

NDSU joins Mid-Con Conference

NDSU has accepted an invitation to join the Mid-Continent Conference. The announcement came Aug. 31 at a news conference at the NDSU Alumni Center.

"The Mid-Con is pleased to invite NDSU as a member of the conference," conference commissioner Tom Douple said, noting that the invitation came after a unanimous vote by the conference's Presidents Council Aug. 30. "NDSU will make the Mid-Con a better conference, and we are extremely excited to include this great institution in our conference."

"This is a really wonderful day for us," said NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman. "We are blessed with incredible people, and it is only going to get better from here."

Speaking of NDSU's transition to NCAA Division I which began in August 2002, Chapman praised the commitment and effort of coaches, student athletes, State Board of Higher Education, state legislators, the City of Fargo, alumni, friends, the Team Makers, NDSU Development Foundation, faculty, staff and students.

"This is a great day. Thank you all for your confidence," Chapman said. "We will be great partners for you."

Athletic director Gene Taylor described the scene at the Bison Sports Arena as "lots of smiles, hugs and high fives" when administrators and coaches heard the news early in the morning of Aug. 31. "This is truly a historic day for us," he said. "It's been a tremendous ride and we have some exciting things to look forward to."

Al Goldfarb, President of Western Illinois University and Chair of the Mid-Con Presidents Council said NDSU will be an outstanding addition to the conference. "We're very excited," he said. "This university clearly has shown remarkable growth in academic programs and facilities. Congratulations—this is a great day for Fargo and NDSU."

NDSU offers programs in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, men's and women's golf, women's soccer, softball, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, women's volleyball, and wrestling. NDSU plays football in the Great West Conference, will compete in the Western Wrestling Conference and women's soccer will compete in the United Soccer Conference.

NDSU will begin league competition in the 2007-08 academic year, and will be eligible to compete for conference championships.

The decision by Mid-Con follows a campus visit by a site team Aug. 7-9. At that time, conference representatives held more than 70 meetings with more than 150 individuals from the university and the community.

"NDSU is committed to having a strong NCAA Division I athletics program," Douple said. "The alumni, community and fans will enjoy the Mid-Con competition, in which I believe NDSU will be a very competitive member."

Business Office closed Sept. 6-8

The Business Office will be closed Wednesday, Sept. 6-Friday, Sept. 8, for the NDSU charges: payment event at the Memorial Union Ballroom. Departments are asked to hold their deposits and bring them to the Business Office after 4 p.m. Friday.

Bias report statement

NDSU is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful and safe campus. www.ndsu.edu/biasreport

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Diversity Council announces funding support for diversity programs

The President's Diversity Council has launched a new initiative to endorse or support diversity related programming and events at NDSU. A \$10,000 fund provided by the President's Office will enable the council to provide matching funds for up to one-half of the cost of diversity-related programs or events during the coming year. There is a maximum of \$1,000 per program or event.

Council funding is intended to support programs and events that specifically address action steps in NDSU's Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity and Community. The plan can be found under the "documents" tab on the Diversity Council Web site at www.ndsu.edu/diversity/.

The council has adopted guidelines for use in considering funding requests. The proposal should clearly state how the event is tied to action steps in the Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity and Community. Support will be given to events that are universitywide, free and open to the public. Priority will be given to programs that have multiple sponsors. Groups requesting sponsorship for a speaker should submit a brief biographical summary outlining the speaker's credentials and experience with the subject to be addressed should be documented within the proposal. Support from the President's Diversity Council must be publicized by the event's organizers.

The council also is willing to endorse diversity-related events and activities that may not require financial support. Complete information including the electronic application form is available at the Diversity Council Web site under "documents." Questions about Diversity Council endorsement or sponsorship of diversity programs may be sent to ndsu.diversity@ndsu.edu.

Libraries' serials review results listed

A list of serials changes, including additions, cancellations and format changes, is available online at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/collections/collmgmnt/SerRev2006/.

In most cases, changes will be effective January 2007. Faculty are encouraged to review the list and forward any comments to the appropriate subject librarian or Tom Bremer at 1-8878 by Sept. 15.

Oral history project continues

The Dakota Memories Oral History Project reports a successful second field season for its work to preserve the childhood memories of second and third generation Germans from Russia on the Northern Plains.

Sponsored by the NDSU Libraries' Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, project director Michael M. Miller and project coordinator Jessica Clark, in cooperation with project adviser Tom Isern, designed the project.

