

## President invites participation in commencement

President Joseph A. Chapman has issued an invitation to the campus to attend NDSU commencement, scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Fargodome.

In a letter to faculty and staff, Chapman said, "I am personally inviting your participation in our 2005 commencement activities. Commencement is one of the most significant events in the annual cycle of an intellectual community. It is a very positive symbol of individual student success, family and community pride, and faculty and staff support. I have always felt that individuals who do not attend commencement exercises and college receptions miss one of the most exciting days on our campus and forfeit a full perspective on the wonders of the collegiate experience."

Faculty and staff with academic degrees who wish to participate in the academic procession and the graduating class will wear caps and gowns. Anyone needing a cap and gown should contact Sharon Swanson at 1-9478.

Tom Barnhart, professor of health, nutrition and exercise science, will serve as faculty marshal for the procession and will provide instructions and additional information at a later date. Faculty will march by academic rank and seniority.

## Supreme Court upholds ruling against NDSU in water damage suit

The North Dakota Supreme Court has affirmed a district court ruling against NDSU in a lawsuit related to damage on campus following a rainstorm in June 2000. NDSU had appealed a judgment dismissing its claims against the State Fire and Tornado Fund of the North Dakota Insurance Department and Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.

During the June 19-20, 2000, event, approximately seven inches of rain fell during a seven-hour period. According to court documents, more than eight feet of water collected in the Fargodome and surged through a steam tunnel to the NDSU campus. The NDSU heating plant and Industrial Agriculture and Communications Center (IACC) received significant amounts of water.

"The Supreme Court concluded that the damage to NDSU's buildings was excluded surface water, and therefore there was no coverage under the insurance policies. NDSU is naturally disappointed with the result," said university attorneys Rick Johnson and Sara Gullickson McGrane in a joint statement.

Even though this case did not go NDSU's way, Johnson said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) covered up to 90 percent of NDSU's water damages from the event. He also noted that NDSU has a contract case for some of the same damages against the City of Fargo scheduled for trial beginning April 26 in State District Court, Fargo.

The Supreme Court's decision was filed April 6.

## Human resources, payroll temporary relocation announced

The Office of Human Resources and Payroll temporarily will be relocated in the lower level of the West Dining Center, effective Thursday, April 7. Telephone numbers for all human resources and payroll staff remain the same.

## TIAA-CREF appointments offered

TIAA-CREF consultants are scheduled to be on campus for investment counseling appointments April 26-28.

Individual counseling sessions are available to discuss investment planning issues such as TIAA-CREF options, the best allocation mix, basic investment choices and the effects of inflation and taxes on retirement income.

Appointments may be scheduled at [www.tiaa-cref.org/moc](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc), or by calling Jess Lentfer at (800) 842-2009, extension 2328. Appointments are available 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and will be held at the Alumni Center.

## Tax shelter saving options reminder

Employees recently were sent a letter from TIAA-CREF that included limits for depositing tax-sheltered money into either 403b or 457 accounts. Employees are advised to use those limits when reviewing their current withholding to ensure they remain within the personal limit.

Questions should be directed to TIAA-CREF at (800) 842-2776 or Lyn Pletta at [lyn.pletta@ndsu.edu](mailto:lyn.pletta@ndsu.edu).

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## Changes to Northland Credit Union payroll deduction announced

NDSU personnel who have payroll deductions with the Northland Educators Credit Union will be changed to direct deposits effective with the June 15 pay check, according to Lyn Pletta, benefits and recruitment specialist in human resources.

Pletta said that the change will allow payroll to transfer funds to the credit union in a more timely manner. Once the transfer is made, the credit union will apply funds to the proper accounts.

According to Pletta, employees with a payroll deduction could fall into one of three areas. Persons who have a payroll deduction going to the credit union, but no direct deposit established with the credit union, should work with the credit union to establish a direct deposit and allocation of funds within the credit union. Northland Educators Credit Union personnel will assist NDSU staff with the required paperwork, including the NDSU direct deposit form. Anyone who currently has direct deposit established with another financial institution, and wishes to add the additional Northland Educators Credit Union direct deposit may receive one or two actual paychecks before the change is made in the system. The deadline for establishing direct deposit with the credit union is May 31.

