles for refereed journals and two books. He also has co-edited two books, is an editorial board member of the journal *Politics & Policy* and is a consultant on diaspora politics for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Mark Aune, assistant professor of English, is being honored for outstanding teaching. Aune is the English department's Shakespeare scholar. He also teaches period courses and survey courses in British literature, graduate classes and a course in graduate scholarship.

In a letter of nomination, department head Dale Sullivan noted that Aune's student evaluation scores are consistently above department, college and university averages. Students reported that they found Aune's courses challenging, but found they enjoyed his classes and learned a great deal from them.

While observing Aune in the classroom, Sullivan wrote, "Dr. Aune conducted himself professionally, clearly projecting the image of a person with deep knowledge of the subject, probing with insightful questions, gently guiding discussion, all while with something of a gleam in his eye which seemed to indicate he was enjoying the topic and the students."

English professor Robert O'Connor wrote that Aune's Peace Corps training had taught him how to clearly convey unfamiliar material. "Dr. Aune's carefully paced and meticulous instructional methods have been an invaluable asset to students," he wrote.

Ann Burnett, associate professor of communication and director of NDSU's Women's Studies Program, received an outstanding service award.

In Burnett's five years as head of the Women's Studies Program, she led the charge to create a women's studies major, recruited internationally known speakers for NDSU's Women's Week, worked to cultivate the Laurie Loveland endowment to fund scholarship and lecture series, and organized NDSU student participation in community activities like Women in Action, the Red River Women's Studies Conference and Take Back the Night.

"Ann has not only effectively served the whole community at NDSU, her service has specifically done much to improve the status of women—students, staff and faculty—on our campus," wrote assistant English professor Betsy Birmingham in a letter of nomination.

In terms of professional service, she has served on editorial boards for publications like the *Journal of Applied Communication Research*. She is also on the legislative council for the National Communication Association and is a legal communication consultant around the region.

"You can tell by the work she does that she cares about not only the quality of the activities, but also for her colleagues and the students," wrote Christina Weber, assistant professor of sociology. "She is a generous person, giving her time and energy to activities in the college and university that help all of us."

## Taggart to present at literacy conference

Amy Rupiper Taggart, assistant professor of English, is scheduled to present "Teaching Problem Solving Through Community Based Writing," on July 23-26, at the China-U.S. Literacy Conference in Beijing, China.

The conference, facilitated by Global Interactions Inc. and steering committees of scholars in the U.S. and China, is intended to encourage cross-cultural exchange and collaboration.

Taggart's presentation highlights rhetorical problem solving that students encounter when writing for community organizations. She plans to discuss qualitative and quantitative research and classroom case studies indicating community-based learning approaches.

## EVENTS

## Greek community celebrates second annual Greek Gala

The NDSU Greek community gathered May 5 to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of members throughout the 2006-07 academic year. Josh Boschee, coordinator of Greek Life, and Jessica Neumann, graduate assistant for Greek life, organized this year's Greek Gala. The Greek Life Advisory Board, Order of Omega, Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Council (PHC) sponsored the awards.

Order of Omega, the Greek communities leadership organization, distributed honors to these individuals:

- Larry Grinaker, Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Greek Alumnus of the Year;
- Todd Knain, Tau Kappa Epsilon—Chapter Adviser of the Year;
- Joe Striegel, Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Chapter President of the Year;
- Nikky Johnson, Kappa Delta—Chapter President of the Year;
- Nathan Larson, Sigma Nu—Greek Man of the Year;
- Sarah Dihle, Kappa Alpha Theta—Greek Woman of the Year;
- Jenna Hoffert, Kappa Alpha Theta—New Member of the Year; and
- Pat Tillisch, Sigma Alpha Epsilon—New Member of the Year.

Outstanding program awards were given to chapters based on excellence in programming in the following areas:

- Alpha Gamma Delta's "Trick-or-Treat for Spare Change" received Outstanding Greek Relations Program of the Year;
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon's "True Gentlemen" received Outstanding Membership Development Program;
- Alpha Tau Omega's "Miss NDSU" received Outstanding Philanthropy and Community Service Program of the Year; and
- Kappa Alpha Theta received Outstanding Scholarship Development Program of the Year.

The Greek Life Advisory Board recognized several chapters with the Presidents Chapter Excellence Awards (PCEA).

Alpha Gamma Delta received recognition in health promotion and social/civic responsibility, scholarship and scholastic programming, Greek relations, risk management and chapter management.

Alpha Tau Omega received recognition in community service and philanthropy and risk management.

Delta Upsilon received recognition in scholarship and scholastic programming, risk management and chapter management.

Kappa Alpha Theta received recognition in health promotion and social/civic responsibility, scholarship and scholastic programming, campus involvement, community service and philanthropy, risk management and chapter management.

Kappa Delta received recognition in health promotion and social/civic responsibility, scholarship and scholastic programming, community service and philanthropy, Greek relations and chapter management.

Sigma Nu received recognition in health promotion and social/civic responsibility, community service and philanthropy.

