IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

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North Dakota moves up in international patent rankings

A new report notes that North Dakota has seen significant increases in the number of international patent applications per 100,000 workers between 1998-2006. The report, "U.S.-Based Global Intellectual Property Creation: An Analysis," was compiled by the Kauffman Foundation. It notes that in 1998, North Dakota had the lowest number of international patent applications per 100,000 workers (1.3), but increased its patent activity substantially by 2006 to 10.3 per 100,000 workers.

NDSU currently holds more than 40 patents in a variety of areas, including plants, biomedical, electronics, coatings and software, with more than 45 additional patents pending.

"This significant increase in patent applications is another indicator that our work with the State Board of Higher Education and the Higher Education Roundtable is bearing fruit as we work with state and federal leaders to serve as catalysts for economic development in North Dakota," said NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman.

North Dakota moved from 51st place to 39th place in the ranking used by the Kauffman Foundation. The report said, "While North Dakota increased its patent activity substantially by 2006 (10.3), Alaska and Mississippi continued to lag near the bottom of the rankings." States leading the ranking include Delaware at 82.4 per 100,000 workers, Massachusetts at 79.0 and Minnesota at 69.5.

"The increase in the international patent ranking provides an indication that the work of talented researchers at NDSU and the strides made within the NDSU Research and Technology Park are resulting in tangible dividends," said Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer.

The report on state ranking for International Patent Applications is available at *www.kauffman.org/items.cfm?itemID=928*. For more information, contact Carol Renner at *carol.renner@ndsu.edu* or 1-5174.

Germans from Russia Heritage Collection produces 'Voices from the Heartland' compact disc

The Germans from Russia Heritage Collection (GRHC), located at the NDSU Main Library, has produced a compact disc of the radio series titled "Voices from the Heartland."

In 2005, organizers of the Dakota Memories Oral History Project (DMOHP), a privately funded project sponsored by the GRHC, began conducting interviews and gathering stories from people who grew up German-Russian on the northern plains. "Voices from the Heartland," contains narratives from the first three seasons of interviews.

The radio series aired on Prairie Public Radio from July to October. North Dakota Sens. Tim Mathern and Robert Erbele, provided commentary for 29 clips broadcast on the radio series.

Jessica Clark, coordinator of the DMOHP, says that "Voices from the Heartland" is a unique collection of clips. "They are moving and entertaining. Anyone listening to the series is sure to identify with these memories," she said.

To listen to a sample of clips, visit www.ndsu.edu/grhc/order/tapes/Dakota_memories/ radioseries.

The CD, also titled "Voices from the Heartland," is available from the GRHC for \$20. For more information or to purchase the CD, contact Acacia Stuckle at *acacia*. *stuckle@ndsu.edu* or 1-6596.

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NDSU Bookstore announces '12 Days of Deals'

The NDSU Bookstore will hold "12 Days of Deals," scheduled for Monday, Dec. 3 through Monday, Dec. 17. Each day, one to three items will be selected as gift ideas for the day. The items will be discounted and displayed on the front table in the NDSU Bookstore. To view the entire calendar of specials, visit www.ndsubookstore.com.

Holiday hours announced

Holiday hours for NDSU employees will begin Monday, Dec. 17, through Monday, Dec. 31. Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch break. Regular hours will resume Wednesday, Jan. 2.

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MeritCare extends appreciation to NDSU and Thundar

The Central Supply Processing and Distribution Case Cart associates at MeritCare would like to thank NDSU and Thundar for helping with the delivery of treats to the MeritCare Children's Hospital during the Backwards Halloween event.

"It was an honor for us to have Thundar represent our department in this wonderful event, and it was a great joy to see the smiles on the children's faces," said Jolene Thorstad, instrumentation specialist in MeritCare's central supply processing and distribution department.

Backwards Halloween is an event that child life specialists at the MeritCare Children's Hospital hold each year for hospitalized children who cannot participate in Halloween trick-ortreating. Hospital and clinic staff and special guests dress up and bring treats such as books and puzzles to the children so they can still participate in Halloween activities.

Fulbright visiting scholar at NDSU



NDSU is hosting a Fulbright visiting scholar from the Ukraine for this academic year. The visiting scholar, Oleksandr Kovalchuk, is an associate professor of economics from the Department of Analysis and Statistics at the State Agroecological University, Zhytomyr, Ukraine.