According to Miller, two interview teams were sent out during 2006. The first team, interviewer Sarah Lacher and videographer Jennifer Wilkie, both NDSU history graduate students, conducted more than 30 interviews in south-central North Dakota. The second team, doctoral students Jessica and Will Clark, conducted more than 35 interviews in north-central North Dakota and Saskatchewan.

For the 2006 field season, the project received a grant from the Canadian Embassy to conduct interviews in Saskatchewan. The project is largely funded by private donations. For more information, contact Jessica Clark at Jessica.Clark@ndsu.edu or 1-8419 or Miller at Michael.Miller@ndsu.edu or 1-8416.

To purchase a DVD copy of an interview, visit www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/order/tapes/dakota_memories/index.html. For more information on the Dakota Memories Oral History Project, visit www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/history_culture/oral/interviews/project.htm.

North American brewers attend NCI Course

Fourteen participants from North American brewing and malt companies attended the Barley Malt Quality Evaluation technical course at Northern Crops Institute (NCI) Aug. 29-Sept. 1. During the course, the group learned about the quality components of barley and malt necessary to produce an acceptable beer.

Attendees represented Anheuser Busch; Brewer's Alley Inc.; Busch Agricultural Resources; Cerveceria Cuauhtemoc-Moctezuma; Grupo Modelo; Labatt Breweries of Canada; McAuslan Brewing; Prairie Malt Limited/Cargill Malt; and University of Minnesota.

North Dakota ranks number one in United States barley production, with 91 percent of acreage sown to malting varieties. Thirty-one percent of total U.S. barley is produced in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Course topics included U.S. barley production and variety development, barley breeding, barley malt production technology, barley quality and grading, specialty malts and extracts, biochemical changes in malting, practical malt analysis, comparison of North American, European and Australian malts, food safety issues and a biotechnology update on barley.

The American Society of Brewing Chemists, Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences and NCI co-sponsored the course. NCI supports regional agriculture and value-added processing by conducting technical education and services that expand and maintain domestic and international markets for northern-grown crops.

People

Facilities Management has new associate director

Facilities Management director Bruce Frantz has announced the appointment of Kevin Schindlbeck as associate director of operations. He began his new duties Sept. 1.

According to Frantz, Schindlbeck joined the department from Utah State University and is responsible for the custodial, grounds, landscape and mail delivery operations.

"Kevin brings a wealth of higher education experience from several institutions in addition to Utah State. They include Western Michigan University, Boise State University and others," Frantz said. "In addition, he spent time in the military, which also gave him relevant experience in managing facilities. Kevin will be a tremendous asset to the department and university."

Cooper attends Golden Key convention

Bonnie Cooper, Graduate School disquisition editor and Golden Key International Honor Society chapter adviser, was NDSU's delegate to the organization's international convention held Aug. 10-13 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Approximately 700 members were in attendance.

NDSU's chapter was recognized as a gold-level chapter for the second consecutive year, and Cooper served as a panelist for a conference adviser panel discussion.

Cooper is the Region Six representative to the society's council of advisers, and was elected secretary of the International Leadership Council, which oversees the society's academic integrity.

Golden Key was founded at Georgia State University in 1977, and recognizes students in all academic fields for their accomplishments. Juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class are invited to join. The society has 350 chapters in Australia, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Canada, the Virgin Islands, Malaysia, South Africa and the United States. The NDSU chapter was chartered in 1996.

Events

Safe Zone ally training scheduled

Safe Zone ally training sessions are scheduled for 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Memorial Union Meadowlark Room; 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in FLC 319; and 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

The Safe Zone program provides training and information to students, faculty, staff and administrators who are sensitive to the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning individuals at NDSU. The program works to establish an identifiable network of allies who will provide support and information regarding sexual orientation issues, and focuses on developing a welcoming, inclusive environment.

The program has been in existence since 2001 and has approximately 100 allies.

The sessions are open to everyone at NDSU. For more information, contact Kara Stack, assistant director for service learning and civic engagement, at 1-8566 or kara.stack@ndsu.edu, or visit www.ndsu.nodak.edu/memorial_union/safezone/.

Tangled Roots, Chuck Suchy performance scheduled

A concert featuring Minnesota bluegrass band Tangled Roots, and North Dakota singer/songwriter Chuck Suchy, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, in Festival Concert Hall.