Theta Chi received recognition in health promotion and social/civic responsibility, scholarship and scholastic programming and chapter management.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was recognized in the areas of risk management and chapter management.

The NDSU Greek community is comprised of approximately 500 students in 10 men's fraternities, four women's sororities and fraternities and one co-ed professional fraternity. The community is self-governed by the IFC for the men's chapter and the PHC for the women's chapters.

## NATURE opening ceremony held

The opening ceremony for the summer camp of Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education (NATURE) was held June 4 at the NDSU Alumni Center.

NATURE is an ND EPSCoR-sponsored education outreach project to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education among North Dakota tribal college and high school students. The project is funded by the U.S. Office of Naval Research.

The summer camp introduced tribal college students to STEM disciplines and career opportunities, and engaged tribal high school and college faculty in career improvement and lesson development.

## VP RCATT to host Technology Transfer Workshop

The Office of the Vice President for Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer is scheduled to host the seventh annual NDSU Technology Transfer workshop from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at the Research 1 Building, room 148.

The workshop focuses on training NDSU faculty and staff in protecting their research and marketable discoveries. The workshop provides the opportunity to learn more about NDSU's policies and process to protect intellectual property, patenting guidelines and discussion of NDSU research.

The program includes a discussion of the elements of the technology transfer process as well as intellectual property best practices for university researchers. Speakers include Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer; Greg McCarthy, associate vice president for interdisciplinary research; Dale Zetocha, director of the NDSU Office of Technology Transfer; Mary Ann Tucker, The Tucker Group LLC; and Robert Tucker Jr., The Tucker Group LLC.

First-time attendees can register for the basic workshop scheduled for 8-11 a.m., while previous attendees can register for the advanced workshop scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Ziegler at [melanie.ziegler@ndsu.edu](mailto:melanie.ziegler@ndsu.edu) or call 1-5916. Register by June 21.



## Radiation safety course scheduled

A "Laboratory Use of Radioactive Material" class is scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at Research 1, Room 202. There will be a 45-minute lunch break. Participants are responsible for providing their own lunch.

The course is designed for new or potential users of radioactive materials in the laboratory or field applications. It also serves as a refresher course for persons currently using radioactive materials. Topics include basic theory of radioactivity, biological interactions with radiation, radiation protection, minimizing exposure level, rules and regulations, safe handling, decontamination and laboratory procedures. The instructor is Gary Stolzenberg, radiation safety officer.

Course fee is \$25 for NDSU and cooperative agreement institutions and \$50 for all others. Successful completion of the course is required in order to use radioactive materials on campus and will be verified by a passing score on a quiz. Participants should bring a scientific calculator.

To register for the course, contact Stephanie Wegner at *stephanie.wegner@ndsu.edu* or call 1-7759.

## DCE to offer career and job search course

NDSU Distance and Continuing Education (DCE) is offering an online course titled "Career Interests and Job Search Skills 101." The course is a six-week session, scheduled to begin Monday, June 18.

The online course assists individuals in the identification of their interests, strengths and values and how to relate them to their careers. Participants develop networking skills, conduct informational interviews and become familiar with Web site resources pertaining to job searches. Individuals also will create letters and resumes. Participants also will prepare for interviewing and evaluating a job offer.

The course is self-paced and not for credit. The cost is \$150 and it is open to the public. For more information or to register, call NDSU Distance and Continuing Education at 1-7015, 1-800-726-1724 or register online at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/dce/forms/noncredreg.html](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/dce/forms/noncredreg.html).

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## ARS/USDA to host seminar

Peter Schröder from the Department of Microbe-Plant-Interactions, GSF at the National Research Center for Environmental Health, Oberschleißheim, Germany, is scheduled to present a seminar at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the USDA-ARS Biosciences Research Lab. The seminar is titled "How Plants Cope with Foreign Compounds-Translocation of Xenobiotic Glutathione Conjugates in Roots of Barley."

### SHORTS AND REMINDERS

#### SERW committee

The State Employee Recognition Week (SERW) committee is looking for volunteers to help put together this year's picnic scheduled for Sept. 13. There are several positions available.

If interested in volunteering to help ensure the continuation of the annual event for the state employees, contact any SERW representative, including Robyn Hoffmann at 239-7291, Sharon Morgan at 1-7739, Terry Beyer at 1-6001, Kathy Halgunseth or Andrea Swointek at 239-7165, Terri Nelson at 1-7893, Clarice Hackman at 1-8891, Diana Kowalski at 1-7748, Cindy Kozojed at 1-8431, Barb Geeslin at 1-8805 or Jolean Pederson at 1-9587.

#### EPO open enrollment to begin

Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) open enrollment for health insurance for NDSU employees will begin May 23 and run until June 25. Changes are effective July 1.

No paperwork is necessary if you do not wish to make a change.

BCBS of North Dakota will mail EPO enrollment information to employees at their home address. The mailing includes the EPO enrollment cover letter and benefit overview brochures.

For more information, contact the Office of Human Resources and Payroll at 1-8961.