Persons who already have direct deposit established with the credit union with a set amount and not a balance amount, will need to complete a new direct deposit form increasing the amount going to the credit union to include the current direct deposit amount and the current payroll deduction amount. Those persons are asked to go to the credit union to make the necessary funds transfer allocation adjustments, and should bring the direct deposit form in order to verify account numbers. The deadline for that process is May 31 for the June 15 paycheck.

Persons who have their net pay set up as direct deposit with the credit union should visit the credit union to make sure the fund allocations to different accounts or loans within the credit union are set up correctly. NDSU's payroll department will make the necessary changes to paychecks effective with the May 15 check.

Pletta said a memo to employees will be distributed in the near future. For more information, contact Pletta at [lyn.pletta@ndsu.edu](mailto:lyn.pletta@ndsu.edu), or Diane or Marietta at Northland Educators Credit Union at [northland.linkup.net](http://northland.linkup.net) or 293-6132.

## Faculty, staff assistance program available

The Village Family Service Center provides services for faculty and staff through the NDSU assistance program. The program provides problem assessment, short-term counseling and referral to community resources for NDSU employees at 15 offices in North Dakota and Minnesota. Service also is available nationwide.

Benefited faculty and staff and their immediate family members are eligible to receive services. Assistance is available for marital and parenting concerns, emotional crises, financial and legal difficulties, substance abuse evaluations and work-related problems.

Employees may arrange appointments with a counselor by calling The Village at 1-800-677-8220 or locally at 235-6433.

For more information, contact human resources or The Village.

## Health insurance guidelines for faculty and staff explained

Departments are asked to use the following guidelines regarding health insurance for faculty and staff members who are either separating from or starting work at the university at the end of the school year. Separations include resignations, retirements and non-renewals.

**Normal separations:** NDSU-paid coverage extends one full month after the month of the employee's last day of work or end of agreement. For example, an employee with an Aug. 16-May 15 schedule would have coverage through June 30. This includes employees who give notice later in the summer that they will not be returning. In those cases, Blue Cross Blue Shield will refuse any claims incurred after June 30. If claims have been covered prior to the notice of separation, Blue Cross Blue Shield will contact the employee for their new health insurance company information or for direct reimbursement if no new coverage exists.

**Summer school:** Faculty members whose regular employment terminates May 15, but teach summer school, have insurance coverage one full month following the month in which summer session ends. For example, someone teaching first session only would have coverage through July 31. Someone teaching second session would have coverage through August 31.

**Late non-renewals:** Occasionally, NDSU does not know until late in the summer that it will not be able to renew an agreement with an employee. In those rare cases, the affected employee remains covered under the plan until the end of the month in which the decision to non-renew is made.

**New hires:** The insurance always begins on the first day of the month following the date of employment. For example, if an employee begins employment Aug. 16, insurance coverage starts Sept. 1. If employment begins July 1, insurance coverage begins Aug. 1.

NDSU continues to provide insurance over the summer months for all nine-, 10- and 11-month appointments unless the employee leaves the university.

After NDSU-paid coverage ends, employees may remain on the plan for a period of either 18 or 36 months under the federally mandated Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) law. Those choosing the COBRA option must pay their premiums directly to PERS. Current COBRA rates are \$234.71 for single coverage and \$579.08 for family coverage. Questions should be directed to Lyn Pletta at [lyn.pletta@ndsu.edu](mailto:lyn.pletta@ndsu.edu).

## Tri-College film library requests due

NDSU Libraries invites NDSU faculty to recommend additions to the Tri-College University Film Library collection. Requests should be submitted by Friday, April 29.

The library includes films, videotapes, DVDs and laser disks suggested by faculty and purchased with funds contributed by all three schools. Materials are available to Tri-College faculty members for one to three days at no charge as often as needed. Since acquisitions are based primarily on faculty selection, requests for purchase are necessary to update and enhance the collection.

