

Statement from President Chapman

Dear friends and colleagues,

I have received word that I have been selected as a finalist candidate for the presidency of another university. A final selection has not yet been made, and whether or not I receive an offer—or whether or not I would accept any offer if made—is only speculation at this point. Nevertheless, out of respect for you and this great institution, I wanted you to hear of this development from me directly.

The seven years that I have served as president of NDSU have been the most rewarding of my career. Gale and I have come to love NDSU and the people of North Dakota. If we were to leave, it would be with great reluctance because the campus and the state of North Dakota have truly become home.

While it is not uncommon for a sitting university president to be approached by another university, I will not let the vetting process interfere with my responsibilities. I anticipate that a decision will be made in the near future and I will share information as it becomes available.

Joe Chapman

Master of Architecture degree receives full accreditation

NDSU's new Master of Architecture degree program received fully accredited status by the National Architectural Accrediting Board at the board's February meeting.

Board approval of NDSU's request for a nomenclature change from Bachelor of Architecture to Master of Architecture for the five-year professional degree was the final step in receiving full accreditation. The program curriculum was approved by the University Senate in 2005.

"Approval of our nomenclature change was the final signature needed to fully implement our new Master of Architecture degree program," said Paul Gleye, chair of architecture and landscape architecture. "Although our new curriculum as approved by NDSU fully met the accrediting board's criteria, we have been waiting for this final authorization in order for the degree to be officially accredited."

Gunkelman Award nominations reminder

Nominations are being sought for the 2006 Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award, which honors a person on campus who best contributes to creating a happy environment for students.

Students, faculty and staff are eligible for the award. Nominations should include specific examples of nominees' contributions toward a pleasant, cheerful campus during the past academic year. Nomination forms were sent via campus mail and also are available online at www.ndsu.edu/smile-ndsu or in the Office of Orientation and Student Success, Ceres 211. All nominations must be received by that office by 5 p.m. Friday, March 31.

Finalists will be honored and the winner announced during a reception scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, April 13.

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GraSUS accepting fellowship applications

The NDSU Graduate Student-University-School (GraSUS) program is accepting applications for graduate and undergraduate teaching fellowships for the 2006-07 academic year.

Supported by the National Science Foundation and the NDSU Center for Science and Mathematics Education (CSME), GraSUS is designed to increase the quality of science and mathematics education in grades 6-12 through direct involvement by science, mathematics and engineering students, and enhanced professional development of science and mathematics teachers.

Student fellows are eligible for various stipends and tuition waivers. Information, program details and application materials are available at www.ndsu.edu/grasus. Applications also are available in the Center for Science and Mathematics Education, FLC 314. The application deadline is March 24. For more information, contact Kim McVicar, educational project specialist, at 1-7336 or kim.mcvicar@ndsu.edu.

'Expanding Your Horizons' conference seeks volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the annual "Expanding Your Horizons" conference, a program for junior high school girls, scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse.

The program offers attendees the opportunity to spend the day on campus and participate in a series of hands-on workshops illustrating the importance of science and mathematics, and learn new career options. Approximately 68 workshops led by faculty, staff and NDSU students are planned.

Male and female student and staff volunteers are needed in many areas, including registration, campus directions, transportation assistance and general questions. Persons wishing to volunteer should contact Karen Murie, program coordinator, at 1-8638 or Karen.Murie@ndsu.edu.

Staff Senate nominations sought

The NDSU Staff Senate is seeking nominations for vacant positions for the 2006 term.

Staff Senate is comprised of approximately 5 percent of the total number of staff members designated as regular benefited employees of NDSU in several band areas. Senators are normally elected for two-year terms with approximately half of the membership elected each year.

All staff members in the 1000 and 3000-7000 job categories are encouraged to nominate themselves and others for Staff Senate. Each nominee must approve their nomination if nominated by another person. Nominees also are encouraged to discuss the opportunity with their supervisors before being nominated.

Nominations may be submitted online at <http://staff-vote.ndsu.nodak.edu>. The nomination deadline is Friday, March 24. For more information, contact Susan Bornsen, election committee chair, at 1-6339.

Volunteers to spend Easter break rebuilding New Orleans art studio

Student volunteers are planning to spend Easter break in New Orleans helping to rebuild the ArtEgg, a center for area artisans that suffered severe damage in Hurricane Katrina.

"Operation EGG" will focus on sustainability issues and reconstruction of the ArtEgg studios, according to NDSU Volunteer Network trip organizer Ryan Harmon. The trip is scheduled for April 14-17.