Recognized as one of the most energetic bands to hit the Minnesota bluegrass scene, Tangled Roots performs a broad spectrum of material, and includes some of the best-known bluegrass performers in the upper Midwest.

Described as one of America's foremost musical voices, Chuck Suchy performs songs that extol the Great Plains region and lifestyle. Ranging from relationships to spirituality and motorcycles to sailing, Suchy's songs chronicle not only the events, but also the emotions that accompany change.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$20 for a family of five or fewer. Tickets are available in Reineke Fine Arts Center room 115, or by calling the fine arts box office at 1-9442. More information is available at www.ndsu.edu/finearts.

Weight Watchers meeting scheduled

An informational meeting about the Weight Watchers on-campus program for NDSU employees is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in Loftsgard 380.

Program participants have the opportunity to meet with Weight Watchers leaders, and to learn about low-fat cooking options, healthy snacks, portion control and exercise. The meeting is open to faculty, staff and students.

There is no cost or obligation for the informational meeting. For more information, contact Darla Verbitsky at darla.verbitsky@ndsu.edu or 1-8866.

Counseling Center to offer 'Mindfulness Workshop'

The NDSU Counseling Center is set to offer an "Introduction to Mindfulness Workshop" for students, faculty and staff. The eight-week workshop is scheduled for 3-4:30 p.m. Thursdays from Sept. 21-Nov. 9 in the Counseling Center, located in Ceres Hall 212.

The workshop is geared toward those who are either new or relatively new to mindfulness. The workshop can be completed as a stand-alone course, or serve as a precursor for those who would like more familiarity with mindfulness before attending the Counseling Center's weekly meditation for stress management group.

Each week will address a different facet of mindfulness through the use of discussion, readings, handouts and a variety of experiential mindfulness meditation practices.

Planned weekly topics include "Introduction/Automatic Pilot," "Mindfulness of the Body," "Mindfulness of the Breath," "Staying Present," "Radical Acceptance," "Thoughts Are Not Facts," "Self-Care/Maintaining Balance" and "Anger and Other 'Difficult' Emotions."

There is no fee for the workshop, but advance registration is required by the 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, deadline. Registration is limited to 12 participants. To register, call the Counseling Center at 1-7671. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/counseling.

ND EPSCoR state conference scheduled

The North Dakota EPSCoR annual state conference is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29, in Clifford Hall Auditorium on the campus of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. The theme is "North Dakota's Evolving Research Infrastructure."

Topics include strategic directions at the National Science Foundation, Public and Private Research Investments and updates on the N.D. Centers of Excellence Initiative, the Red River Valley Research Corridor and the ND EPSCoR program.

The registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 25. Details are available at www.ndepscor.nodak.edu.

Baseline Safety Training schedule set

The schedule for the upcoming annual baseline safety training has been released. The training is mandatory and must be documented with the University Police and Safety Office.

The schedule is 3 p.m. Sept. 7; 9 a.m. Sept. 13; 3 p.m. Sept. 21; and 9 a.m. Sept. 27. All sessions are scheduled for the Memorial Union Meadow Lark room.

The training also is offered online at www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/police_safety/safetyoffice.htm for out-state employees, as well as persons housed on campus. The quiz must be completed and returned to the office.

If departments want specific training in any of the safe operating procedures or other topics, contact the University Police and Safety Office at 1-7759.

Shorts and Reminders

Positions Available

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

Office Assistant/#00022125
Office of Human Resources/Payroll
\$21,000+/year
Sept. 8

Student Services Coordinator/#00020298
Architecture and Landscape Architecture
\$24,000+/year
Open until filled

Account/Grants Technician
Part-time; 20 hours/week
Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI)
\$15,000+/year
Open until filled

Lead Food Service Worker/#00020578
12 months; 40 hours/week
M-F; 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; weekend and summer hours may vary
Dining Services-Residence Dining Center
\$9/hour
Sept. 19

Maintenance Worker/#00025009
Residence Life
\$30,000+/year
Sept. 13

Research Specialist
Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
\$40,000+/year
Oct. 9

Forest Genetics Technician
Two-year position
Plant Sciences
Mandan, N.D.
\$30,000+/year
Open until filled

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

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

Pastry Chef/Bakery Manager/#00025019
Dining Services
Commensurate with experience
Sept. 7