Kovalchuk

Kovalchuk, who is working with Cheryl Wachenheim, associate professor of agribusiness and applied economics, is conducting research titled "The Raising of the Competitive Capacity of the Ukrainian Agrarian Market." In his research, Kovalchuk is studying market flows of commodities and the development of an agrarian market infrastructure.

He is one of about 800 foreign faculty members and professionals who are teaching or doing research in the United States during this academic year through the Fulbright program.

The Fulbright program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Established in 1946, the program has provided approximately 280,000 people with exchange opportunities. The Fulbright program operates in more than 150 countries worldwide.

Kovalchuk earned his bachelor's degree at the State Agroecological University and his doctorate in economics from Kharkiv National Agrarian University.

ITS Security Conference attendance grows

The fourth annual K-20 Information Technology Systems (ITS) Security Conference was held Nov. 7 through Nov. 8 in Fargo. The conference again topped attendance records with 166 technology professionals, presenters and special guests.

The event, which is hosted by EduTech and NDSU's ITS department, addressed issues of data security, file-sharing, protecting children from online stalkers, managing expectations of users and protecting national data networks and systems.

Speakers at the event included FBI agent Doug Dvorak; H. Morrow Long, Yale's director of information security; Jodi Ito, information security officer at the University of Hawaii; and Frank Krahn, a security expert from the Mayo Clinic.

"We see this as a part of the outreach of NDSU," says Theresa Semmens, NDSU's IT security officer. "Technology is changing so rapidly, and keeping our schools and young people safe is an ongoing challenge for education and technology professionals."

Semmens led the event with Jody French, director of EduTech, the NDSU-based agency that provides technology support for North Dakota's K-12 schools.

"Leaders and technology staff are really hungry for this type of training and information. We do our best to get them connected with the information and resources to ensure the security of their networks, their data, their students and staff," French said.

Tri-College University announces availability of collaborative grant funds

Tri-College University has announced the availability of startup or one-time grant funds for faculty, staff and students. The TCU program is intended to develop collaborative relationships between people in the Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead and NDSU campus communities who share a common interest and vision.

"This is the time for people to act on their ideas and dreams of gathering like-minded people from two or all three of the TCU partnering institutions to begin and build a foundation for those concepts," said Tim Flakoll, TCU provost.

Interested faculty, staff and students at each campus must submit a grant application detailing their project, need that it fills, level of collaboration and participation between campuses, expected outcomes and level of funding that they are seeking. Grants awarded will range from \$250-\$1,000. Availability and level of awards are subject to the availability of funds at TCU. Matching funds are not required for eligibility.

Each grant recipient will be required to provide TCU a report explaining the outcomes of their projects. The TCU administrative office will lead or assist with press releases and efforts to promote the event or activity as deemed appropriate.

To apply for the grant funds, access an application at *www.tri-college.org*, or by contacting Sonia Mayo Hohnadel, TCU communications coordinator, at 1-8170 or *sonia.hohnadel@ndsu.edu*.

Tri-College University announces online student ride board

Tri-College University (TCU) students seeking a ride or wanting to offer a ride for other area students can access information by use of the online ride board through *www.tri-college.org*.

TCU, a cooperative initiative between Minnesota State University Moorhead, Concordia College and NDSU, has recognized the problem some students and families face in trying to get transportation home for weekends or holidays. The rising cost of gasoline also has caused a barrier for many students who cannot afford to go home to visit family and friends. "We are proposing this initiative in an effort to give students a new tool that will add to their positive campus experience. Students who are able to go home and see their families on a regular basis are happier on campus. Students who get 'homesick' and are not able to get home regularly are more apt to drop out and leave our campuses," says Sonia Hohnadel, TCU Communications Coordinator."

A student who does not know others from their part of the state or country, and are looking to share a ride, may post a message on the listserv hosted though NDSU. Students can leave a message describing their route of travel and may request that costs be shared by the number of riders who respond and are traveling in the same direction.

Only students using a current campus e-mail address are allowed access to the site. Yahoo, Gmail, Cableone or other Internet e-mail addresses are not allowed. This ensures that only students currently enrolled are using the ride board.