"The ArtEgg suffered severe damage during Hurricane Katrina," Harmon said. "The once egg and butter warehouse had been converted into a center for artisans in the New Orleans area."

According to Harmon, the NDSU students making the trip will work on making the building sustainable, and will be housed in the ArtEgg building during their stay.

For more information on the ArtEgg, visit www.artegg.com. Persons wishing to help support the efforts should contact Harmon at 1-1055 or ndsu.volunteer.network@ndsu.edu.

NDSU/UND representatives discuss high-risk student alcohol use

Students, faculty and staff from NDSU and the University of North Dakota recently met to discuss high risk drinking among students. The second annual gathering was called as a way for colleagues on the two campuses to share strategies for alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

"Alcohol use rates among students at NDSU and UND are very similar," said Laura Oster-Aaland, director of Orientation and Student Success and coordinator of NDSU's alcohol and drug prevention programs. "And it causes similar problems for students, including low academic performance, conflicts with friends and roommates, and violence. Since we share a similar problem, it makes sense for us to come together to discuss potential solutions."

The joint resolution on alcohol and other drug abuse prevention that was passed by the State Board of Higher Education and the chancellor's cabinet in November 2005 was used as a springboard for discussion on potential action steps. The resolution's main points include openly and publicly acknowledging that alcohol and other drug abuse problems exist within the university system; taking an active stand on alcohol and other drug issues, conveying clear expectations and standards and serving as role models for administrators, faculty and students; and making alcohol and other drug prevention a strategic planning priority.

Summer orientation schedule set

The Office of Orientation and Student Success has set the dates for the upcoming summer 2006 Orientation and Registration Sessions.

Orientation and registration will acquaint students with the NDSU campus and university life while allowing them to register for their fall semester classes.

On June 16, the Scholars' Orientation session will be held for students receiving Presidential and National Merit

Scholarships, as well as those accepted into the University Honors Program. A one-day drop-in session for transfer students is planned for Friday, June 23.

One-day sessions for freshmen and their families are set for Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, and Wednesday-Friday, July 12-14.

A combined one-day session for freshmen, their families and transfer students is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 16, and a registration-only session for freshmen and transfer students is set for Monday, Aug. 21.

For more information, contact the Office of Orientation and Student Success at 1-8379.

People

Music faculty set to perform in Bolivia, San Diego

Robert Jones, associate professor of music, was scheduled to perform in a chamber music recital with the Bolivian Chamber Music Society March 14 at in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Jones planned to perform four "Eight Poems of Gerard Manly Hopkins" by Daniel Pinkham, "Selected Songs" by John Alden Carpenter, "Tickets for a Prayer Wheel" by Dan Welcher and "Four Poems" by Charles M. Loeffler.

Virginia Sublett, associate professor of music, is scheduled to conduct and perform with the Cappella Gloriana professional choral ensemble during its 10th anniversary celebration concert March 19 in Encinitas, Calif. Sublett is the group's founder and co-director. Cappella Gloriana has made three recordings and has toured Germany's "Bach Country" twice.

Events

Staff recognition luncheon scheduled

The Office of Human Resources/Payroll is sponsoring the 18th annual NDSU Staff Recognition Luncheon scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Staff retirees and employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service will be recognized at the luncheon. All NDSU employees are invited to attend the luncheon in support and recognition of their colleagues.

Cost of the meal is \$11 per person and is payable at the Office of Human Resources/Payroll, Old Main 205. Meals may be purchased through Monday, April 3. Anyone with special dietary needs, or requests for accommodations related to a disability, should contact the Office of Human Resources/Payroll at 1-8961 by Monday, April 3.

Poet and writer to give presentation



Blaeser

"Somewhere West of History: Literary Recollection and Resistance" by White Earth scholar, poet and fiction writer Kimberly M. Blaeser is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, in Beckwith Recital Hall. Refreshments and a book signing will follow the presentation.

Blaeser is a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She received the 2002 Wordcrafter of the Year and the Diane Decorah First Book Award in Poetry.

An enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Blaeser graduated from Mahanomen, Minn., High School and the College of St. Benedict. She earned her master's degree and doctorate in English from the University of Notre Dame.

Her publications include three books and more than 60 appearances in anthologies and journals. She has lectured or read from her work at more than 100 locations in the United States, Canada and Europe. "Absentee Indians," her second collection of poems, was published by Michigan State University Press.

The presentation is sponsored, in part, by the North Dakota Humanities Council; the NDSU Cooperative Sponsorship Committee; Department of English; Department of History; Department of Sociology/Anthropology; and Women's Studies Program.