A catalog of materials in the collection and a Purchase Request Form are found at [www.mnstate.edu/tcufilm](http://www.mnstate.edu/tcufilm). Site visitors may place a purchase request, view current requests and add support to a colleague's requests. It is still necessary to forward a bibliographic citation, usually a flyer, of the requested title to the TCU Film Library. The film library generally purchases only items recommended by all three campuses and that meet the minimum \$50 purchase price. The TCU Film Library committee, comprised of one library representative from each campus, also selects and purchases materials deemed appropriate.

For more information, consult the NDSU Libraries Web site at [www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/collections/TCU/FilmLibrary.htm](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/collections/TCU/FilmLibrary.htm).

## 'Art in Transit' unveiled

A new public art project called "Art in Transit" was announced April 4. The collaboration of the NDSU Department of Visual Arts and the Metro Area Transit allows art by members of NDSU's Student Art Society to be displayed in Fargo's 44 bus shelters.

The featured prints were selected through a juried process, with artist Dan Siverson as juror.

"This is an exciting time for all of us," said President Joseph A. Chapman during the news conference to unveil artwork in the bus shelter near the Memorial Union. "With the opening of our downtown campus, it has presented us with tremendous opportunities to bring the art of the campus to the community, and I can't think of a better opportunity than 'Art in Transit.' What a wonderful opportunity for our students to display the success of their careers as they develop and to engage the community in the future."

Fargo Mayor Bruce Furness said the artwork will brighten the city. "This is a different or unique way to display art. We have a 'gallery' of bus stops where art will now be displayed," he said. "It's a situation where the people waiting will get to enjoy the art, and the students can display it."

Student Art Society president David Lewellyn said he was hopeful the project will continue in the future. "It's a chance for the people of the area to see what kind of art students are making at NDSU Downtown. It's a definite positive for the area and the contemporary arts," Lewellyn said. "It's a winning combination of talent and effort for all those involved."

For more information, contact Kay Beckermann, promotions director for the NDSU Division of Fine Arts, at 1-9564 or [kay.beckermann@ndsu.edu](mailto:kay.beckermann@ndsu.edu).

## People

### McCaul named Chamber Distinguished Professor

The NDSU Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor Award Committee has unanimously selected Kevin McCaul, professor of psychology, as the recipient of the 2005 award. McCaul will receive the recognition at the Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead Awards Luncheon, scheduled for noon Wednesday, May 25, at the Fargo Holiday Inn.

R.S. Krishnan, committee chair and associate vice president for academic affairs, said, "The committee was privileged to review a number of excellent nominations for the award this year. While we were impressed with the qualifications of all of the nominees for the award, the committee was unanimous in its view that Dr. McCaul's exemplary record in research, teaching and service clearly deserved to be recognized and acknowledged."

According to Krishnan, the committee was impressed with McCaul's distinguished record as an educator and scientist, and his outstanding service through his active leadership role in the National Institutes of Health Idea Center in North Dakota, and his continuing involvement in the Red River Health Promotion Coalition and the Quality Review Council of North Dakota Health Care Review Inc. "Dr. McCaul also has a sterling record of publications and grants over his long career at NDSU," Krishnan said.

McCaul earned his bachelor's degree at Southern Methodist University and his doctorate in social psychology at the University of Kansas. Among his current research grants are a \$260,000 National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute grant titled "Thought, Affect and Motivation to Quit Smoking" and a \$515,000 NIH/NCI grant titled "Cancer Worry and Health-Protective Behaviors." He lists applied social psychology and cancer prevention and control among his research interests.