Information Technology Specialist (EduTech)#00019247
Information Technology Services
Bismarck, N.D.
\$38,000+/year
Sept. 15

Application Development Manager/#00024674
Information Technology Services
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Seed Analyst II #616-6404
State Seed Department
\$19,032-\$25,830 depending on experience
Sept. 22
CONTACT: Mark Hafdahl at 1-5400
Not listed on NDSU jobs Web site

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

Calendar

September

- 6 Soil science—Don Kirby, professor and head of animal and range sciences, “Experiences in Mined Land Reclamation,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 8 Women’s soccer vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 8 Animal and range sciences—Jennifer Leupp, graduate student, “Effects of Supplying Protein to Primiparous Beef Heifers on Forage Intake and Serum Hormones and Metabolites,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 8 Plant sciences—Vicki Magnusson, graduate student, “Looking at the Past Through the Life of a Tree,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 8 Psychology—David Amodio, New York University, “Beyond Dual-Process: A Social Neuroscience Perspective on Implicit Stereotyping and Prejudice,” 3:30 p.m., Minard Annex 138
- 10 Women’s soccer vs. Weber State University (Bison Invitational), 1:30 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 13 Soil science—Cj Johnson, ITS training specialist, “Ideas for Preparing a Great Oral Presentation Using Power Point,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 13 Career Center—“Meet the Firms” career fair for accounting, accountancy and finance fields, 4-7 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 16 Football vs. Northeastern University (Trees Bowl/Family Weekend), 6 p.m., Fargodome
- 17 Women’s soccer vs. Drake University, noon, Ellig Sports Complex
- 20 Soil science—Zhaosheng Fan, graduate research assistant, “Persistence and Fate of Estradiol and Testosterone in Agricultural Soils,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 21 Pharmacy, nursing and allied sciences career fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Fargodome. Honors program, 3-5 p.m., Fargodome.
- 27 Career Center—“Engineering and Tech Expo” career fair for engineering, MIS and computer science fields, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Fargodome
- 27 Soil science—Jennifer Heglund, Conservation Security Program, “Reward the Best, Motivate the Rest,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 28 Student Health Services—Meningitis clinic, 1-7 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room

October

- 4 Career Center—“Graduate and Professional School Day,” 1-5 p.m., Concordia College Knutson Center Spectrum
- 4 Soil science—Daryl Ritchison, meteorologist, “Global Warming: Theories vs. Hype,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 11 Soil science—Kristine Nichols, “Glomalin and Soil Aggregation,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 14 Football vs. Mississippi Valley State University (Homecoming), 1 p.m., Fargodome
- 14 Volleyball vs. Utah Valley State University, 5 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 15 Women’s soccer vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, noon, Ellig Sports Complex
- 15 Volleyball vs. University of South Dakota, 5 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 17 Career Center—“Agriculture Career Fair,” 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 18 Soil science—Mary Aldrich, MinnKota Recycling, “The Business of Recycling,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 20 Bison Stampede rodeo, 6:30 p.m., Red River Fairgrounds, West Fargo
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- 21 Volleyball vs. University of Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 25 Soil sciences—Donald Schwert, professor of geoscience and director of the Center for Science and Mathematics, “The Stockwood Fill (The History of a Collapsed Railroad Grade East of Fargo),” 3 p.m., Walster 217

November

- 1 Soil science—undergraduate student seminars, 3 p.m., Walster 217
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- 10 Veteran’s Day holiday—university closed
- 10 Volleyball—National Independent Tournament, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

- 11 Volleyball—National Independent Tournament, 2-8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Football vs. California Polytechnic State University (Harvest Bowl), 1 p.m., Fargodome
- 14 Career Center—“Tri-College Career and Internship Fair,” noon-4 p.m., Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo
- 18 Football vs. South Dakota State University (Dakota Marker), 6 p.m., Fargodome
- 22 Soil science—Jasper Teboh, graduate research assistant, “Nitrogen and Phosphorus Contribution of Potato Residue and Buckwheat to a Subsequent Crop Rotation,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 23 Thanksgiving holiday—university closed
- 29 Soil science—Don Tanaka, “Agricultural Systems Work @ Mandan for Cropping and Livestock Production,” 3 p.m., Walster 217

December

- 6 Soil science—Doug Malo, “Experiences During 31 Years of Coaching the Soils Judging Team at South Dakota State University,” 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 8 Last day of classes
- 15 Commencement—5 p.m., Fargodome

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