IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

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NDSU sets new spring enrollment record

NDSU has again set a spring semester enrollment record, reaching 11,328 students. NDSU also set a new high with 1,539 graduate students attending spring classes. The official enrollment figures are compiled following the third week of classes, and were announced Feb. 1.

"This is exciting news. It reaffirms the direction President Joseph A. Chapman is taking NDSU," said Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, noting that total enrollment is 36 more students than the 11,292 students last spring. "The North Dakota pool of undergraduates is predicted to decline so we targeted our growth at the graduate level. This shows we are on the right track."

Mathew said there is a difference of opinion on counting the number of students enrolled spring semester, so the final number could be even higher. According to Mathew, NDSU has previously included NDSU students taking courses through the Tri-College at Concordia College and Minnesota State University Moorhead, but the North Dakota University System office has asked these students not be counted. Mathew said that NDSU would see an increase of 70 students if the Tri-College students are included.

The number of graduate students rose by 50 over last year's previous record of 1,489. "I am very pleased with the increase," said David Wittrock, dean of graduate and interdisciplinary studies. "It's part of the natural progression we have begun by extending the number of graduate opportunities. It shows students of North Dakota and around the world want these programs."

In addition, Mathew said the number of new NDSU freshmen increased by 11 students from one year ago.

NDSU unveils new Web design

NDSU's homepage and secondary Web pages have a new look. The updated design was unveiled Jan. 27.

"The intent was to make it easier to view and navigate. We have been getting a lot of positive feedback from users," said Laura McDaniel, director of marketing communication. "The idea was to make it easier for the many different audiences we serve through this one page."

The design includes a large banner photo and white space, with sections for the departmental index, general information, online services and the news and events calendar. Across the top of the page are links for "about NDSU," "admissions," "academics," "athletics" and "research."

According to McDaniel, the departmental index is an attempt to make it easier to go directly to a page rather than navigate through various topic areas. "If someone has a department or unit that belongs on that, send us the department name and URL. We'd be happy to add it," she said.

McDaniel welcomes users' thoughts about the revised NDSU site. She urges them to click on "Webmaster" in the lower left-hand corner of the homepage and then click on "Comments/Suggestions."

The pages meet all federal Web accessibility requirements.

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IHAS holiday deadline reminder

Due to the President's Day holiday Feb. 20, the deadline for the Feb. 22 issue of "It's Happening at State" is Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Tax information available

The NDSU Libraries offers free copies of basic federal and North Dakota income tax forms. The Library also has several tax guidebooks on reference and available for circulation. Federal and state tax forms and information also are available on the Web.

For a complete list of forms, consult the FAQ under the "Research" section of the Libraries Web site. For more information, call the Reference Desk at 1-8886.

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Communication degrees approved

The State Board of Higher Education has given the go-ahead to five new bachelor's degree programs in the NDSU Department of Communication. The programs, approved Jan. 19, include management communication; journalism, broadcasting and mass communication technologies; health communication; public relations and advertising; and agricultural communication.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the board's approval," said Paul Nelson, professor and chair of communication, noting that the department starting working on the new programs about two years ago. "For prospective students, the main advantage is that we have refined our list of majors so that it has specific things that most of them like. They can either major or minor in these areas."

According to Nelson, the programs contribute to the department's aspiration of becoming a School of Communication within the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

"We wanted to have the additional majors so that we can be a legitimate School of Communication," Nelson said. "We are going to become increasingly professionally oriented in journalism, broadcasting and Web design. Our department is going to become stronger in new technologies."

The management communication degree program is designed to train students to be effective leaders in corporate environments. Graduates could work in such areas as communication consultants, corporate trainers or organizational change managers.

The journalism, broadcasting and mass communication technology degree is intended to prepare practitioners for work in various areas of the modern mass media. Career tracks may include such positions as publications designers, fundraising strategists, Web advertisers, publicists or communication consultants.

The health communication program will provide skills for both practitioners and future civic leaders. Careers include jobs with public health agencies, the health care industry and fitness centers.

The agricultural communication degree combines the expertise of the communication and agriculture units to produce trained communicators who can explain science, technologies and complex agricultural issues to diverse audiences. Graduates are expected work as news reporters, advertising specialists, public relations representatives, extension educators, broadcasters, trade association representatives and issue-based communicators.