The NDSU Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor receives a cash award and the permanent title, "Distinguished Professor." The award is designed to recognize NDSU faculty members (excluding deans, vice presidents, directors and chairs/heads) who have attained distinction in their profession. Nominees for the honor are judged on the basis of their substantial service or outreach contributions to the community and the region, in addition to their achievement as scholars, teachers or artists during their time at NDSU. Besides service and outreach activities, achievements of nominees that will contribute to their strengths as candidates include superior teaching, and other types of interaction with students; a distinguished record of publications or other scholarly contributions; awards, offices in national organizations and editorships; and financial and other support for scholarly activities from external sources.

### Commencement speaker to give address in verse

NDSU's student commencement speaker has selected an unusual tact to get her message across. During commencement ceremonies at 4 p.m. Friday, May 13, in the Fargodome, senior Rachel Benz will give her address in verse.

"I want to do a speech that has an impact on people," said the apparel studies student, who is the daughter of Kevin and Candice Benz, Dunn Center, N.D. "Doing it in verse is the way I like to communicate, and it's my personality—I like creativity and fun. So, it reflects who I am, while also telling my message."

An active student who carries a 4.0 grade point average, Benz hopes her poetry will bring humor and some levity to graduation day. "It's fun and entertaining, and it's not a terribly long speech. I think that will be appreciated, because I don't want people to think, 'How long is this speech going to be?'" she said with a wide grin.



While not giving away her address, Benz said she will talk about how an education at NDSU has prepared students for the future. In rhyme, she will describe the NDSU experience.

"We have really gone through a lot in our years in college," she explained. "We've had a lot of good times, and we've had struggles where we've grown. Because of our time at NDSU, we have really bright and promising futures. As we go out into the 'real world,' our time at NDSU is going to be a great benefit to us."

The graduate of Killdeer, N.D., High School participated in many organizations and activities during her years as an undergraduate. She is minoring in theater, so it was natural for her to use her sewing talents as a costume stitcher and designer for Little Country Theatre productions the past four years. She is the presiding officer of the Dean's Student Advisory Council for the College of Human Development and Education, secretary of Mortar Board Honor Society and a member of National Residence Hall Honorary and a member of NDSU's LeaderQuest program. Benz also has served as a Resident Assistant in Dinan Hall for three years and as a team leader for the Conference, Orientation and Recruitment Team.

She was selected the 2004-05 Outstanding Student of the Year for the College of Human Development and Education

"Of my 39 years teaching at NDSU, she is considerably one of the best and brightest of students," wrote Robyne Williams, assistant professor of apparel, design, facility and hospitality management, in a letter of nomination. "Rachel is committed to being the best that she can be. Rachel has exceptional qualities. She is well read, articulate, reflective and intelligent."

Nancy Gress, director of student services and advancement for the college, wrote, "A few of the other programs Rachel has either led or contributed to are faculty appreciation day, HD&E Day, Discover NDSU recruitment, alumni events, Wassail Tea and monthly exchanges with the dean of the college. I will miss her and her smile."

Benz is now preparing for graduate school at NDSU, with plans to seek a master's degree in counseling. Her aim is to eventually be a career counselor working with students. But her immediate objective is to give a memorable commencement speech.

"I can't think of a higher honor than being selected as the representative of my class," said Benz, displaying another huge smile. "I am absolutely delighted to have the honor and privilege to be able to talk to several thousand of my peers and their families.

"There will be an energy in the room because it is a new, fresh time for the graduates," she said. "It will be moment that I wish I could bottle."

## Ambrosio book published

"Challenging America's Global Preeminence: Russia's Quest for Multipolarity," a book by Thomas Ambrosio, assistant professor of political science, has been published.

The book examines the vacillations in Russian foreign policy since the end of the Cold War and the potential impact on the status and influence of the United States in the international system. It also assesses reasons why the Kremlin initially sought an alliance with the United States, and the reasons why such a policy was unsustainable.

## Ashworth studying glaciers in South America

Allan Ashworth, professor in the geosciences, is now participating in a research team to examine glaciers on the remote South Patagonian ice cap in South America. The team is led by George Denton, professor in the University of Maine's Department of Earth Sciences and Climate Change Institute.

Funded by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) branch of the Department of Commerce, the group will investigate the retreat of glaciers, which is believed to be caused by global warming. Ashworth was invited because he was the last geologist to study the glaciers on the west side of the ice cap 20 years ago. The group, as part of the current research, will revisit sites that Ashworth provided paleoclimatic interpretations for.

According to Ashworth, after assembling in Punta Arenas at the Straits of Magellan, the team will drive north with all of their equipment to embark the Navimag ferry at Puerto Natales. About one day north, they will disembark the large ferry at Puerto Eden and load their gear onto a ketch to travel the Chilean Channels.

"Mostly under sail, the ketch will enter the narrow fjords that lead inland to the outlet glaciers of the South Patagonian ice cap. The fjords can be choked with icebergs so navigation will be difficult," Ashworth noted before his departure April 5. "The two glaciers, the research team is particularly interested in are the Bernardo and the Tempano."

Because of the massive retreat of glaciers during the last 20 years, Ashworth said the scientists expect to discover geological sections that will help them decipher the glacial history for the last several thousand years. He said the scientists will seek clues in the sediments uncovered by glacial retreat to help them resolve questions relating to the causes of the growth and shrinkage of Patagonian glaciers.

"I never dreamed I would get the opportunity to get to this remote region again," Ashworth said. "I am every excited to get back to an area that I studied 20 years ago, and also to see the remote villages and the people who befriended me at that time."

In 1985, Ashworth, a group of students from NDSU and a colleague from the Universidad de Santiago, conducted research at the glaciers. That region receives heavy rainfall, (15-22 feet per year), and Ashworth remembers that if it had not been for the generosity of the local fishermen and their families opening their homes, it would have been impossible to conduct research. Ashworth hopes that on this trip he will be able to meet his old friends in Puerto Eden and thank them once again for being good Samaritans.

A series of maps and images on the Chilean Channels and Ashworth's trip 20 years ago can be found at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/instruct/ashworth/Chile](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/instruct/ashworth/Chile).

## Quarter Century Club inductees listed

Forty-seven NDSU employees with 25 or more years of service will be inducted into the Quarter Century Club at a recognition dinner scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, in the Alumni Center. The event is sponsored by the Office of Human Resources.

New members are Peggy Anderson, extension county programs; Vernon Anderson, Carrington Research Extension Center; Roger Beauchene, Dining Services; Lynn Brekke, Student Financial Services; Jackie Buckley, Extension county programs; Bradley Cogdill, Extension director's office; John Crabtree, Northern Crops Institute; David Fahey, Facilities Management; Richard Feldman, veterinary and microbiological sciences; Warren Froehlich, Extension county programs; Michael Garrison, marketing, management and finance; Catherine Giddings, veterinary and microbiological sciences; Char Goodyear, Office of the Vice President for University Relations; Jay Goos, soil science; Ken Grafton, plant sciences; Alan Halverson, Dining Services; Ken Hellevang, agribusiness and biosystems engineering; Kevin Horsager, soil science; Marsha Kapphahn, animal and range sciences; Don Kirby, animal and range sciences; William Klein, Extension county programs; Wallace Kluck, Facilities Management; Diana Kowalski, library administration; Marilyn Krogen, Williston Research Extension Center; Darlene Krogh, veterinary diagnostic laboratory; Lori Lee, Facilities Management; Arlinda Lewis, animal and range sciences; Barbara Lindberg, Career Center; Robert Littlefield, communication; Richard Maine, Extension county programs; Virgil Mueller, Campus Police; Garfield Narum, Information Technology Services; Gloria Nygard, AES cereal science; Lorna Olsen, Information Technology Services; Audrey Olson, Student Life; Sandra Osborne, agribusiness and applied economics; G. Padmanabhan, civil engineering; David Rodgers, electrical and computer engineering; Eunice Sahr, extension county programs; Robert Solly, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Nancy Suttle, College of Science and Mathematics dean's office; Lee Tisor, Dickinson Research Center; Denver Tolliver, UGPTI; Beth Weitzel, agribusiness and applied economics; Richard Wilhelmi, Langdon Research Extension Center; Dale Zetocha, research foundation and technology transfer; and Mariusz Ziejewski, mechanical engineering.

For more information, call 1-8961.

## Vachal named UGPTI advanced research fellow



Kimberly Vachal recently was named advanced research fellow with the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. She has been an associate research fellow for more than 10 years.

Vachal works with local, regional and national freight groups to identify logistical opportunities and assess policy implications. Her work focuses on promoting a healthy, competitive logistical system that will enhance the position of rural regions' products, especially agricultural goods, in both domestic and export markets.

She has published more than 30 research papers and journal articles related to agricultural logistics and rural economic development. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from NDSU, and is a doctoral candidate at George Mason University's School of Public Policy.

Vachal also serves as chair of the Transportation Research Board's Agricultural Transportation Committee.

## Events

### LCT presents 'The Beggar's Opera'

The Little Country Theater's production of "The Beggar's Opera" is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 14-16 and April 21-23 in Askanase Auditorium. A free staff preview is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13.

First produced in 1728, the 18th century ballad opera is described as a sly, tuneful romp through the London underworld of 1720. "The Beggar's Opera" is a story in three acts that revolves around a highwayman, the women who love him and their families.

"The Beggar's Opera" was known as the ground-breaking work of politically incorrect musical theater, and the first in a long series of "opera" using popular songs sung in English, rather than the usual Italian arias.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for non-NDSU students and \$4 for NDSU students. Tickets are available by calling the fine arts box office at 1-9442.

### 'Boxes and Walls' brown bag scheduled

The brown bag seminar "Boxes and Walls" is scheduled for noon Wednesday, April 20, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room.

The 45-minute interactive journey through a maze of rooms focuses on economic disparity, privilege and experiences by people of color in the United States, and more specifically, the region.

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

### Lawn mower, snow blower clinic set

The Agricultural Systems Management Club and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers have scheduled a lawn mower and snow blower clinic for 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering building. A tune-up, oil change, spark plug change, air filter cleaning, gear box oil check, blade sharpening and wash are included in the \$25 fee.

Pick-up and delivery service is available within Fargo, Moorhead and West Fargo city limits for an additional \$5. To schedule an appointment, call the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering office at 1-7261.

### Broberg Chemistry lectureship series set

Royce W. Murray, Kenan professor of chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is the scheduled keynote speaker for the chemistry and molecular biology department's Joel W. Broberg distinguished lectureship series. "Publishing Chemistry: Process, Ethics, Libraries and the Web," is set for 8 p.m. Monday, April 18, in Beckwith Recital Hall. "Chemistry and Electrochemistry of Metal Quantum Dots," is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in 152 Dunbar Hall.

## Ag, Extension vice president candidate open forum set

D.C. Coston, associate director of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, Oklahoma State University-Stillwater is scheduled to present "Challenges for the 21st Century Land-Grant University" at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, in Beckwith Recital Hall.

Coston is the first of three candidates set to interview for the position of vice president for agriculture and university extension. Duane Hauck, NDSU Extension director and Neal Fisher, North Dakota Wheat Commission administrator also are scheduled to be interviewed during April.

## Ethics institute plans forum on proposed Fargo projects

NDSU's Northern Plains Ethics Institute has scheduled an open forum, "The Renaissance Center and CityScapes Projects," for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the Beckwith Recital Hall. Charley Johnson, KVLY-TV general manager and news director, will serve as moderator for the forum.

The scheduled panel includes Fargo city commissioner John Cosgriff; Paul Gleye, professor and chair of architecture and landscape architecture; Fargo Parks District executive director Roger Gress; Greta Lauerman, Jim Lauerman's Chili, Sandwiches and Beer; Rebecca Pinkston, assistant professor of architecture and landscape architecture; John Strand, The High Plains Reader's editor/publisher; Fargo city commissioner Mike Williams; and Jack Zaleski, opinion page editor of The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead.

