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March 29, 2006 NDSU

# NDSU group seeks exchanges with India

A group of NDSU representatives recently traveled to India to explore the potential for increased exchanges and collaborations with institutions in that country. David Wittrock, dean of graduate and interdisciplinary studies; Gary Smith, dean of engineering and architecture; Kenneth Magel, professor and chair of computer science; and Lisa Hauck, associate director for international programs, were in India March 2-13.

They joined Sudhir Mehta, associate vice president for academic affairs, who currently is in India working on developing institutional partnerships.

The group's first stop was the Ansal Institute of Technology (AIT), Gurgaon. NDSU and AIT have partnered in a "twinning program," in which AIT students complete three years of coursework in India and then travel to NDSU to finish their degrees. The NDSU team toured the AIT campus, and met with administrators, faculty, staff and students. They also attended a conference co-sponsored by NDSU and AIT on partnerships between business and education that attracted more than 100 people from academia, government and industry.

The NDSU group members also visited the Indian Institute of Technology's Delhi and Mumbai campuses and the International Institute of Information Technology, Pune, to discuss the possibility of faculty exchanges and research collaborations. They also met with John Deere Technology Center representatives about internship opportunities.

"I went knowing India has experienced huge growth in job opportunities in the technology sector, but the single most striking thing was how much construction is occurring," Wittrock said. "Hundreds of miles of roads are being built, along with offices, apartments and technology parks. It's just astounding. There is clearly a need for additional educated people to sustain India's growth."

That growth offers NDSU an opportunity to provide educational programs, Wittrock said, and the trip is an outgrowth of NDSU's interest in advancing and participating in the global marketplace. He said having international students come to NDSU broadens students' perspectives, while exposing both the visitors and hosts to different concepts.

"I certainly see a lot of possibilities within engineering, computer science, software engineering and business," Wittrock said of future potential. "Absolutely, it was a successful trip. We all left India with a sense of opportunity and real sense that positive things could grow out of this."

# Chapman withdraws as Wyoming candidate

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman withdrew March 27 as a candidate for the presidency of the University of Wyoming. He was one of three finalists for the position.

Chapman announced his decision at a rally organized NDSU students, who wanted to encourage him to stay. "I don't think I can go. I have some phone calls to make to Wyoming," he told a packed crowd of faculty, staff and students at the Memorial Union. "Thank you for making this one of the best presidencies anywhere in the country. This is really an incredible university."

Kevin Teigen, student body president, said, "President Chapman has done things that no other president has, and will take us to even higher levels in the years to come."

The complete story is available at www.ndsu.edu/news.

# 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 <a href="https://www.ndsu.edu/smile-ndsu">www.ndsu.edu/smile-ndsu</a> 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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# NDSU among best places to work for postdoctoral researchers

The Scientist magazine has named NDSU one of the best places to work in 2006 for individuals pursuing postdoctoral positions, placing it in the top 35 research institutions in North America.

In its annual ranking contained in the March 2006 issue, the magazine noted that "this year's top-ranking research institutions in The Scientist's Best Places to Work survey offer postdocs such important features as collaborative, intellectually challenging environments, quality research facilities and flexibility in designing and conducting research projects." The survey recognized NDSU's strength of benefits and facilities provided for postdocs. NDSU was ranked as 34th in the survey.

Postdoctoral researchers are individuals who have completed their doctoral studies at a university and are working on research in their area of expertise. Postdoctoral research appointments can vary in length of time and are often a path to gain additional knowledge and establish a career in scientific research.

"Postdocs are the future of scientific discovery, and as they consider their career opportunities, this ranking will show how NDSU offers significant professional opportunities," said President Joseph A. Chapman. "Combine professional opportunity with our community's standard of living, and we can offer advantages to individuals that will be difficult to beat. This ranking is further evidence of how NDSU's growth as a national research university meets North Dakota's goals of attracting and retaining people."

NDSU also is listed among "Research Universities (high research activity)" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in its new "basic" classifications of United States colleges and universities.

"Attracting highly qualified people for postdoctoral and other research positions is important to continued growth of NDSU as a research institution and to the development of the Red River Valley Research Corridor," said Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer. "Being named among the best 35 places to work in North America highlights the benefits we have to offer."

The Scientist is a monthly publication with a circulation of more than 70,000, providing coverage of developments in life sciences including research, technology and business.

