

## University units get new names

The State Board of Higher Education approved new names for two university units at its April 6 meeting. The Graduate School has been re-named the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, and the College of Business Administration is now the College of Business.

"The Graduate School was re-organized last summer, and our new name reflects that re-alignment," said David Wittrock, dean of graduate and interdisciplinary studies. "In the past, interdisciplinary programs did not have a clear place in NDSU's academic structure, and we feel this puts them in a position in which to grow and thrive."

Last July, responsibility for Distance and Continuing Education and several interdisciplinary graduate programs was added to the office's duties of graduate programs and university studies. "Distance and Continuing Education is campuswide by nature, and this more directly ties it to our academic structure," Wittrock said. "The new name captures the scope of our responsibilities in an efficient manner."

The new title for the College of Business also is seen as an important move. "While the removal of 'Administration' from the name of the college may appear relatively innocuous, it addresses two issues," explained Ron Johnson, dean of business. "First, as a practical matter, most individuals refer to the college as the College of Business. Secondly, we are a 'college of business' and the inclusion of the word administration could inadvertently imply a more narrow perspective than is true."

According to Johnson, the college was established in 1987, and received national accreditation for its undergraduate and graduate program in 2001 by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. "The shorter name better and more accurately describes the college's current programs, research and activities," Johnson said.

## Commencement set for Friday

More than 900 students are expected to participate in NDSU commencement ceremonies scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the Fargodome.

According to Rhonda Kitch, assistant registrar, 923 students had stated by May 3 that they intend to participate in the event. There are 1,414 graduate and undergraduate students eligible for spring graduation.

During the ceremony, alumnus Steve Swiontek, chairman, president and CEO of Gate City Bank, Fargo, is set to receive an honorary doctorate. A native of Edgeley, N.D., he is a 1978 NDSU graduate in business administration. His career includes a lengthy list of public service activities, and he is a former state legislator and former member of the Fargo School Board.

Sarah Klein, a bachelor's degree candidate majoring in zoology, is the commencement student speaker. A native of Carrington, N.D., she carries a 4.0 grade point average; and she was a four-time All-American on the NDSU women's track and field team.

Additional information about commencement is available at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/deott/comm/](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/deott/comm/).

### Summer publication dates set for 'It's Happening'

Regular weekly publication of "It's Happening at State" will end for the semester with this issue. Summer editions are planned for June 14 and July 19, and weekly publication is set to resume Aug. 16. Submission deadlines are at noon June 8 and July 13. Deadline for the Aug. 16 issue is noon Aug. 10. News and event updates will be available online on "It's Happening Today" at [www.ndsu.edu/news](http://www.ndsu.edu/news) as information becomes available.

### Summer hours to begin May 15

Summer hours for NDSU employees will begin Monday, May 15, and run through Friday, Aug. 11. Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with 30 minutes for lunch. Regular hours will resume Monday, Aug. 14.

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## School of Education receives professional accreditation

NDSU's School of Education has received accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education.

"NCATE accreditation affirms that our programs are future oriented and are preparing teachers who can connect theory to practice and be effective in an actual classroom. North Dakota is a partner with NCATE, which means that our accreditation also earns state approval for our programs," explained Virginia Clark Johnson, dean of human development and education.

"We are excited that we received accreditation for the full period of time—seven years," she said. "Our faculty, staff and students deserve lots of recognition and thanks for their efforts in this process."

The U. S. Department of Education recognizes NCATE as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges and departments of education. Founded in 1954, NCATE is composed of more than 30 professional and policymaker organizations committed to quality teaching.

To receive NCATE accreditation, schools must meet rigorous standards set by the profession and members of the public. Those standards are revised every five years to incorporate best practice and research to reflect a consensus about what is important in teacher preparation.

NCATE currently accredits 623 institutions, which produce two-thirds of the nation's new teacher graduates each year. Ninety-nine institutions are candidates or pre-candidates for accreditation.

More information about NCATE is available at [www.ncate.org](http://www.ncate.org).

## Libraries summer hours announced

The NDSU Libraries begins its regular summer session schedule Tuesday, May 16. Main Library hours are:

Monday-Thursday—7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday—7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday—closed

Sunday—5-9 p.m.