"The Northern Plains Ethics Institute's mission is to inspire popular democratic participation on social and ethical issues affecting the Northern Plains and beyond," explained John Helgeland, institute director and professor of history and religion. "The Renaissance Center and CityScapes projects and the May 3 vote on funding are immediate and important issues facing Fargo residents."

For more information, contact Helgeland at [john.helgeland@ndsu.edu](mailto:john.helgeland@ndsu.edu) or 1-7026, or Dennis Cooley, institute associate director, at [Dennis.Cooley@ndsu.edu](mailto:Dennis.Cooley@ndsu.edu) or 1-7038.

## German-Russian music documentary to debut

Prairie Public Television will debut the fourth documentary in its award winning German-Russian series at public events in Bismarck, Fargo and Jamestown.

"A Soulful Sound, Music of the Germans from Russia" will premiere at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Heritage Center, Bismarck; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at Jamestown College's Reiland Fine Arts Center; and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Fargo Theatre. The premieres are free and open to the public.

The documentary was produced by PPTV in partnership with the NDSU Libraries' Germans from Russia Heritage Collection and the German from Russia Cultural Preservation Foundation. s

## 'Expanding Your Horizons' conference set

NDSU will host the 26th annual "Expanding Your Horizons" conference scheduled for Saturday, April 16. The event, which encourages young women to study mathematics and science, has registered 640 participants from more than 70 schools in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Designed to help young women in grades 7-9 retain an interest in science and mathematics classes, the program also fosters awareness about career opportunities for women in fields related to those studies. A total of 70 hands-on workshops covering a variety of topics are planned for NDSU, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Concordia College, MeritCare Hospital, Innovis Hospital, Boulger Funeral Home and the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

During the conference, the young women also will have the opportunity to meet and form personal contacts with women working in many fields, some of which are traditionally male occupations.

More than 270 volunteers will help stage the event, which receives funding and support from a number of local businesses, organizations and educational units.

For more information, contact Karen Murie, project coordinator, at 1-8638 or [karen.murie@ndsu.edu](mailto:karen.murie@ndsu.edu).

### Shorts and Reminders

#### Positions Available

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

Equal Opportunity and Legal Information Specialist/#00020265  
Equal Opportunity and General Counsel  
Salary commensurate with education and experience  
April 14

Lead Caterer  
12-month position; 40 hours/week  
M-F; 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; some evenings  
Dining Services-Union Dining Center  
\$8+ per hour  
Open until filled

Pharmacy Technician  
Family HealthCare Pharmacy  
\$21,800+/year  
Open until filled

Research Specialist/#00020048  
Ag and Biosystems Engineering  
\$30,000+/year  
April 15

Research Specialist  
Animal and Range Sciences  
Salary commensurate with training and experience  
April 22

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at [www.ndsu.edu/jobs](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).



**Union Food Court specials for April 13-20****Soup of the day**

Wednesday: vegetable beef and baked potato  
 Thursday: Southwestern chicken chili and cheeseburger  
 Friday: Wisconsin cheese and vegetarian vegetable  
 Monday: beer cheese and chicken rice  
 Tuesday: cream of potato and chicken noodle  
 Wednesday: knoepfla and vegetarian vegetable

**The Corner Deli**

Wednesday: All-American wrap  
 Thursday: chicken  
 Friday: your choice  
 Monday: turkey  
 Tuesday: pastrami  
 Wednesday: chicken Caesar wrap

**A La Carte**

Wednesday: carved honey glazed ham  
 Thursday: chicken rosemary  
 Friday: pasta bar  
 Monday: beef stroganoff  
 Tuesday: taco salad  
 Wednesday: carved turkey breast

**Pizza Express**

Wednesday: Southwestern chicken  
 Thursday: Hawaiian  
 Friday: Tuscany  
 Monday: once around the kitchen  
 Tuesday: taco  
 Wednesday: farmhouse

**The Union Grab and Go hot entrée**

Wednesday: grilled chicken alfredo  
 Thursday: meatballs and gravy  
 Friday: chicken fried steak  
 Monday: sweet and sour chicken  
 Tuesday: meat lasagna  
 Wednesday: roast beef

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

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

**Entrée salad (available in Grab and Go)**

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

Items are subject to change without notice. Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 for all 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.