TCU does not guarantee everyone who posts to the ride board will find someone to share a ride. TCU lists terms and conditions, along with helpful hints so that students have a safe and enjoyable travel experience.

"Tri-College recognized that we are in a period of high gasoline costs and we did not want that to restrict the weekend or holiday travel plans of students," according to Tri-College Provost Tim Flakoll. "The new technological tool had to be built from the ground up. This tool helps a student's pocketbook, aids in keeping a clean environment and allows students easier travel access.'

Students may access the Tri-College University Ride Board directly at www.tri-college.org/rideboard.php. For more information, contact Sonia Mayo Hohnadel at the TCU office at 1-8170 or sonia.hohnadel@ndsu.edu.

NDSU professor dies

Floyd Patterson, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, died at his home on Nov. 17. He was 67.

He began teaching at NDSU in 1968. He taught digital systems, signal and image processing and communications classes. He has done research in image processing and neurophysiology. His current research specialty was image processing and recognition.

Patterson was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Society for Photo Instrumentation Engineering, the American Society for Engineering Education and a life senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

He received the Prime Mover Award from students his first year of teaching. He was a founding member of the Tribal Colleges Collaborative Project at Turtle Mountain, which encouraged students in American Indian communities to pursue studies in math and science. In 2006, he received a Star Quilt from that community in honor of his work.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters and siblings.

PEOPLE

Ambrosio chosen as Distinguished Educator



The Blue Key Honor Society of NDSU has chosen Thomas Ambrosio, associate professor of criminal justice and political science, as the recipient of its annual Distinguished Educator Award. The announcement came Nov. 1.

The Blue Key Distinguished Educator Award

was created in 1969 to honor an outstanding NDSU educator for their extra interest in students, education, field of expertise and the university. The educator must show outstanding qualities, especially in helping students above and beyond what is required.

Ambrosio was chosen as the Distinguished Educator for the dedication and care he shows his students. "Dr. Ambrosio has equipped me with the skills that will be required of me in my profession and has done so in a fashion that made me feel like I was in control of my education," says Oladotun Obadina, one of Ambrosio's students. "It is rare that students come across professors like Dr. Ambrosio that care so greatly about your success and by doing so has greatly improved my experience here at NDSU."

A traveling trophy will be presented to Ambrosio at a banquet scheduled for Dec. 6.

Bohl among Robinson Award candidates



NDSU head football coach Craig Bohl is among the16 coaches announced by The Sports Network as finalists for the Eddie Robinson Award. The award, named for the legendary former Grambling coach, is given annually by The Sports Network to the Football Championship Subdivision national coach of the year.

Bohl

Bohl has guided the Bison through their five-year transition to NCAA Division I. This year, NDSU finished the season with a 10-1 record. Bohl has a record of 43-11 at NDSU.

The award winner will be announced on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Sports Network's annual awards banquet to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Winjum certified as affirmative action professional

Chris Winjum, equal opportunity specialist in the Office of Equity and Diversity, was certified as an affirmative action professional on Nov. 9.

He attended 48 hours of training in Landsdowne, Va. The training is designed to increase knowledge in the areas of affirmative action law, equal employment opportunity, complaint processing, counseling, resolution and affirmative action plan development.

Students selected for McNair program

James Schanandore, Joseph French and Ana-Maria Popescu have been selected to participate in the McNair Scholars Program.

Schanandore is a senior from Mandan, N.D. He is majoring in zoology and anthropology. Heather Gill-Robinson, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, is Schanandore's faculty mentor. French, from Memphis, Tenn., is a pre-med major with a minor in chemistry and biology. Eugene Barry, associate professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, is French's faculty mentor. Popescu is a junior from St. Louis Park, Minn. She is majoring in architecture. Ronald Ramsay, associate professor of architecture and landscape architecture, is the faculty adviser for Popescu.

Marilyn Hedberg, life sciences librarian, is the library mentor for Schanandore. Mark England, director of information resources and engineering librarian, is the library mentor for French and Popescu.

The McNair Scholars program accepts applications from NDSU undergraduates who meet the program criteria and show an interest in research. To be eligible for the program, McNair Scholars must be income eligible, first-generation college students or from groups traditionally underrepresented at the graduate level for doctoral study. The scholars are actively encouraged to pursue careers in college teaching and research upon completion of the doctorate. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is administered by the Office of TRIO Programs in the Division of Student Affairs.