Branch Libraries hours are:

Monday-Friday—7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday—closed

All NDSU Libraries will be closed Saturday-Monday, May 27-29, for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. A current listing of hours is available on the Libraries' Web page at [www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu), or by calling 1-9456.

## Boudjouk testifies on nanotechnology before Senate subcommittee

Phil Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer, was set to testify before a Senate trade, tourism and economic development subcommittee hearing May 4 on the NDSU's groundbreaking nanotechnology research and its potential to spur economic development.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, a ranking member of the subcommittee, invited Boudjouk to testify about NDSU's partnerships with the private sector and federal government for research and commercialization of nanotechnology. According to Dorgan, work done at NDSU puts North Dakota at the cutting edge of the world's nanotechnology research, and has helped build a strong reputation for the state and boost the region's economy.

"Phil Boudjouk can speak to not only the fascinating possibilities that nanotechnology presents for our future, but also the way an investment in this research can be used to cultivate new, high-paying jobs for North Dakotans and provide new brainpower to the region's business community," Dorgan said. "This is exciting work that will lead us into a new age of technology, and it's being done right here in the Red River Valley Research Corridor."

"It's an honor for me to have the chance to tell Congress the story of our success in nanotechnology," Boudjouk said. "Sen. Dorgan has helped us spawn strong relationships with the private sector that have led to significant economic development in the Fargo area."

## Industry, government leaders attend scab update summit

Approximately 50 agriculture industry and government leaders attended an NDSU scab update summit held April 25 at the North Central Research Extension Center, Minot, N.D.

"This was a chance for us to highlight the scab (fusarium head blight) research and field work that is taking place at NDSU, both in Fargo and at the Research Extension Centers," said D.C. Coston, vice president for agriculture and university Extension. "The summit highlighted how all our efforts tied together and showed the leaders how our efforts are continuing."

NDSU economists estimate that North Dakota producers had \$157 million in direct losses from scab in 2005, with a total impact of direct and secondary losses of more than \$500 million.

"Losses in 2005 would have been much greater if management strategies for farmers developed through NDSU research and Extension efforts had not been in place," Coston says.

President Joseph Chapman gave the summit's opening remarks. NDSU presenters included Marcia McMullen, professor of plant pathology; Terry Gregoire, Extension agent in area Extension programs, Devils Lake, N.D.; Brian Sorenson, Extension specialist in Extension plant sciences; Bill Wilson, professor of agribusiness and applied economics; and Rich Horsley, professor of plant sciences.

## People

### Harrold receives Blue Key Doctor of Service

Robert Harrold, director of accreditation and assessment and assistant dean for academic programs in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources, received the prestigious Doctor of Service Award at the annual Blue Key National Honor Society honors banquet May 1.

First presented in 1930, the award recognizes leaders and role models who guide and support through action and deeds.

"After being the adviser to Blue Key for six years, I know the significance of this award. It means a lot to me," said Harrold, who served as the group's adviser from 1998-2004. "The recognition is greatly appreciated."

Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Ed Deckard, professor of plant sciences; and Brenda Deckard, director of plant sciences student services, gave speeches at the banquet in support of Harrold's nomination.

Schnell said Harrold's middle name should be "service" because of the countless hours he devotes to NDSU, while Ed Deckard said, "People that serve are happy people. Bob's contagious smile rubs off on everybody."

"Dr. Bob' has been well deserving of this honor for a very long time," Blue Key president Dylan Knipple said. "He is a teacher, adviser, leader and friend to many whose fuel for life is service to others."

Harrold joined the NDSU faculty in 1968. His previous honors include college-level awards for teaching and academic advising, university-level awards for academic advising and advising of organizations, recognition by Student Affairs for contributions to the program and chairing two regional teaching symposia.

Actively involved in campus activities, Harrold participates in the University Assessment Committee, General Education Committee, College Student Inventory Committee, University Studies Program Review Committee and Retention Management Committee. He also is the coordinator for four-year institutions in the North Dakota University System agriculture articulation activities.

Harrold received his bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in animal nutrition at Purdue University.

Blue Key, with a motto of "Serving I Live," is a national honor society that recognizes leadership, scholarship and service. In addition to its awards and scholarships, the organization produces the annual Homecoming Show and the Bison Brevities talent show. The NDSU chapter, organized in 1927, was the 28th chapter to be established in the country.