Other institutions named in The Scientist's rankings were the National Institutes of Health, Vanderbilt University, Cornell University, Harvard Medical School, Duke University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Iowa and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### Annual fire and safety inspections begin

The Office of Safety and Environmental Health is starting the annual fire and safety building inspections, according to Bill Vandal, safety and compliance specialist.

According to Vandal, some of the common violations found in offices include:

- Power strips must be plugged into their own outlet, and cannot be plugged into an extension cord. All appliances must be plugged directly into the power strip without the use of an extension cord. Permanent use of extension cords is prohibited.
- Trip hazards and cluttered offices. Keep all hallways and traffic areas clear of slip and trip hazards. Electrical cords must be put in a cord channel if they cross a traffic area. Cords cannot be taped to the walking surface, or placed under a rug; they must be put in a cord channel. Keep office, storage, and work areas free of clutter. Remember to recycle old magazines and papers; do not stack them in the corner of your office.
- All electrical and telephone panels are required to have a three-foot clearance in front of them for easy access. Panels also are required to be properly labeled. If the electrical panel contains any open breaker spaces, contact Facilities Management.
- Work areas that contain chemicals or hazardous materials need to have updated Material Safety Data Sheets available and checked regularly.
- Space heaters must be equipped with an automatic shut-off device, and be plugged into a power strip or their own outlet.
   Use of a space heater with an extension cord is prohibited.
   All space heaters must be purchased through Facilities
   Management central stores.
- Office or break room appliances are to be "UL"approved.
   Coffee pots must have a 2-hour automatic shut-off feature.
   Any appliances brought from home will be inspected and must meet the same safety standards as does NDSU property.
- All oral medications must be removed from first aid kits and disposed of properly. First aid kits can be purchased at Facilities Management central stores. For proper procedures on first aid kits contact the University Police and Safety Office.
- Any area that uses liquid hazardous waste accumulation containers must keep them closed except when adding more waste material to the container. No funnels in the neck or uncapped containers are allowed.

Vandal also indicated that the campus is expected to undergo a comprehensive inventory of all building materials during the coming year to determine the location of asbestos containing materials (ACM). According to Vandal, asbestos-containing material that is in good condition presents only a very slight hazard, however, attaching decorative items to the ACM may disturb the material and should be avoided.

For further information, contact Vandal at *william.vandal@ndsu.edu* or 1-5637.

# 'NATURE' program seeks faculty participation

Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education (NATURE), an outreach project established to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education among North Dakota tribal college and tribal high school students, seeks additional participation from NDSU and University of North Dakota faculty.

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Sponsored by ND EPSCoR, the project supports collaborative participation between mathematics, science and engineering faculty from the two universities and the North Dakota tribal colleges. Programs include a summer camp for tribal college students and faculty at NDSU, summer camps for high school students at four tribal colleges and Sunday Academies during academic year.

During 2006-07, the project will continue to develop activities focused on environment, renewable energy and nano-technology.

Interested faculty members should contact Wei Lin, associate professor of civil engineering and construction management, at wei.lin@ndsu.edu or 1-6288.

# Chapman appoints information safeguarding taskforce

President Joseph A. Chapman has appointed an information safeguarding taskforce to assess NDSU's computer information and security needs.

The taskforce, chaired by Tom Moberg, vice provost and chief information officer, and Rick Johnson, general counsel, was established to develop a comprehensive information safeguarding initiative for the university, and to make sure that NDSU has all the necessary policies, procedures, committees and infrastructure in place to provide a secure electronic information environment.

Faculty, staff, students, research extension centers, NDSU Extension Service and the North Dakota Forest Service are represented on the taskforce.

The taskforce has been charged with carrying out the following tasks:

- Develop a mission statement for safeguarding information contained on NDSU network services and electronic communications equipment.
- Review the charge, membership and activities of all existing campus committees related to information safeguarding, and identify opportunities or requirements for improvements.
- Review all NDUS and NDSU policies related to security and privacy of information stored on servers and desktop computers attached to the campus network, and make recommendations for ensuring that the university is in compliance with the policies.
- Review relevant laws relating to information safeguarding and make recommendations for making sure NDSU is in compliance with the laws.
- Review NDSU's business continuity and disaster recovery policies and procedures related to information security and privacy, and make recommendations for improvement where necessary.
- Identify other action steps, including education and training activities, that will help ensure adherence to laws, policies and procedures related to privacy and security of personallyidentifiable information.