For more information, contact Kay Modin, McNair Scholars Program Director at 1-8029.

Webster and Croll receive grants



Dean Webster, professor of coatings and polymeric materials, and Stuart Croll, professor and chair of coatings and polymeric materials, have been awarded a two-year grant from the USDA in the amount of \$464,079 to develop novel environmentally-compliant coating systems using naturally occurring raw materials.

Wehster



According to Webster and Croll, agricultural materials such as oils and fatty acids have been used historically for coatings resin systems and the technologies have not kept up with current environmental requirements for low volatile organic content while maintaining good performance properties. In this project, Webster and Croll will synthesize novel

solventborne and waterborne polymers having compact molecular architectures and evaluate coatings made from these novel resins.

Webster also has been awarded a \$180,382 grant from Jotun AG, a global coatings company based in Sandefjord, Norway. The award will be used for the first year of a project to develop novel low volatile organic content self-polishing antifouling coatings.

This is a joint project of the Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials and the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering and will utilize the Combinatorial Materials Research Laboratory to explore the effect of polymer composition on the polishing rate of the coatings.

Chang named associate editor of two publication sections

Sam K. C. Chang, professor of cereal and food sciences, has been chosen as the associate editor for two sections of the Journal of Food Science.

He will serve as the associate editor of Food Chemistry and the Sensory Evaluation and Food Quality. The Journal of Food Science is the official refereed journal publication of the U.S. Food Science Society at the Institute of the Food Technologists.

Chang will assist the scientific editors in the review and selection of manuscripts to ensure that the Journal of Food Science is the premier food science and technology publishing vehicle.

The Institute of Food Technologists has more than 20,000 members serving the food industry. To be eligible for associate editorship for the Journal of Food Science, one must be recognized internationally as an outstanding scientist in food science or in a related field.

For more information, contact Chang at kow.chang@ndsu.edu or 1-7485.

Wellness Education Leaders receive award

The NDSU Wellness Education Leaders won the 2007 National Outstanding Tobacco Control Programming Award at the annual Bacchus and Gamma General Assembly in Atlanta. The group received the award on Nov. 10.

The award was presented in recognition of this year's "Smoke Free SU" campaign. During the campaign, held the week of Nov. 5, Wellness Education Leaders set up an educational booth in the Memorial Union, distributed information and sold T-shirts. Members also collected signatures for a petition in favor of a smoke free policy for the NDSU campus. The organization collected 1,101 signatures.

The movie, "Thank You For Smoking," was shown in the Memorial Union Century Theatre. Wellness Education Leaders gave a presentation before and after the movie. Approximately 50 students attended the event.

The group organized a panel to deliver an open forum to educate the NDSU community on tobacco. The panel included representation from Student Government, Wellness Education Leaders, NDSU staff, NDSU Smoking Ad Hoc Committee and the Department of Health.

Wellness Education Leaders delivered 60 dozen cookies around campus with the message "Have a Cookie, Not A Cigarette ... Quit Smoking Today." They also offered a free lunch to the NDSU community. During the lunch, the group delivered presentations relating to tobacco, statistics and upcoming prevention activities. More than 300 people attended the event.

The group also coordinated a "Fresh Air Walk," in which participants wore "Smoke Free SU" T-shirts. Approximately 25 people participated in the walk.

The Wellness Education Leaders are a group of 17 students who work to increase awareness of student health issues and encourage positive lifestyle choices and decision-making skills through peer education.

Four Bison named to academic all-district football team

Four Bison football players were named to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-District VII football first team, which was selected by members of College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). They include wide receiver Kole Heckendorf, wide receiver Ryan Parsons, running back Tyler Roehl and defensive back Sam Boraas.

Boraas, a senior from Zumbrota, Minn., maintains a 3.95 grade point average in mechanical engineering. Heckendorf, a junior majoring in physical education and health from Mosinee, Wis., maintains a 3.82 GPA. He also was a second team all-district pick in 2006. Parsons, a junior majoring in history from Ham Lake, Minn., maintains a 3.90 GPA. Roehl, a junior majoring in physical education from West Fargo, maintains a 3.23 GPA.