### Promotions, tenure approved

The 2006 list for NDSU faculty promotions and tenure has been finalized. Tenure was granted by the State Board of Higher Education at its April 6 meeting. Promotions were approved by President Joseph A. Chapman.

#### Promotion to professor

- Jim Coykendall, mathematics
- Rajendra Katti, electrical and computer engineering
- Bill Martin, mathematics
- Robert Nelson, electrical and computer engineering
- Kent Rodgers, chemistry
- Richard Zollinger, plant sciences

#### Promotion to associate professor and tenure

- Thomas Ambrosio, criminal justice and political science
- Canan Bilen-Green, industrial and manufacturing engineering
- Mark Boetel, entomology
- Sean Brotherson, child development and family science
- Marcelo Carena, plant sciences
- Tom Carlson, child development and family science
- Frank Casey, soil science
- Dennis Cooley, history
- Cheryl DeVuyst, agribusiness and applied economics
- Pam Hansen, health, nutrition and exercise sciences
- Joel Hektner, child development and family science
- Kirk Howatt, plant sciences
- Eakalak Kahn, civil engineering
- Bonnie Klammm, accounting information systems
- Catherine Logue, veterinary and microbiological sciences
- J.W. Schroeder, animal and range sciences
- Claire Strom, history

#### Promotion to associate professor

- Norma Kiser-Larson, nursing

#### Tenure

- Stuart Croll, coatings and polymeric materials
- Stephen Foster, entomology
- Marion Harris, entomology
- Sanku Mallik, pharmaceutical sciences

### ND WRRRI graduate research fellowships announced

Eight NDSU graduate students have received fellowships for the 2006-07 academic year from the North Dakota Water Resources Research Institute (ND WRRRI).

Recipient selection and fellowship amounts are based on competitive proposals received from the students and their advisers. Proposed projects should relate to state or regional water resources research issues. Proposals were reviewed by state water resource professionals.

NDSU recipients and their advisers are Ali Tackett, biological sciences, advised by Craig Stockwell; Ara Anderson, biological sciences, advised by Malcolm Butler; Christopher Hill, civil engineering, advised by Eakalak Khan; Dan McEwen, biological sciences, advised by Malcolm Butler; Kendall Goltz, natural resources, advised by Jay Leitch; Mary Schuh, soil science, advised by Francis Casey; and Michael Newbrey, biological sciences, advised by Alan Ashworth.

Funding for the fellowship program is provided through an annual grant given to the ND WRRRI by the U.S. Geological Survey.

For more information, contact ND WRRRI director G. Padmanabhan, professor of civil engineering, at 1-7043 or [G.Padmanabhan@ndsu.edu](mailto:G.Padmanabhan@ndsu.edu) or visit [www.ndsu.edu/wrrri](http://www.ndsu.edu/wrrri).

## Graduate School announces teaching, research awards

The NDSU Graduate School has announced the 2006 winners of the Graduate School Teaching and Research Awards. The awards are presented annually in partnership with the colleges, each of which can select a winner in the areas of teaching and research.

The purpose of the Graduate School Teaching Awards is to recognize outstanding contributions made to teaching by graduate students at NDSU. One award of \$1,000 is made annually in each college in which graduate students perform significant classroom or laboratory teaching responsibilities. Awards went to:

- College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources—Kiersten Wise, plant pathology;
- College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences—Melissa Vosen, English;
- College of Engineering and Architecture—Mohamed Diab, construction management and engineering;
- College of Human Development and Education—Kristine Bjelde, human development, and Kristen Hetland, human development;
- College of Science and Mathematics—Joshua Lambert, mathematics.

The purpose of the Graduate School Research Awards is to recognize outstanding contributions made to research by graduate students at NDSU. One award of \$1,000 is made annually in each college. Awards were presented to:

- College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources—Paul Tinerella, entomology;
- College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences—Jeffrey Child, communication;
- College of Engineering and Architecture—Amin Salehi Khojin, mechanical engineering and applied mechanics;
- College of Human Development and Education—Sarah DeJean, child development and family science;
- College of Pharmacy—Srinivas Ghatta, pharmaceutical sciences;
- College of Science and Mathematics—Jake Zimmerman, chemistry.

## HD&E presentations, publications, awards listed

Bill Martin, chair of the School of Education, was co-presenter of the paper and poster “Learning Theory and Linear Algebra,” at the American Educational Research Association annual meeting in held April 7-10 in San Francisco. The paper reported findings of the pilot linear algebra project conducted at NDSU and the City University of New York Graduate Center, and funded by the National Science Foundation.

The Emily Reynolds Historic Costume Collections online exhibit “History’s Closet: Everything From Aprons To Zippers,” was recognized by the Librarian’s Internet Index ([www.lii.org](http://www.lii.org)) as a recommended Web site for the week of April 11.

Ardith Brunt, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, was selected Outstanding Educator for Coordinated Programs in Dietetics by the Area 2 Dietetics Educators at its meeting held in March in St. Louis. Her name will appear in a fall 2006 issue of the Journal of American Dietetics. Brunt also was named the student-nominated Outstanding Dietetics Educator for North Dakota at the North Dakota Dietetics Association.

Brad Strand, chair and professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, received an honor award at the annual conference of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance held April 24-28 in Salt Lake City.

Jane Edwards, assistant professor of Extension food and nutrition, presented a poster session “Beans: Agriculture to Health” at the National Extension Priester Health Conference held April 25-27 in Louisville, Ky.

“Developing a Prevention Plan for an American Indian Boarding School: Strengthening Positive Peer Culture,” a publication by Joel Hektner, assistant professor of child development and family science, is set for publication in the Journal of American Indian Education. Hektner also is scheduled to present a poster session, “Bullying, Victimization, and Their Co-Occurrence in Rural Early Adolescents,” at the upcoming annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research.

## Hinterstocker named head women’s volleyball coach



**Hinterstocker**

NDSU women’s athletic director Lynn Dorn announced May 1 the hiring of Erich Hinterstocker as head women’s volleyball coach for the 2006 season. He is the 10th head coach in the 41-year history of the Bison volleyball program.

Hinterstocker, 32, was an assistant coach at Alabama the past two seasons, over which time the Crimson Tide compiled a 44-20 record, reached the school’s first SEC championship match and qualified for the school’s first NCAA tournament.

Hinterstocker played collegiate volleyball for the Marquette men’s club team and was team captain for two seasons. He earned a degree in human biology and has a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the National College of Chiropractic. A native of Mequon, Wis., he and his wife, Kristin, have one son.

## ND EPSCoR AURA awards announced

North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) has announced the recipients of the summer 2006 Advanced Undergraduate Research Awards (AURA) program. AURA provides recipients the opportunity to participate in 10 weeks of faculty-mentored research experience.

The NDSU campus award recipients, their hometowns and mentors are: Lisa Benko, Fargo, Xiwen Cai, plant sciences; Patrick Blaufuss, Fargo, Mark Sheridan, biological sciences; Mary Blume, Herman, Minn., Verlin Hinsz, psychology; Heidi Malkuch, Pennock, Minn., Sheridan; Megan Minten, New York Mills, Minn., Anna Grazul-Bilska, animal and range sciences; Nathan Sailer, Beulah, N.D., Chad Ulven, mechanical engineering; Alice Scharnweber, Pierre, S.D., Hinsz; and Nathan Stroh, Bismarck, N.D., Cai.

AURA recipients are expected to apply for at least one nationally competitive scholarship based on their research. Since 1995, more than 200 awards have been given to students from North Dakota and surrounding states.

EPSCoR is a federally and state funded program designed to help university researchers to compete more effectively for research grants in the sciences, engineering and mathematics. For more information, visit [www.ndepscor.nodak.edu](http://www.ndepscor.nodak.edu).

## Events

### Meditation group to meet during summer

The Meditation Group will continue to meet during the summer at 2-3 p.m. Mondays beginning May 15. The group plans to meet in Ceres Hall 212D. The group will not meet May 29.

The group is free for NDSU students, faculty and staff. New members are welcome, and no advanced registration is necessary. Beginners can learn and practice meditation basics, while people with more experience with meditation can maintain their practice in an informal group environment. No special clothing or equipment is required.

Participants are free to attend whenever available. Attendees are asked to arrive on time since the door is locked promptly at the start of the session to avoid interrupting the meditation.

For more information about meditation and for updates and change announcements, visit [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/counseling](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/counseling). Questions should be directed to the NDSU Counseling Center at 1-7671.