For more information about the taskforce, contact Moberg at 1-5843 or *Tom.Moberg@ndsu.edu*, or Johnson at 1-7215 or *Rick.Johnson@ndsu.edu*.

# Levis Cross Ranch Fellowship applications sought

Applications are being accepted for the Robert H. Levis II Cross Ranch Fellowship to be awarded to a first- or second-year graduate student in botany, range management or a closely related field of natural resources management.

The one-year, \$4,000 award will be made to a student on the basis of academic record, commitment to one of the required disciplines and an interview with the faculty selection committee. The selection committee includes committee chair Ted Esslinger, professor of biological sciences; William Barker, professor of animal and range sciences; and Gary Clambey, associate professor of biological sciences. The fellowship can be used as a stipend for the recipient or in support of graduate research expenses.

The fellowship is supported by an endowment established by a donation from that late Robert H. Levis II and subsequent contributions from the trust fund of Levis' widow, in memory of her late husband.

The well-known Cross Ranch, located near the Missouri River west of Washburn, N.D., was owned by the Levis family and is now managed by the Nature Conservancy.

Eligible students should apply in writing. Written faculty nominations of graduate students also are accepted. Applications and nominations, along with a copy of all pertinent transcripts, should be sent to Ted Esslinger, Chair, Cross Ranch Fellowship Selection Committee, Department of Biological Sciences, Stevens Hall 218. Application deadline is Friday, April 21.

# ITS implements e-newsletter

Information Technology Services has introduced "ITS News and Events," a Web-based news application used to distribute ITS news to the campus community.

Identified as a central repository for ITS news, the electronic versionreplaces the paper-based newsletter "NewsFlash," and is expected to help reduce the number of e-mails sent to campus listservs.

Categories have been established for students, faculty and staff, outage notifications and the Higher Education Computing Network. Information from each category is available for use as news feeds on other Web sites.

To subscribe, visit www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/its/news. For more information, contact Jessie Johnson, ITS communications coordinator, at 1-6108 or Jessica.L.Johnson@ndsu.edu.

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# Srivastava receives NIH grant

D. K. Srivastava, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, has received a five-year, \$1.25 million grant from National Institute of Health's (NIH) National Cancer Institute to investigate "Catalysis and Inhibition of Gelatinases." Sanku Mallik is co-principal investigator.

The grant will be used primarily to investigate the enzymological studies of gelatinase-catalyzed reactions in order to understand their structural/functional relationships as well as inhibitory features. Both isoforms—gelatinase-A and gelatinase-B—are directly involved in cancer progression and metastasis, as well as tissue remodeling and the healing of wounds.

According to Srivastava, the design of inhibitors against these enzymes and their targeted delivery to cancerous tissues are of significant importance in the area of the cancer research.

Using synthetic organic chemistry, cellular and molecular biology, electronic spectroscopy, enzyme kinetics and thermodynamics, and molecular model building approaches, the group has conducted studies of drug design, drug delivery and diagnostics of at least 10 types of pathogenic enzymes known to cause human diseases.

"The strength of our collaborative team lies in our complementary scientific expertise, and this has been a major boost of research productivity in the recent years," Srivastava said.

**Events** 

# LCT presents 'Peer Gynt'

The Little Country Theater will close its 92nd season with the production "Peer Gynt," Henrik Ibsen's satirical view of the human condition. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 6-8 and April 13-14, and 2 p.m. April 9, in Askanase Auditorium.

Based on Norwegian folklore, the play follows the adventures of its title character, a self-centered, opportunistic rogue who travels the world in search of fame, fortune and himself. Adapted for the stage from his poem, Ibsen combines comedy, tragedy and satire of popular 19th century trends in "Peer Gynt," presented in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the playwright's death.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and non-NDSU students and \$4 for NDSU students. Tickets are available at the fine arts box office or by calling 1-9442. More information is available online at www.ndsu.edu/finearts.

### Civil Education Month events planned

A variety of programs focused on diversity, civil rights, social justice and community service has been scheduled for April during NDSU's sixth annual Civil Education Month. All events are free and open to the public. For more information on the events listed, call the Student Activities Office at 1-7787 or visit www.ndsu.edu/memorial\_union/civicengagement.