ESPN The Magazine honors student athletes who are either a starter or a top reserve on their team with a 3.2 grade point average or better and have reached a sophomore in eligibility or have spent at least one year in residence following a transfer. First team members will be placed on the national ballot, with the eventual All-American team being named in late November.

Goldwater Scholarship candidates nominated

Four students have been chosen as NDSU's institutional candidates for the prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. They include Micah Goldade, Christopher Baumler, Nathan Hansen and William R. Casper.

"All four students are outstanding candidates for the Goldwater Scholarship," said R.S. Krishnan, associate vice president for academic affairs. "Each of them certainly is qualified for this high honor."

Goldade is a junior majoring in electrical engineering with a 3.9 grade point average. He plans to pursue either a master's degree or doctorate in electrical engineering, and hopes to find a career developing digital SLR cameras. He also is interested in working on a multi-cultural research team, noting that he has already studied for a semester in India. He attended Trinity Christian School, Williston, N.D. Goldade's faculty adviser was the late Floyd Patterson, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering.

Baumler is a sophomore, with a major in computer engineering. He has a 4.0 GPA, and plans to earn a master's degree. "Gaining a master's degree will prepare me for my ultimate goal of becoming an influential expert with the ability to shape and inspire worldwide changes in computer technology," Baumler noted in his scholarship pre-application. He attended Central Cass High School, Casselton, N.D. Baumler's faculty adviser is Chao You, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering.

Hansen is a junior majoring in mathematics. He has a 3.95 GPA, and plans to pursue a doctorate. His aim is to "become a leading professor and researcher in the field of mathematics," Hansen wrote in his pre-application. He attended Lewiston-Altura High School, Lewiston, Minn. His faculty adviser is James Coykendall, professor and chair of mathematics.

Casper is a junior with a double major in physics and mathematics. He has a 4.0 GPA, and plans to earn a master's degree in physics and a doctorate in mathematics. He intends to pursue research in the fields of mathematical and computational physics, including harmonic analysis and algebraic geometry. Casper attended Ulen-Hitterdal Public Schools. His adviser is Daniel Kroll, professor and head of physics.

Established by Congress in 1986, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was created to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering and to foster excellence in those fields.

The NDSU Goldwater Scholarship Review Committee includes Krishnan; Kevin McCaul, dean of science and mathematics; and David Rogers, professor of electrical and computer engineering.

Wise receives Gamma Sigma Delta International Award

Kiersten Wise, a doctoral student in plant pathology, is the recipient of the 2007 Gamma Sigma Delta International Foundation Scholarship Award. Each year, one recipient is selected from 53 chapters across the United States, Honduras, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Steven Henning, president of GSD International, wrote, "The activities Ms. Wise has participated in demonstrate a well-rounded academic program of professional accomplishments and the responsibility of leadership while studying at North Dakota State University." Kiersten's major adviser is Neil Gudmestad, professor of plant pathology.

Gamma Sigma Delta is the honor society for agriculture and seeks to encourage high standards of scholarship and worthy achievements in all branches of the agricultural and related sciences as well as a high degree of excellence in the practice of agricultural pursuits. The NDSU chapter was established in 2005.

EVENTS

Safety courses scheduled

Lab and chemical safety courses have been scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the Memorial Union Lake Agassiz room and noon-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room.

The course is required for new laboratory workers and serves as a refresher course for people currently working in laboratories.

Topics include knowledge of chemicals, personal protection, fire safety, electrical safety, hazard communication standards, physical and chemical hazards, chemical spills and waste handling.

There is no fee for the lab and chemical safety course. The instructor for the courses is Ted Jirik. The class size is limited to 24 people per session. Registration is required and students must attend the entire session.

For more information or to register for the lab and chemical safety course, contact Stephanie Wagner at *stephanie.wagner@ ndsu.edu* or call 1-7759.

Annual Madrigal Dinners to begin

The NDSU Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Michael J. Weber, assistant director of choral activities, are scheduled to present the 33rd annual Madrigal Dinners.

The Madrigal Dinners are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 2, in Reineke Fine Arts Center, Challey Atrium. They are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

The Madrigal Dinners include an evening of Renaissance dining and entertainment, with holiday music by the Madrigal Singers. As guests arrive, they will be greeted by a brass quintet playing prelude music. Herald trumpets will announce the events throughout the evening and dinner music will feature solos and ensembles from members of the Madrigal Singers.

The dinner is prepared by NDSU dining services and includes traditional English Renaissance fare. Guests can enjoy an entrée choice of beef or chicken served with potatoes, vegetables, fruit, cheese, breads and dessert. A vegetarian option also is available.

The dinners also feature the one-act opera titled "Amahl and the Night Visitors," by Gian Carlo Menotti. Amahl, a crippled shepherd boy, decides to join the three kings on their quest to find the star. Produced in conjunction with the Fargo-Moorhead Opera, the opera is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Festival Concert Hall.

Tickets are \$35 for the dinner and opera or \$20 for the opera only. Tickets are available through the NDSU Division of Fine Arts Box Office at 1-9442. For more information, contact Kay Beckerman at 1-9564.

Safety training sessions scheduled

The dates for the Supervisor and Baseline Safety Training sessions have been scheduled for the months of December and January.

Supervisor Safety Training is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2. Both sessions are in the Memorial Union's Lake Room.

Baseline Safety Training is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19; 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20; 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16; and 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17. All sessions are scheduled for the Memorial Union's Hidatsa Room.

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

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

Sneaker Drive underway

The NDSU Volunteer Network is sponsoring a Sneaker Drive through Dec. 3. The network is collecting gently used sneakers, shoes and snow boots and donating them to Churches United for the Homeless where they will be given to Fargo-Moorhead residents who are in need.

Drop boxes are located at each residence hall office, the Student Activities office, NDSU Bookstore, Minard Coffee Shop and the NDSU Main Library.

Records Management Task Force to hold question and answer session

A question and answer and breakout (working) session for all NDSU records coordinators and anyone involved with records management at NDSU is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the Memorial Union Plains Room. Task Force members will be available to deal with specific questions regarding the completion of records inventories, questions about record series, e-mails and questions about carrying out the records management initiative at NDSU.

If you think of specific questions prior to the session, forward them to the Records Management Task Force at *NDSU.records-management@ndsu.edu*. Participants also are encouraged to bring actual records they have questions about to the session.

For more information, contact Barry Miller at *barry.miller*@*ndsu.edu* or 1-9413; Mike Robinson at *michael.robinson*@*ndsu.edu* or 1-1017; or Lisa Nordick *lisa.nordick@ndsu.edu* or 1-8692.

Staff Senate to sponsor blood drive

The annual NDSU Staff Senate Blood Drive is scheduled for 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dec. 4-6. The bloodmobile is scheduled to be parked at the southwest corner of the Memorial Union in the motorcycle parking area between Agricultural Biosystems Engineering and South Engineering.

Free gifts will be presented to persons who donate. Participants must be 17 or older and at least 110 pounds. Donors also must show identification containing legal name and one of the following: date of birth, social security number, United Blood Services assigned donor number or photo identification.

According to organizers, every 2 seconds someone needs blood in the Fargo-Moorhead area. About 5 percent of the United States population provides 100 percent of the blood needs, but approximately 60 percent is eligible to donate. Studies indicate up to 90 percent of the population will use blood before age 72.

Appointments are preferred, but not necessary. Walk-ins are accepted. To register, go to *www.bloodhero.com* and enter a Fargo zip code or the sponsor code: ndsustaffsenate (lower case, no spaces). For more information, contact Bill Vandal at 1-5637 or *william.vandal@ndsu.edu*.

Open forum scheduled regarding 'Chronicle of Higher Education' article

The Department of Women's Studies will sponsor an open forum scheduled for 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the Memorial Union Century Theatre.

The open forum will address the article titled "At North Dakota State, Women are Few and Far Between: Why does one university seem so behind the times?" by Robin Wilson. The article covers the status of women faculty at NDSU and was published in "The Chronicle of Higher Education" on Nov. 2.

The event is open to anyone interested in discussing the article. For more information, contact Dawn Fernholz at *dawn*. *fernholz@ndsu.edu* or 1-6157.

YMCA of NDSU brown bags scheduled

The YMCA of NDSU brown bag seminar "HIV/AIDS: Awareness and Prevention" is scheduled for noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room.

Wellness Education Leaders and Larry Anenson, health educator at the Wellness Center, are scheduled to present information to promote the awareness of HIV/AIDS. They will educate participants on how the virus is and is not transmitted and how to protect oneself from HIV. Anenson will focus on aspects related to free and confidential testing provided at the Student Health Service.

The YMCA of NDSU brown bag seminar "Camera Ready 24-7," is scheduled for noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room.

Television news anchors Kirstin Kealy, WDAY news; Nicole Phillips, FOX news; and Robin Heubner, KVLY news, are scheduled to talk about their experiences and challenges as role models and public figures. The event is co-sponsored by NDSU Women's Studies.

Brown bag seminars are held at noon Wednesdays in the Memorial Union. The events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sue Andrews at 1-5225.

Stockbridge Hall celebrates 50 years

To celebrate 50 years of housing NDSU students, an open house is planned for 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the main lounge in Stockbridge Hall.

The celebration is set to include an unveiling of a portrait of Horace E. Stockbridge, a short program and tours of the building. Cake and refreshments will be served. The event is open to all students, staff and faculty.

SHORTS AND REMINDERS

Spring tuition discount and application wavers due

Tuition discounts are due 30 days prior to the beginning of classes. Tuition wavers are due prior to the beginning of class. Spring semester classes begin at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7.

The spouse and dependent tuition discount application needs to be submitted to the Office of Human Resources and Payroll along with a copy of the admission acceptance letter (for new students only) 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester for which the waiver is requested. Refer to Policy 133.1 for more detailed information. For spring semester, the deadline is Friday, Dec. 7.

The request for a tuition waiver must be submitted and approved prior to the beginning of the class for which the waiver is requested. Refer to Policy 133 for more detailed information.

A form is required prior to the beginning of each semester a student plans to attend class. Forms are available outside the Office of Human Resources and Payroll located at Old Main 205 or online at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/human-resources/ forms/index.shtml.

Be aware that submission deadlines will not be extended. For more information, contact Shelly Lura, human resources assistant, at 1-5677 or *shelly.lura@ndsu.edu*.

Positions Available

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

Administrative Secretary/#00019627 Physics \$26,500+/year Nov. 29

Administrative Secretary/#00018577 Biological Sciences \$24,000+/year Open until filled

Account Technician/#00020324 Animal and Range Sciences \$26,000+/year Dec. 3

Assistant Soil Testing Laboratory Manager #00020200/#00020201 Soil Science \$28,000+/year Dec. 3

Account Technician/#00021185 Customer Account Services \$24,000+/year Dec. 4

Contracts Coordinator Purchasing \$33,000+/year Dec. 4

Teacher Technician (Infant-Toddler)/#00018736 Child Development and Family Science (CDFS) \$21,000+/year Open until filled

Nutrition Education Assistant, EFNEP/#00018544 Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Office headquarters at United Tribes Technical College Bismarck, N.D. 9 months: 40 hours per week \$16,740/year Contingent on availability of federal funds Open until filled

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

Food Service Worker/#00019441 10 months: 40 hours per week Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-3p.m. Weekends as necessary; summer hours may vary Dining Services-Residence Dining Center \$8+/hour Dec. 4 (external) \$10.50+/hour Nov. 29 PM Custodian/#00021701 August-May, 9 months; 40 hours

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Custodian/#00020733 Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (summer hours may vary) 12 months Dining Services-West Dining Center \$8.45+/hour Open until filled

Heating Plant Operator (Entry Level) Seasonal position; less than 8 months Rotating Shifts: Full-time Facilities Management \$11.50/hour Open until filled

Research Specialist/#00021446/#00021447 Animal and Range Sciences \$30,000+/year Dec. 3

Animal Scientist/#00020127 Central Grasslands Research Extension Center Streeter, N.D. Salary commensurate with experience Open until filled Residence Hall Director/#00021706 Full-time, 12-month position Residence Life \$27,000/year, plus partially furnished apartment, meal plan, competitive benefits package Nov. 30 Anticipated start date: Jan. 2

Assistant Manager Customer Account Services \$40,000+/year Dec. 5

Director of Advancement/#00019603 College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Sciences \$45,000+/year Dec. 7

Assistant Director for Technology Transfer/ Licensing Associate/#00018514 Sponsored Programs Administration/NDSU Research Foundation \$64,000+/year Dec. 7

Unix Systems Administrator/Programmer/#00021218 Library Salary commensurate with experience Open until filled

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

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