### X-ray users safety class scheduled

The Office of Safety and Environmental Health has scheduled an X-ray users class 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, in Research 2, room 114. The instructor is Gary Stolzenberg, lecturer in chemistry and molecular biology.

Attendees are instructed to dial 1-5283 when entering the building, and give the purpose for entering as attending the class. The course is free and open to anyone wishing to attend. To register, contact [Stephanie.Wegner@ndsu.edu](mailto:Stephanie.Wegner@ndsu.edu) or call 1-7759.

### 50 Year Club reunion scheduled

The class of 1956 will be inducted into the 50 Year Club at a reunion scheduled for Thursday and Friday, May 18-19. The classes of 1951 and 1946 also will be recognized for their 55- and 60-year reunions respectively.

The event is an opportunity for graduates and former students to reunite with fellow classmates and reminisce about their time on campus. Special events include a recognition luncheon, NDSU history presentations, academic college visits and a campus tour. Events will be held at the Ramada Plaza Suites and NDSU Alumni Center. All 50 Year Club members are invited.

A complete schedule is available online at [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com). For more information, contact Kari Gustafson at 1-6811 or [kari@ndsualumni.com](mailto:kari@ndsualumni.com).

## Shorts and Reminders

### Union Food Court

Due to the construction in the Memorial Union Dining Center, there will be no Union Food Court posting through May 12.

### Positions Available

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

Technical Information Assistant/#00019052  
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE)  
\$29,000+/year  
May 10

Project Coordinator  
30 hours/week; hours to be determined  
Distance and Continuing Education  
Jamestown, N.D.  
\$15,000+/year  
May 15

Information Specialist/#00020458  
Admissions  
\$22,000 minimum/year  
May 17

Scholarship Processor  
Student Financial Services  
\$20,000+/year  
May 18

Loan Processor  
Student Financial Services  
\$20,000+/year  
May 18

Equipment Operator-Sanitation Truck/#00020761  
Facilities Management  
\$22,000+/year  
May 10

Press Operator/#00021120  
Agriculture Communication  
\$25,000+/year  
May 10

Cook/#00020419  
12 months; 40 hours/week  
M-F; 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; weekends as necessary; summer and weekend hours vary  
Dining Services-WDC  
\$9.25+/hour  
May 12

Custodian/#00022838  
M-F; 3 p.m.-11:30 p.m.  
Facilities Management  
\$17,422+/year  
May 17

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

Benefits Specialist/#00020951  
Office of Human Resources/Payroll  
\$28,000+/year  
May 11

Stewardship Forester  
North Dakota Forest Service-Bottineau, N.D.  
\$25,243 minimum/year  
May 12

Web Designer/#00019708  
Vice President for University Relations  
Salary commensurate with experience  
May 12

Staff Pharmacist/#00019826  
Family HealthCare Pharmacy  
Salary commensurate with education and experience  
May 15 (extended)

Associate Director Facilities Operations/#00018793  
Facilities Management  
\$54,000+/year  
May 15

Application Development Manager  
Information Technology Services  
Salary commensurate with experience  
Open until filled

Application Development Specialist  
Two positions available  
Information Technology Services  
Salary commensurate with experience  
Open until filled

Laboratory Technician/#00021251  
Physics  
\$25,000+/year  
May 17

Microbiologist/Laboratory Technician/#00020434  
Veterinary Diagnostic Services  
\$32,000+/year  
May 17

Research Specialist/#00020395  
North Central Research Extension Center-Minot, N.D.  
\$31,000 minimum/year  
June 1

Processing Technician/#00021693  
Northern Crops Institute (NCI)  
Salary commensurate with experience  
June 1

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

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](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).

**Calendar**

**May**

Through May 13 Sarah VanTrump, baccalaureate exhibition,  
Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 10.

Through May 23 Cherie Thurlow, baccalaureate exhibition,  
NDSU Downtown Gallery. Reception 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 16.

- 11 Nursing—pinning ceremony, 5 p.m., Reineke Fine  
Arts Center. Reception, 4 p.m.
- 12 Pharmacy—hooding ceremony, 10 a.m., Bentson  
Bunker Fieldhouse
- 12 ROTC spring commissioning, 1 p.m., Alumni Center
- 12 Commencement, 5 p.m., Fargodome

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