Gay Pride Week, sponsored by the Ten Percent Society, is set for April 3-7. Scheduled events include a Safe Zone Ally training session at 9 a.m., Wednesday, April 5, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room; a showing of the film "But I'm a Cheerleader" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, in the Memorial Union Century Theater; "Ally Appreciation Day" Friday, April 7, and "Prom" at 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Jena Gullo, executive director of the GOD'S CHILD Project North Central and long-time missionary, is scheduled to present "Surviving the Streets of Guatemala" at noon Wednesday, April 5, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. Gullo's presentation will address the social dynamics of living in a Third World country, and explore an alternative approach to combating the cycle of poverty. The event is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU.

Judith Lorber, professor emeritus of sociology and women's studies at Brooklyn College and the graduate school, City University of New York, is scheduled to present "Workers Have Families: Degendering the Workplace" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in Beckwith Recital Hall. Sponsored by the NDSU FORWARD committee, WISMET and the President's Diversity Council.

An ice cream social sponsored by the Residence Hall Association is set for 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in West Dining Center.

The presentation "Civility in the Classroom" is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, in the Century Theater. A panel of NDSU students, faculty and staff will share their experiences and concerns regarding issues of civility, disagreement and negotiating differences to maintain a positive environment through civil conversation, both in and out of the classroom.

Diversity issues expert Jane Elliott will present "The Anatomy of Prejudice," scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, in Festival Concert Hall. While teaching third grade, Elliott developed the blue-eyed/brown-eyed exercise to teach the effects of racism. Elliott is the recipient of the National Mental Health Association Award for Excellence in Education and the Christine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice. Sponsored by the Memorial Union, Campus Attractions, Residence Life, Multicultural Student Services and the President's Diversity Council.

Bismarck, N.D., native Patrick Atkinson is set to present "Contemporary Slavery—It Didn't End with the Civil War," at noon, Wednesday, April 12, in the Peace Garden Room. The founder and executive director of the GOD'S CHILD Project international charities, Atkinson will discuss the past, present and future of human trafficking. He has recently founded the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited and Missing Persons (ITEMP), an international coalition of concerned government and non-government agencies dedicated to increasing public awareness of and ending contemporary labor and sexual slavery.

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The Volunteer Network is sponsoring a "Dress for Success" women's clothing drive April 18-31. Women's new or "gently used" professional attire, accessories and new, unopened cosmetics and personal hygiene products may be donated in the Memorial Union room 360.

"Boxes and Walls," an experiential "museum" built by students, is set to be open for tours 9 a.m.-8p.m. Wednesday, April 19, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in the Prairie Rose Room. The one-hour interactive tour addresses issues of society's power and privilege, past and present, through rooms sponsored by student organizations including the Black Student Association, Feminist Majority, Residence Hall Association/Residence Life and the Ten Percent Society. Groups of 15 or more are asked to reserve a time by calling 1-7787.

Showings of the film "North Country" are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22 in the Century Theater. A discussion following each 7 p.m. showing is planned. Based on a true story of the first class-action sexual harassment lawsuit, the movie takes place at a Minnesota Iron Range taconite mine. A film discussion also is scheduled for noon Monday, April 24, in the Peace Garden Room. A panel of speakers will share their reactions to the film, information about the workers who filed the lawsuit and information on sexual harassment in the workplace. Sponsored by Campus Attractions.

"LGBT Families: Striving for Equity in North Dakota" is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Prairie Rose Room. Equality North Dakota (END) steering committee chair Gina Powers, will explore bias against North Dakota's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered population and the struggles of one North Dakota family headed by a same-sex couple as they strive to gain legitimate social recognition. END is the statewide advocacy organization for LGBT North Dakotans and allies.

Author and social activist Paul Loeb is set to present "Soul of a Citizen" at noon Wednesday, April 26, in the Memorial Union University Chamber. Loeb will share stories describing ways in which ordinary people can, and have, made extraordinary things happen to improve issues of poverty, homelessness, hunger, war and violence in their communities. Sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU.

### NDSU to host visual arts festival

The Department of Visual Arts is scheduled to host the 2006 Minnesota High School Visual Arts Festival April 19-26. An estimated 16–23 schools may participate.

According to Kimble A. Bromley, coordinator of the Department of Visual Arts, works of art will be mounted in NDSU Downtown's art gallery, first-floor hallway, conference room and main foyer. He said six judges, including artists and arts administrators and educators from the area, are scheduled to judge the show on April 20-21. The exhibit will be open to the public to view from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

In addition, on April 26, between 150-200 high school students and their teachers will come to NDSU Downtown to view the exhibition, participate in up to seven workshops presented by art faculty and students, visit the Plains Art Museum and attend an awards ceremony.