The public relations and advertising program will provide students with the knowledge to work in a variety of areas, including public relations agencies, political campaigns and corporate advertising.

The new majors all begin in fall 2006. Students with the old majors—mass communication and speech communication—will have two years to either switch to one of the new majors or complete the old major.

Research and Technology Park featured in magazine

The blend of North Dakota's agricultural history and its focus on new technology are featured in the article "Farming New Tech Talent," published in the February issue of Wired magazine. The article highlights work being done at NDSU's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering, and specifically radio frequency identification (RFID) technology.

The article focuses on electrical engineering student Jeremy Lee, Garrison, N.D., whose farming background is recognized as typical of that found in students at the Research and Technology Park. Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer, is quoted as saying that students with agricultural backgrounds often carry a keen sense of how machines work.

"They're always seeing how to improve anything mechanical and like others in the Midwest, have an unusually strong work ethic," said Boudjouk. The article suggests that students like Lee "will have opportunity to match their talent," due to the growth of the Research and Technology Park.

In addition, the article mentions the role Sen. Byron Dorgan has played to establish the research corridor, and the funding of technology projects across the state, including those involving RFID. Also mentioned is Alien Technology's research and manufacturing facility being built in the park.

RFID technology is expected to be useful to companies to track goods in shipment or inventory, or to track cattle from farm to sales ring to processing facility, known as "farm to fork."

"One of the advantages of being at the forefront of technology is that there are others worldwide who share our interest and are looking for scientific collaborators," said President Joseph A. Chapman. "When they learn of what we're doing, it opens the door to partnerships that potentially lead to similar businesses locating here as well."

"Others are noting the technology available in North Dakota, and our exceptional workforce," Boudjouk added. "Diversifying the state's economy and offering opportunities are among the goals of the Tech Park. Due to the hard work of many people, our efforts are attracting national attention."

The article is available online at www.wired.com/wired/ archive/14.02/posts.html?pg=4.

Participants sought for research study on parenting

Christine McGeorge, assistant professor of child development and family science, and graduate student Sarah DeJean seek participants for their research study on beliefs about parenting.

Participants will complete a short questionnaire and do not need to be parents, but must be 18 or older.

The questionnaire is available online at *www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ gdc/Surveys/gdc513/welcome.htm*, or by calling McGeorge at 1-7335 to receive a paper copy.

Participants may complete the survey only once, and will be entered in a drawing for \$25 Target gift cards.

NDSU reaccreditation visit set

NDSU's campus visit by consultant-evaluators of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is set for Feb. 12-15. Faculty, staff and students may turn to *www.ndsu.edu/accreditation* for current reaccreditation information, NDSU's self-study document and a preliminary schedule that is subject to change.

According to Bob Harrold, director of accreditation and assessment, the site-visit by the 10-person team is the culmination of three years of preparation. "Thank you to the many people on campus who provided fantastic support during this process," he said. "The Self-Study Steering Committee, university administrators and campus volunteers did an outstanding job in preparing for the consultant-evaluators."

Harrold said the Prairie Rose Rooms in the Memorial Union will contain resource files for the consultant-evaluators. Because of campus interest, the resources will be available for viewing from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, and Friday, Feb. 17.

"The Self-Study Steering Committee has assembled an extensive array of materials as part of the process and we invite the campus to look at the documentation that has been assembled," Harrold said.

John Campbell, former president of Oklahoma Sate University, will lead the visiting team. Campbell has stated his intention to participate in several open forums that are tentatively scheduled for Feb. 14 in the Memorial Union's Century Theatre. A session for students is planned for 1 p.m., an open forum for faculty is set for 2 p.m., a session with staff is planned for 3 p.m. and an open forum for friends of NDSU and the general public at 4 p.m.

Every 10 years, the university is evaluated for accreditation by the HLC. The last visit was in 1996.

"Accreditation is a major item that has an impact campuswide," Harrold said. "Accreditation impacts opportunities for students to receive financial aid, student opportunities for admission to reputable graduate schools and for many jobs, and faculty opportunities for research grants."

Volunteers needed for science fairs

Volunteers are needed for upcoming science events to be held on campus. The South East Regional Science Fair is scheduled for March 14, the North Dakota State Science Fair is set for April 6-7 and the State Science Olympiad is scheduled for April 22.