**Calendar****April**

- 13 Civil Education Month—writer and activist Tim Wise, “Beyond ‘Diversity:’ Challenging Racism in a Time of Backlash,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room and 7:30 p.m. Festival Concert Hall
- 13 Staff Senate meeting, “NDSU’s Caring Community of Leaders and Problem-Solvers (CCLP) Program,” 9:30-10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 13 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 10 a.m.-noon, IACC 150C
- 13 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Race and Privilege,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 13 Physics—Orven Swenson, associate professor of physics, “Tunable Dye Lasers Pumped by Microchip Lasers,” 4 p.m., South Engineering 208
- 13 Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre’s “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 14 Safe Zone Ally training, 4-6 p.m., Memorial Union University Chamber
- 14-16 Little Country Theatre presents “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 15 Animal and range sciences—Jessica Evoniuk, graduate student, “Testing for BSE in the United States: Casting a Wide Net to Catch a Rare Fish;” Jay Volk, graduate student, “Vegetation and Soils: A Mutual Relationship,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 15 Plant sciences—McDonald Jumbo, graduate student, “Soybean Cyst Management and Crop Rotation,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 15 Woodwind chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 16 NDSU Horse Fair, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., NDSU Equine Center
- 16 Jazz Arts Group concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 17 NDSU Horse Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., NDSU Equine Center
- 17 Student honors recital, 2 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 18 Physics and mechanical engineering—Erik K. Hobbie, National Institute of Standards and Technology, “Carbon Nanotubes as Soft Matter,” 4 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 18 Civil Education Month—showing of parts three and four of the film, “Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State,” 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 19 Civil Education Month—Holocaust survivor Dr. Robert Fisch, “Lessons from the Holocaust,” 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

- 20 Civil Education Month—"Boxes and Walls" interactive tour, 9 a.m-10 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 20 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar "Boxes and Walls," noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 21 World I View presentation, topic to be announced, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 21 Physics and pharmaceutical sciences—Ka Yee C. Lee, University of Chicago, "Lipid Coralling and Polozmer Squeeze-Out in Membranes," 4 p.m., Memorial Union University Chamber
- 21-23 Little Country Theatre presents "The Beggar's Opera," 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 22 Plant sciences—Shipra Mittal, graduate student, "Centromere: An Essential Part of a Eukaryotic Chromosome;" Sujan Mamidi, graduate student, "Candidate Gene Analysis of Quantitative Disease Resistance Loci," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 22 Psychology—Nancy Cooke, Arizona State University, "Emergent Team Cognition...OR...What Was Wrong with the U.S. Olympic Basketball Team?" 3:30 p.m., Minard Annex 138
- 25 Civil Education Month—showing of parts five and six of the film, "Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State," 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 25 Jazz Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.

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- 26 Baseball vs. the University of Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 27 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar "Gender Gap in Politics," noon, Memorial Union Gallery
- 27 Emergency management program lecture series—"Highlights and Lessons from a Career as a Disaster Researcher," Thomas Drabak, University of Denver, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose room
- 28 Safe Zone Ally training, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room
- 28 Varsity Band and Brass Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.
- 29 Plant sciences—Nyle Jonason, graduate student, "Risk Assessment of Exotic Versus Native Woody Plants in the United States;" Clint Ostby, graduate student, "Ashes on the Decline: Is the Emerald Ash Borer a Threat to North Dakota?" 3 30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 30 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Newman Outdoor Field

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- 1 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, noon and 2 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 1 "A Salute to Percy Grainger," Joseph Kreines, guest artist, with NDSU ensembles and soloists, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and children. Call 1-9442.
- 2 Baseball vs. Concordia College, 6 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 3 Spring choral concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.