For more information, contact Bromley at *Kimble.Bromley@ndsu.edu*.

### Leadership program scheduled

A special presentation titled "Leadership Through Crisis: Never Leave a Fallen Comrade," is scheduled for 11 a.m.-noon April 12, in the Memorial Union Dakota Ballroom. The presentation, which will showcase the story of leadership through the eyes of two soldiers, is sponsored by NDSU and the North Dakota Army National Guard.

Speakers will include Silver Star recipient Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Remington and retired Sgt. Brandon Erickson, a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient. Both were members of the Guard's 957th Multi-role Bridge Company on duty in Iraq, when their convoy came under attack in July 2003.

Remington, a veteran of more than 30 deployments, will share his story and discuss leadership fundamentals. A native of South Dakota, he joined the Army in 1982. Remington was part of an invasion force sent to Grenada to secure the release of American medical students and bring stability to the island. He also has worked extensively in Central and South America while a member of the U.S. Army's Green Berets. He earned his associate's degree from the University of the State of New York. Remington joined the Army National Guard in 1998. He recently completed a tour in Iraq with the 142nd Engineer Battalion in Fargo and is currently assigned to the Joint Forces Headquarters in Bismarck, N.D.

Erickson, who lost his right arm in the attack, will describe his experiences in Iraq and talk about the leader who saved his life. A native of Bismarck, Erickson joined the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1999. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota, and is currently attending California State University, Fresno, where he is working toward his master's degree of public administration. He and his wife, Dana, live in Clovis, Calif.

A brief question and answer session will be held after the presentation. Refreshments also will be available.

# Psychology student conference, department open house set

The Red River Psychology Conference is scheduled for April 6-7 on the NDSU campus. The event recognizes student research accomplishments and offers students and other attendees an opportunity to report on their research activities.

The conference is set to open with a keynote presentation by Hart Blanton, Texas A&M University, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in the Alumni Center. Poster and paper presentations, a luncheon address by Blanton, and a reception and awards ceremony are planned for Friday, April 7, in the Memorial Union.

The conference is open to everyone, and registration is free. Event details, times and locations are available at www.cvn. psych.ndsu.nodak.edu/RRC/.

NDSU's Department of Psychology also has scheduled an open house for 2-5 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in Minard 120. Visitors will have an opportunity to tour the department's labs and facilities, observe demonstrations and interact with students and faculty. Students, faculty and staff are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Stephane.Rainville@ndsu.edu.

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### 'Physics of superheros' lecture scheduled

"The Uncanny Physics of Superhero Comic Books," a presentation by James Kakalios, professor of physics at the University of Minnesota, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in Festival Concert Hall.

Kakalios' lecture addresses issues including how strong a person would have to be to leap a tall building in a single bound, and whether Spiderman's webbing is as strong as real spider's silk and could it support his weight as he swings between buildings.

The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Physics, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the College of Science and Mathematics and the Cooperative Sponsorship Committee.

# Lecture on Mexican-American women in the Northern Plains set

"Barefoot Hearts: Mexican-American Women's Voices in the Northern Plains," a lecture presented by Carol Pearson, associate professor of modern languages, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, in Beckwith Recital Hall.

In the lecture, Pearson will address the lack of inclusion of the voices of Spanish-speaking women in the Upper Midwest's historical records, and the recovery of those voices through the novels and autobiographies of Rolando Hinojosa, Tomas Rivera and Elva Trevino Hart.

In addition, she will focus on the oral histories of women in Fargo-Moorhead's Spanish-speaking communities whose families originally came to the area to work in the sugar beet fields.

The program, sponsored by the North Dakota Humanities Council, is open to the public. For more information, contact the council at (800) 338-6543.

### **Shorts and Reminders**

Halbur, Spelhaug give presentation

Kimberly Halbur, assistant dean of pharmacy, and graduate assistant Taya Spelhaug presented "Multicultural Affairs in Pharmacy: Recruiting and Retention" at the annual meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) in Higher Education held March 10-15 in Washington, D.C.