According to Rita Slator, events coordinator for the Center for Science and Mathematics Education, several hundred volunteers are needed for different aspects of the events.

Volunteers are needed to act as on-campus walking tour guides for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, March 6. Workers are needed to set up tables at Bison Sports Arena from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 5.

People are needed to help facilitating events for the Science Olympiad, Saturday, April 22. Various times through out the day and various lengths of time.

In addition, judges are needed for the events. For more information, contact Slator at *slatorrl@aol.com*.

NDSU study to examine 'out-migration'

A study being conducted by faculty in child development and family science, will examine the impact of "out-migration" on North Dakota counties. Led by Brandy Randall, assistant professor, the study is intended to provide a way to examine the impact on communities experiencing the migration trend, as well as the impact on communities in the state that are relocation destinations.

The project aims to understand the impact of out-migration from rural areas, including the impact on individuals, families and communities.

"Despite growth in urban areas, vitality in rural areas remains critical to the continued economic and cultural well-being of North Dakota," said Randall.

Helping to conduct the study are Margaret Fitzgerald, associate professor; James Deal, professor and department chair; and Ward County Extension agent Lori Scharmer.

More than 20 people from the Renville County communities of Mohall and Glenburn, N.D., areas participated in meetings and interviews in early January. Study participants included parents, school personnel, community leaders and health care professionals.

"We greatly appreciate the residents of Mohall and Glenburn lending their time and experience for this study," said Fitzgerald. "They are in a unique position to discuss the best things a community has to offer and to provide insight into areas that present challenges, particularly to families and children in a community.

"Understanding how children and families are affected by changing communities can help communities develop potential solutions or new approaches to remain vital. It can also help organizations design programs and policies to meet the needs of rural communities," explained Deal.

According to Randall, out-migration impacts North Dakota in multiple ways. Data from the 2000 census show that 37 of North Dakota's 53 counties have large concentrations of elderly residents, and those counties all showed a decrease in population since 1970.

The State Data Center also recorded a net loss of \$897 million in taxable income due to out-migration from 1993 to 2004.

"Rural communities and the families who live there make important contributions to the state," says Randall. "Some communities show remarkable creativity in coping with the loss of residents and re-invent themselves in new ways to remain vital communities."

The researchers also are seeking funding to conduct a larger study. The study, expected to last at least three years, would include North Dakota counties with a high percentage of outmigration, counties with stable population and counties seeing the greatest influx of population.

Communities participating in the study will receive periodic updates of research results, according to Randall. It is expected that the study will provide scientific information applicable to North Dakota residents, as well as other states facing outmigration issues.

NDSU/RF enhances commercialization efforts

The NDSU Research Foundation (NDSU/RF) has developed a new strategy to advance the commercialization efforts of the foundation. Included in the enhanced emphasis on commercialization is a new Web site and related contact information.

"We wanted to make it easier for outside businesses and industries to find the technologies we currently have available for license," said Dale Zetocha, foundation executive director. "In addition, it provides a clearer understanding of the role of the foundation—to protect, commercialize and manage intellectual property, assigned to the foundation from NDSU."

Formed in 1989, the NDSU/RF is an independent, not-for-profit corporation. Part of its mission is the protection of intellectual property that have been discovered by faculty, staff and students at NDSU, and assigned to the foundation for protection. That protection may include applying for patents, copyright, plant variety protection and trademarks.

Another key element of the foundation's mission is to seek commercial partners interested in licensing NDSU-developed technologies. According to Zetocha, the benefits of commercializing the technologies developed at NDSU include serving the public good, advancing scientific knowledge, and generating revenues that can be distributed back to sponsoring departments within NDSU as well as the individual researchers.

"As research dollars have increased at NDSU, one of the results has been the disclosure of many more inventions," he said. "Right now, our portfolio contains more than 50 technologies ranging from unique polymers and coatings, soybeans and nanoparticles to RFID, data mining and chemical compounds. The NDSU researchers are doing world-class research, and the inventions are the result."

To assist in an efficient transfer of information to industry, and to more clearly differentiate the foundation from NDSU, the Web address and all e-mail communications have been changed. The new Web site is *www.ndsureserchfoundation.org*.

The NDSU/RF e-mail contacts for regular and parttime staff are Dale Zetocha, dzetocha@ndsurf.org; Dennis Anderson, danderson@ndsurf.org; Kevin Crawford, kcrawford@ndsurf.org; Jocelyn Humphrey, jumphrey@ndsurf.org; Joyce Eisenbraun, jeisenbraun@ndsurf.org; Barb Magnusson, bmagnusson@ndsufr.org; Julie Roberts, julier@ndsufr.org; and Bethany Gonser, bgonser@ndsurf.org.

The NDSU Technology Transfer Office (NDSUTTO) will continue its NDSU activities of helping researchers guard their intellectual property during their research efforts. For Material Transfer Agreements, Confidentiality Agreements or Invention Disclosures, faculty, staff and students should continue sending their requests for assistance to the NDSUTTO.

Information on the NDSUTTO will remain available through the NDSU RCATT offices at *www.ndsu.edu/techtransfer*. The NDSU e-mail addresses also will be the same for the staff.

"This is an important change since NDSU/RF is a separate legal entity from NDSU," Zetocha said. For more information, contact him at 1-8931 or *dzethocha@ndsurf.org*.

NDSU campaign stresses healthy eating, physical activity

The NDSU Extension Service and Bison Athletics have teamed up for the statewide community service campaign "Eat Smart. Play Hard," that stresses the importance of healthy eating and physical activity

The campaign features NDSU athletes on a poster showing the athletes in their sports uniform, displaying fruit, vegetables and other healthy food.

"This program allows our athletes to serve as role models and promote a very important message to young people in classrooms throughout North Dakota," said Troy Goergen, associate athletic director for marketing and media relations.

According to Julie Garden-Robinson, Extension food and nutrition specialist, a healthy lifestyle is important because it plays a major role in preventing chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and health disease, Also, students with a nutritious diet and regular physical activity perform better in school.

"Childhood overweight and obesity are a topic of concern across the U.S.," said Garden-Robinson, who helped develop the campaign. "Today's children may be the first generation to have a shorter lifespan than their parents."

The campaign is based on the Department of Agriculture's nutrition education initiative of the same name. According to Garden-Robinson, t complements the "On the Move to Better Health" curriculum used by extension agents in schools throughout North Dakota.

"Eat Smart. Play Hard." bookmarks featuring the athletes also have been designed, and public service announcements with the "Eat Smart. Play Hard." message are planned for release in March.

As part of the campaign, county Extension agents plan to visit schools to teach students about healthy eating and physical activity, and distribute the posters and bookmarks.

For more information about the "Eat Smart. Play Hard." campaign, visit www.fns.usda.gov/eatsmartplayhard.

United Way campaign sets record

NDSU's 2005 United Way campus campaign raised a record amount for the United Way of Cass-Clay. As of Jan. 31, the university raised \$91,563, a 6.8 percent increase over last year's \$85,737 total.

"I am proud of the compassion and generosity of NDSU's faculty and staff," said Char Goodyear, NDSU employee campaign coordinator. "These gifts are an investment in what matters—addressing the many needs of our community. Thank you to all NDSU personnel who participated in this important effort."

Goodyear said money was raised through pledges and campus fund-raising activities.

United Way of Cass-Clay also surpassed its overall goal for the campaign by raising more than \$3.79 million. The campaign supports more than 53 programs within 36 agencies.

For further information, contact Goodyear at 1-1068 or *char.goodyear@ndsu.edu*.

People

Professor back from Antarctic field season

Allan Ashworth, professor of geosciences, is hoping his latest work in Antarctica will give new insight into the history of the icy continent.

Ashworth recently returned to campus after a field season in the Dry Valleys of the Olympus Mountain Range. From late-October to mid-December, he was at a site near the edge of the Ross Ice Shelf, a two-hour helicopter ride from McMurdo Station, a supply town on the coast. The research was funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

"It's a bleak but beautiful place of glaciers, deep-frozen lakes and incredibly weathered bedrock. The butte- and mesalike formations remind me of a frozen Arizona," Ashworth explained. "In the Dry Valleys, everything is bone dry because the Polar Plateau captures most of the moisture. The soil there is like powder."

Ashworth's team, which also included Adam Lewis, a postdoctoral researcher from the Byrd Polar Research Center, Ohio State University, and Douglas Kowalewski, a doctoral student from Boston University, wants to add to the history of the region.

"We found ancient moraines and lake beds with beautifully preserved moss that could be millions of years old," Ashworth said, noting that the team also found evidence of fresh water diatoms, which are single-celled alga that have silica-filled cell walls. "The moss and other organic material provide great clues to the quality of the lake. It seems to have been a fairly well established lake, and we believe the history of the place is a lot more complex than previously determined."

His laboratory now houses 300 pounds of moss and sediments dug from the permafrost, brought back frozen to prevent any degradation by bacteria. Samples will be sent to researchers around the world. "We have all sorts of chemistry in these fossils. They may contain DNA," Ashworth said. "The mosses are really well preserved. Many have stems and leaves, and you can see them clearly under the microscope.

"The moss shows that at one time it was wet and warm enough there for life to occur, so we expect to find other organisms like insects and other types of plants. Some of this is hidden from view and we need to process the fossils," he said. "Everything is pretty delicate."

A particularly significant development is the presence of volcanic ash within the lake deposit samples. That ash, believed to have spewed millions of years ago from the now-extinct Mt. Discovery, will be examined during the next six months to reveal the age of the materials.

"It no longer is a guess as to how old the deposits are. The isotopes preserved in the ash decay at well-know rates. We expect the deposits to be 10 million to 15 million years. You can actually date them with this volcanic ash, and that is exciting," Ashworth said. "To find ash associated with the lake deposits is, to us, like hitting a home run."

In addition, Ashworth expects another 1,500 pounds of Antarctic rocks to arrive in April for analysis by researchers.

Locating the fossils was challenging, physical work. The toughest thing Ashworth contended with was a wind—at

times 50 to 60 miles per hour—wind so strong that, over time, it can erode and break down granite boulders. That was on top of temperatures ranging from 10 to 15 degrees below zero.

"We cursed the cold wind, but it was really the best conditions to work in. When it got warmer in December (at times reaching the mid-20s), it brought snow and fog," said Ashworth, who has now experienced three field seasons in Antarctica.

"Anybody who survives one field season is known as an OAE—an old Antarctic explorer. So, you know the ropes on how to put together an expedition. But, when you get out in the field, you've forgotten how cold it gets out there. You have to spend several days just re-adapting to living in the field," he said. "You forget that you must never lose your gloves; never lose your hat. If you want to brush your teeth, you need to put the toothpaste in the sleeping bag with you or it will be solid in the morning."

But for Ashworth, the potential scientific gains make the difficult working conditions well worth the effort.

"I feel good about this field season. After our work is confirmed in the laboratory, I think we will be in a position to publish some important discoveries," said Ashworth, who is looking forward to a fourth visit to Antarctica in October. "I believe the discoveries we made this field season will prove to be a major step forward in knowledge of Antarctica's recent glacial history."

Lar Abromeit, a writer for "Geo," a German publication similar to National Geographic, and George Steinmetz, whose photographs are frequently published in National Geographic, visited the team in the field and are preparing articles for Geo and the Washington Post online.

While in Antarctica, Ashworth was contacted by Rev. Bill Ziegler, who was in McMurdo in his capacity as a chaplain of the North Dakota Air National Guard attached to the Pacific Wing of the Air Force. Ziegler's son, Zach, who had recently taken a course in geology at NDSU, let his father know that Ashworth would be in McMurdo at the same time.

Students receive undergraduate research award

The Society of Physics Students has selected NDSU physics students Joshua O'Byrne, Abraham Reddy and Adam Jones for the 2005-06 Undergraduate Research Award. They received the \$1,425 award for their research proposal, "Morphologies of Polymeric Membranes Formed by Immersion Precipitation."

Funded by donations from members of Sigma Pi Sigma (SPS) physics honor society, the program funded six awards this year.

"The awards committee was extremely impressed with your proposal, for its research potential and for its potential to enhance SPS on your campus," wrote society director Gary White, in a letter to NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman and Daniel Kroll, professor and head of physics and SPS adviser. "Congratulations to you and your chapter. I hope that your proposed project goes well."

Former dean dies

Former NDSU administrator Archer Jones died Jan. 23 at his Richmond, Va., home. He was 79.

Jones, the dean of what was then the College of Humanities and Social Sciences for 17 years, retired from NDSU in 1985. He also was director of the Institute for Regional Studies.

A historian and award-winning author on the Civil War period, Jones co-wrote "Politics of Command," "How the North Won" and "Why the South Lost." He also wrote "Confederate Strategy from Shiloh to Vicksburg," "Civil War Command and Strategy" and "The Art of War in the Western World."

Events

LCT presents 'A Chorus Line'

The Little Country Theatre's production of "A Chorus Line" is planned for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15-18, and 1 p.m. Feb. 19, in Festival Concert Hall.

"A Chorus Line" is a musical about the grueling audition process for a Broadway production, and focuses on the lives of the eager actors, singers and dancers hoping to live out their dreams on stage. Directed by Pamela D. Chabora, assistant professor of theater arts, the story tells of the poignant ambitions of dancers trying to live their dreams.

In the story, the director, rather than having the actors read an audition piece, elicits a personal history from each one. The actors' memories and stories merge and blend into monologues and musical numbers, allowing the audience to get to know the characters individually. Musical numbers include "One" and "What I Did for Love."

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for non-NDSU students and \$8 for NDSU students. Tickets are available by calling the fine arts box office at 1-9442.

Agricultural Technology Expo planned

The 58th annual Agricultural Technology Expo is scheduled for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in the NDSU Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Building.

Using the theme "Technology for Today and Tomorrow," the one-day event allows students to display new technology in agriculture and engineering. It also is an opportunity for the public to attend and gain an understanding of agriculture and its technology. A student team, assisted by faculty advisers, assumes responsibility for putting the show together.

More than \$1,000 in scholarships will be awarded to the top project winners in the divisions of power; machinery; structures, electrical power and processing; soil, water and environment; and precision agriculture.

Presentations will include alternative fuels and improvement of fuel efficiency, a quarter-scale tractor, hydro mulching, compaction, advantages of no-till, laser leveling and auto steer, seed priming, residue tillage, recommended storage and several implements.

The show is free and open to the public.

Black History Month events planned

A soul food dinner, a presentation on the Civil Rights Movement and a film about a dance alternative to gang activity are among the events planned for February's Black History Month celebration at NDSU. Sponsored by Multicultural Student Services, all events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

"A Huey P. Newton Story," a film about the co-founder and leader of the Black Panther movement, is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. A discussion led by David Danbom, professor of history; Paul Harris, professor of African-American history at Minnesota State University Moorhead; and Fargo businessman Thomas Jefferson is set to follow the film showing.

Monday, Feb. 20

A showing of the film "Rize" is set for 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Century Theater. "Rize" reveals a groundbreaking dance phenomenon emerging on the streets of South Central Los Angeles. The aggressive and visually stunning dance modernizes moves indigenous to African tribal rituals. Using the dance as an alternative to gangs and hustling, area youth form their own troops and paint their faces like warriors, meeting to outperform rival gangs of dancers or to hone the own skills.

Monday, Feb. 27

Sisters' Circle, an opportunity for women to meet in small groups and discuss the issues women face today, is set for noon in the Prairie Rose Room. Each Circle will be led by a facilitator and are opened to the public.

The Black Student Organization has scheduled its annual soul food dinner for 4 p.m. in the University Lutheran Center banquet hall. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7at the door. Organization members have advance tickets available in the Memorial Union. For more information, call 1-1029.

A performance by slam poet Teri Carr, sponsored by Campus Attractions, is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Century Theater.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

"The Civil Rights Movement: Stories You Don't Know," presented by Charles McDew is set for 7p.m. in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. McDew has devoted his life to issues of social and political change, to the empowerment and development of local black leadership, to civil and human rights and to the fight against racism. McDew teaches history of the Civil Rights Movement, African-American history and social and cultural awareness classes at Metropolitan State University, Minneapolis.

Safe spring break brown bag scheduled

"It's Not Too Early to Start Thinking About Having a Safe Spring Break," a brown bag seminar, is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Memorial Union University Chamber.

Wellness education leaders will present ways for students to be safe during spring break. Travel, alcohol, relationships and personal safety are the planned points of focus. Attendees will receive spring break safety kits.

The event is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU. For more information, call 1-5225.

Shorts and Reminders

Union Food Court specials for Feb. 8-15

Soup of the day

Wednesday: zesty Italian and knoepfla Thursday: tomato and Southwest chicken chili Friday: minestrone beer cheese Monday: cream of broccoli and turkey rice Tuesday: beer cheese and chicken noodle Wednesday: cheeseburger vegetarian vegetable

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: ham Thursday: roast beef Friday: your choice Monday: Dagwood Tuesday: All-American wrap Wednesday: Italian

A La Carte

Wednesday: carved pork loin Thursday: meatballs gravy Friday: lasagna trio Monday: meatloaf with gravy Tuesday: big Texan salad Wednesday: carved roast beef

Pizza Express

Wednesday: Thundar Thursday: Southwestern chicken Friday: meat lovers Monday: once around the kitchen Tuesday: Hawaiian Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken

Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: Italian Thursday: garlic chicken Friday: veggie Monday: taco Tuesday: beef fajita Wednesday: ham and cheese

Entrée salad (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: popcorn chicken Thursday: taco Friday: chicken Caesar/Caesar Monday: turkey Cobb Tuesday: Southwest chicken salad Wednesday: popcorn chicken

Items are subject to change without notice. Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 for all of the daily specials. Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Shelly at the Union Buffet at 1-8122.

Positions Available

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

Academic Program Coordinator Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) \$30,000+/year Feb. 13 Administrative Secretary/#00020206 (Internal NDSU only) Downtown Campus Architecture and Landscape Architecture \$25,000 minimum/year Feb. 9

Project Assistant 12 months; 25 hours/week Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) Feb. 15

Administrative Secretary/#00021661 International Programs \$21,000/year Feb. 16

Administrative Secretary/#00018811 Military Science \$21,000+/year Open until filled

Lead Food Service Worker/#00020578 12 months, 40 hours/week 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; M-F and every third weekend Dining Services-Residence Dining Center \$8+/hour Open until filled

Agronomy Research Specialist/#00024322 Dickinson R/E Center (DREC) Dickinson, N.D. Salary Commensurate with education and experience March 15

Research Specialist/#00019519 Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Salary is competitive Open until filled

Laboratory Technician Coatings and Polymeric Materials \$30,000+/year Open until filled

Coordinator of Leisure and Outdoor Programs/#00020246 Memorial Union \$28,000+/year Feb. 9

Senior Project Manager Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) Salary commensurate with experience Feb. 17

Residence Hall Director Full-time, 12-month position Residence Life \$27,000/year, plus partially furnished apartment, meal plan, competitive benefits package Anticipated start date is June 5 March 6

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Licensing Associate/#00018514 Sponsored Programs Administration/Technology Transfer and NDSU Research Foundation Salary competitive and commensurate with education and experience March 10

Associate Director Student Health Service Commensurate with experience Open until filled

Network Engineer Information Technology Services Salary commensurate with experience Open until filled

Fire Planning and Prevention Specialist/#00021051 North Dakota Forest Service Bismarck, N.D. \$28,500+/year Open until filled

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

Calendar

February

- 8 Men's basketball vs. Jamestown College, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 9 USDA-ARS—Jeffrey Suttle, sugarbeet and potato research unit research leader, "Eyes Wide Shut: A Physiological Journey Through Potato Tuber Dormancy," 10 a.m., Northern Crop Science large conference room

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- 10 Little International 4-H and FFA livestock judging contest, 8 a.m., Shepperd Arena
- Plant pathology—Tim Friesen, USDA/ARS, Fargo, "Necrotrophic Pathogen Produced Toxins and Their Impliations in Disease," 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 10 INBRE biology core IVN seminar—Anna Grazul-Bilska, associate professor of animal and range sciences, "Assisted Reproduction in Human Medicine," 3 p.m., EML 170. For more information, contact Jerzy Bilski at 1-1049 or *jerrzy.bilski@ ndsu.edu*.
- 10 Plant sciences—Marisol Berti, graduate student, "Factors Affecting Fatty Acid Composition in Oilseeds," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 10 Psychology—John T. Rapp, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minn., "Toward a Comprehensive Analysis and Treatment of Stereotypy," 3:30 p.m., Minard Annex 138
- 10 Little International Agriculturalist of the Year banquet, 6 p.m., Radisson Hotel, Fargo
- 10 Men's basketball vs. Mayville State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 10 Faculty recital—Neil Mueller, trumpet, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 11 Little International showmanship preliminaries, 8 a.m., Shepperd Arena
- 11 Little International alumni luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Loftsgard Hall atrium
- 11 Little International showmanship finals, 6 p.m., Shepperd Arena
- 11 Little International "Dance in the Chips," 10 p.m., Shepperd Arena