New employee orientation scheduled

An orientation session for new NDSU employees is scheduled for 8 a.m. Thursday, March 16, in the Alumni Center Reimers Room.

Scheduled presenters include NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman, representatives from the Office of Human Resources/Payroll, NDSU Staff Senate, the Office of Equity and Diversity, university archives and the Department of University Police and Safety. Planned topics include policies, employee leave, safety, NDSU climate, risk management and available services. Persons interested in attending should R.S.V.P to Brittnee at 1-5922.

Arlo Guthrie's 'Alice's Restaurant' 40th anniversary tour to stop at NDSU

The Division of Fine Arts will sponsor a performance by singer Arlo Guthrie scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in Festival Concert Hall. Guthrie's appearance is part of the 40th anniversary tour of his recording of the song "Alice's Restaurant."

Guthrie also is known for the songs "City of New Orleans," "The Motorcycle Song," and "Coming to Los Angeles." Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, and are available at the fine arts box office and Ticketmaster locations. Additional information can be found at www.ndsu.edu/finearts.

Science in the corporate world brown bag set

“Science as a Basis for Decision Making in the Corporate World,” a brown bag seminar presented by Catherine Woteki, global director of scientific affairs at Mars Inc., is scheduled for noon Wednesday, March 22, in the Memorial Union Century Theater.

Woteki is the first woman to hold the position of dean of Iowa State University's College of Agriculture. She also was the Department of Agriculture's first undersecretary for food safety.

Much of Woteki's career has focused on the affects of diet on health. She has conducted research in food safety and nutrition policy, chronic disease prevention and population health surveillance and monitoring.

The event is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU, and is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-5225.

Students to offer fine dining

NDSU students majoring in hospitality and tourism management will demonstrate their skills during an upcoming series of fine dining experiences.

Scheduled for 5-6 p.m. March 22, April 5 and April 12, the students of the restaurant operations management course will operate an upscale restaurant that features three-course meals and beverages. The class project is available to the public.

According to Joyce Hyunjoo Hwang, assistant professor of hospitality and tourism management, the hands-on learning opportunity allows students to implement their plans to build a commercial restaurant.

“The students in this course have years of experience working in the hospitality industry and have completed prerequisite courses,” Hwang said. “Their young and creative ideas will make these meals very enjoyable.”

Six students in three management teams explored different restaurant concepts and took a market survey to help determine menu items. Students will complete the course by evaluating their performance based on financial documents they produce, along with peer and self-evaluation.

The menu for March 22 includes roasted tomato soup with Parmesan wafers, spicy roast beef, vegetables and candy bar-stuffed baked apples. On April 5, the students plan to serve mixed green salad with raspberry poppy seed dressing; beef, pepper and mushroom kabobs; and apple crisp. Both dinners will be held in the Atrium of the Alumni Center.

The April 12 event, held in 310 EML, will be a take-out meal of Caesar salad, meat lasagna, garlic bread and espresso brownie. Delivery on campus is available.

Tickets will be pre-sold to public at \$10 per meal for the first two sit-down meals. The take-out meal is \$8 or \$25 for family size for four portions. For more information, contact Hwang at 1-8220 or Hyunjoo.Hwang@ndsu.edu.

Shorts and Reminders

Food production management meal

A “Dinner in Paradise” meal is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in the lower of West Dining Center. The menu includes house salads, sweet rolls, almond-crusted pork loin, veggie kabobs, sweet potatoes and macadamia cookies. Cost of the meal is \$6.75 or free to those on a meal plan. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are preferred. Call 1-7023 for reservations.

Union Food Court specials for March 15-22

Soup of the day

Wednesday: cook's choice
Thursday: cook's choice
Friday: cook's choice
Monday: beer cheese and chicken rice
Tuesday: cream of potato and chicken noodle
Wednesday: knoepfla and vegetarian vegetable

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: closed
Thursday: closed
Friday: closed
Monday: roast beef
Tuesday: Southwestern wrap
Wednesday: ham

A La Carte

Wednesday: closed
Thursday: closed
Friday: closed
Monday: General Tsao's chicken
Tuesday: tater tot casserole
Wednesday: carved honey glazed ham

Pizza Express

Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken
Thursday: bacon cheeseburger
Friday: taco
Monday: chicken supreme
Tuesday: farmhouse
Wednesday: meat lovers

Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: ham and cheese
Thursday: chicken Cordon Bleu
Friday: barbecue chicken
Monday: chicken strip
Tuesday: Philly steak
Wednesday: Italian

Entrée salad (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: cook's choice
Thursday: cook's choice
Friday: cook's choice
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 1-8122.

Positions Available

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

Assistant Manager-Production/#00020549
Dining Services-Residence Dining Center
\$12.45+/hour
Open until filled

Coffee Barista/#00019373
12 months; 40 hours/week
M-F; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Dining Services-Memorial Union
\$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/#00021832
Plant Sciences
\$25,000+/year
March 15

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

Desktop Support Specialist/#00020728
Information Technology Services
Salary commensurate with experience
March 20

NDSU Help Desk Consultant
Information Technology Services
Salary commensurate with experience
March 20

Associate Director-Operations and Facility Management/
#00019300
Memorial Union
\$48,000+/year
March 31 (extended)

Senior Project Manager
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE)
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

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

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

Calendar**March**

- Through March 17 Spring break
- 22 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar, Catherine Woteki, Mars Inc., “Science as a Basis for Decision Making in the Corporate World,” noon, Memorial Union Century Theater
- 24 Plant pathology—Pragyan Bulakoti, graduate assistant, “Diseases of Sugarbeet,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 24 Animal and range sciences—Jim Drouillard, Kansas State University, “Effects of Dietary Lipids on Immune Function, Growth Performance, Carcass Quality, Meat Composition, and Sensory Properties of Beef,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 25 Arlo Guthrie in concert—“Alice’s Restaurant 40th Anniversary Massacre Tour,” 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.
- 26 NDSU choir concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 30 Percussion Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 31 Plant pathology—Issa Qandah, graduate assistant, “Epidemiological Studies of Sclerotinia sclerotiorum on Canola,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 31 Plant sciences—Jenna Jansen, graduate student, “Root Development: Overlapping Signal Transduction Pathways;” Tao Wang, graduate student, “Radiation Hybrid Mapping-The Future of Genomic Studies in Crops,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 31 St. Louis Brass Quintet concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Free.

April

- 6-9 Little Country Theatre presents “Peer Gynt,” 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Askanase Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors, NDSU faculty, staff, alumni and non-NDSU students; and \$4 for NDSU students.
- 6 Red River Psychology Conference—Hart Blanton, Texas A&M University, “Whoops! Maybe You Aren’t Racist: A Critical Analysis of the Implicit Association of Implicit Bias,” 7:30 p.m., Alumni Center
- 7 Red River Psychology Conference—8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room, Meadowlark Room and Dakota Ballroom
- 7 Plant pathology—Vineeta Bilgi, graduate assistant, “Evaluation of Dry Bean Cultivars for Resistance to Fusarium Root Rot Under Field and Controlled Conditions,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114

- 8 Faculty recital—Virginia Sublett, soprano, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 11 NDSU Health Fair, “Passport to Health,” 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. Free to all NDSU students, faculty and staff.
- 12 Softball vs. St. Cloud State University, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 13-14 Little Country Theatre presents “Peer Gynt,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors, NDSU faculty, staff, alumni and non-NDSU students; and \$4 for NDSU students.
- 14 Baseball vs. Valley City State University, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 14 Good Friday holiday—university closed
- 19 Softball vs. University of Minnesota-Duluth, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 20 Woodwind night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 21 Plant pathology—Robert Stack, professor of plant pathology, “Whatever Happened to Root Rot of Wheat?” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 21 Softball vs. South Dakota State University, 5 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 21 Saxophone Chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 22 Softball vs. South Dakota State University, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 24 Jazz Lab Ensemble and Lab Band concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 27 Varsity Band concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 28 Plant pathology—Sameer Khot, graduate assistant, “Evaluation of Brassica napus Accessions for Resistance to *S. sclerotiorum* Under Greenhouse and Field Conditions,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 28 Harlem Gospel Choir in concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$35 for loge, \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.
- 29 Concert Band concert featuring guest conductor Craig Kirchoff, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 30 Spring choral concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

May

- 3 Baseball vs. University of Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 4-5 Opera workshop presents “Gianni Schicchi,” 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 5 Last day of classes
- 5 Plant pathology—Maria Nihlgard, Sygenta Seeds, Sweden, “Plant Pathology Research at Hilleshog/Syngenta,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 5 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, 7 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 6 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, noon and 3 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 6 Softball vs. University of Mary, noon and 2 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 6 Musical Theater Troupe spring showcase, 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Free.
- 7 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, 1 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 9 Baseball vs. Creighton University, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 12 Commencement, 5 p.m., Fargodome

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