### **Union Food Court specials for March 29-April 5**

Soup of the day

Wednesday: minestrone and baked potato Thursday: vegetable beef and chicken tortilla Friday: chicken dumpling and navy bean Monday: chili beef and knoepfla

Tuesday: beer cheese and chicken noodle Wednesday: wild ice and vegetarian vegetable

#### The Corner Deli

Wednesday: Italian Thursday: turkey bacon Friday: your choice Monday: chicken

Tuesday: turkey club wrap

Wednesday: ham

#### A La Carte

Wednesday: carved turkey breast Thursday: chicken Parmesan Friday: scalloped potatoes and ham Monday: sweet and sour chicken Tuesday: cavatini hot dish Wednesday: carved pork loin

### Pizza Express

Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken

Thursday: Hawaiian Friday: taco Monday: Tuscany Tuesday: farmhouse Wednesday: Thundar

### Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

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

Tuesday: Philly stea Wednesday: Italian

#### 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 Assistant/#00019379 Electrical and Computer Engineering \$25,000+/year March 29

Receptionist Dickinson R/E Center (DREC) Dickinson, N.D. \$16,600+/year April 28

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

Open until filled

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Account Technician/#00023962 12 months; 20 hours/week Biological Sciences \$12,000+/year March 29

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

Research Specialist Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) \$43,000+/year March 31

Engineer Apprentice One-year, temporary benefited position Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) \$36,000+/year March 31

Research Engineer/#00021664 Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering Salary commensurate with experience Open until filled

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

Associate Director-Operations and Facility Management/#00019300 Memorial Union \$48,000+/year

\$48,000+/year March 31 (extended)

Environmental Health Technician/#00024359 University Police and Safety Office \$28,000+/year April 3

Web Support Specialist/#00019393 NDSU Libraries \$28,000+/year April 6

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

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

### Calendar

### March

- 29 International Week—Study abroad fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 29 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar "Is This America or Did I Take a Left Turn? Experiences of Reverse Culture Shock," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 29 Physics/electrical and computer engineering—
   James Kakalios, University of Minnesota,
   "Conductance Fluctuations: From Amorphous
   Semiconductors to the Cerebral Cortex," 3 p.m.,
   South Engineering 221
- 29 English—Reading and discussion of poems by Cindy Nichols, senior lecturer in English, and David Martinson, lecturer in English, 3:30 p.m., Minard 340
- 29 Physics—James Kakalios, University of Minnesota,
   "The Uncanny Physics of Superhero Comic Books,"
   7 p.m. Festival Concert Hall
- 29 International Week—"Motorcycle Diaries," 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 30 International Week—International buffet meal, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Alumni Center. Call 1-7895 for tickets.
- 30 Percussion Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 31 International Week—"Interacting with International Students," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden
- 31 Plant pathology—Issa Qandah, graduate assistant, "Epidemiological Studies of Sclerotinia sclerotiorum on Canola," 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 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 Psychology—Gregory Hanley, University of Kansas, Establishing Repertoires to Prevent the Development of Problem Behavior," 3:30 p.m., Minard Annex 138
- 31 International Week—International Night, 7-10 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 31 St. Louis Brass Quintet concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Free.

# April

Multicultural Student Services—Indian taco sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Alumni Center. Tickets are \$6.50 and are available in Multicultural Student Services or by calling 1-1029. page 8 It's Happening, March 29, 2006

- North Dakota Humanities Council—Carol Pearson, associate professor of modern languages, "Barefoot Hearts: Mexican-American Women's Voices in the Northern Plains," 7 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall
- 5 Civil Education Month—Safe Zone Ally training session, 9 a.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 5 YMCA of NDSU/Civil Education Month—Jena Gullo, GOD'S CHILD Project North Dakota, "Surviving the Streets of Guatemala," noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 5 Civil Education Month/Gay Pride Week—"But I'm a Cheerleader," 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 6 Psychology—department open house, 2-5 p.m., Minard 120
- 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
- 6 Civil Education Month—Ice cream social sponsored by Residence Hall Association, 8 p.m., West Dining Center

University Relations North Dakota State University PO Box 5167 Fargo, ND 58105 Red River Psychology Conference—8:30 a.m. 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
- 7 Plant sciences—Monika Michalak, graduate student, "Comparative Genomics and Colinearity Between Wheat and Rice," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 7 Civil Education Month/Gay Pride Week—"Prom," 8 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 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.
- 11 Civil Education Month—"Civility in the Classroom" panel discussion, 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 11 Civil Education Month—Jane Elliott, diversity expert, "The Anatomy of Prejudice," 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall