

NDUS chancellor selected

The State Board of Higher Education on March 18 selected Robert L. Potts, president of the University of North Alabama, to be chancellor of the North Dakota University System. Potts accepted the position on March 19.

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman was a member of the chancellor search committee.

"We believe Dr. Potts can provide the leadership and vision needed to guide the state's 11 colleges and universities," said Richard Kunkel, SBHE president. "His professional experiences and personal philosophy closely parallel the expectations of the university system established by the Roundtable on Higher Education."

Potts has been president of the University of North Alabama since 1990, and served as general counsel for the University of Alabama System from 1984-89. Prior to that, he was a partner in the law firm of Potts and Young from 1971-83. He received a juris doctorate degree from the University of Alabama in 1969 and a master of laws degree from Harvard University in 1971.

Potts will assume the chancellor position effective July 1. The position became vacant when Larry Isaak resigned in November 2003. Michael Hillman, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, is serving as interim chancellor.

Chapman accepts tailgating plan

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman has accepted the NDSU Tailgating Advisory Committee recommendation to allow alcohol, with restrictions, during Bison football game tailgating at the Fargodome parking lot.

On March 16, Chapman wrote a letter to Fargo Mayor Bruce Furness, asking for necessary changes to ensure that NDSU policy is consistent with city ordinances. He asks that the revisions be implemented in time for the 2004 football season.

In his letter, Chapman wrote, "In accepting the recommendations of the advisory committee, I am seeking to strike a balance between public interest in allowing alcohol at tailgating and North Dakota State University's concerns about underage use and abuse of alcohol. My acceptance of the committee's recommendations does not diminish these concerns and we will continue our efforts in these matters."

The 15-member committee, chaired by Gene Taylor, director of athletics, forwarded its recommendation to Chapman on March 12.

Among the committee's recommended restrictions are a confined area for tailgating, with a strong security presence and appropriate identification required to prevent minors from consuming alcohol. Kegs and party balls will not be allowed, and beverages must be in plastic cups.

Chapman formed the committee Oct. 1 and asked for a recommendation by March 15. The group met twice each month, studying a wide range of topics such as underage drinking concerns, over-consumption, public safety and law enforcement. The committee also studied how 40 other universities handle tailgating.

Family Weekend input sought

NDSU's ninth annual Family Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 1-3. Any colleges or departments with events taking place that weekend may have the events listed in the Family Weekend schedule. Forward the information to Nancy Mueller at Nancy.Mueller@ndsu.nodak.edu or call her at 1-8379.

Large passenger van training reminder

Large passenger van behind-the-wheel training is scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month April-October. Available dates and times can be found at <http://facilities-mgmt.ndsu.nodak.edu/transportation>. Individual training may be scheduled by calling 1-9619. For more information, call Cathy Powers at 1-7301.

Multicultural student support group offered

Counseling and Disability Services plans to offer a support group for multicultural and international students at 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays in Ceres 212 throughout spring semester. Faculty and staff are encouraged to refer any interested students. For more information, call Barb Chromy or Michelle Richter at 1-7671.

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Research corridor receives funding

U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan announced that \$150,000 in federal funding has been secured to help develop the Red River Valley Research Corridor. Dorgan made the announcement March 17 at the Red River Valley Research Conference held at the NDSU Alumni Center.

Dorgan said NDSU and the University of North Dakota will be the "economic engines" for the corridor, which he expects will enhance the economy of the Red River Valley and the region.

"We're setting up a coordinator's office to provide coordination with both universities, the private sector and other colleges in the region," Dorgan said, noting that the federal funding is included in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for fiscal 2004. "It is to give a bit more direction, a bit more focus and a bit more shape to this vision of creating a research corridor."

The coordinating center also will track and seek additional federal funding and market the state's research assets outside the region.

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman told reporters covering the conference that North Dakota is moving forward in the areas of research and technology. "It's really, in my view, about marketing and getting the word out about what we are doing," he said. "It is about changing the perception. We really have become a different kind of state when it comes to the quality and the magnitude of the research enterprise that our institutions provide."

CNSE move begins

Researchers and staff on March 15 began moving into the new Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering building in the NDSU Research and Technology Park.

The 76,000-square foot facility contains cleanrooms, electronics fabrication tools, synthesis and characterization equipment and space for more than 125 researchers and support staff. The project includes \$17 million in construction costs and \$13 million in equipment.

The center's mission is to engage in pioneering, interdisciplinary research and technology development on materials whose design starts at the atomic-molecular scale. CNSE currently has six major Department of Defense-sponsored programs in the areas of microsensors, wireless electronics miniaturization, advanced marine coatings for Navy ships, hybrid coatings for aircraft systems, superhybred coatings and spin electronics in polymer materials. In addition, a partnership and technology transfer arrangement is in place with Alien Technology Corp., Morgan Hill, Calif.

Levis Cross Ranch Fellowship applications requested

Applications are being accepted for the Robert H. Levis 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 resource management.

The one-year award of approximately \$4,000 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 fellowship can be used as a stipend for the recipient or to support graduate research expenses.

The fellowship is supported by an endowment established by the late Robert H. Levis and contributions from the trust fund of Levis' widow, Gladys Allen. Located near the Missouri River west of Washburn, N.D., the ranch was owned by the Levis family and is now managed by the Nature Conservancy.

Eligible students should apply in writing. Written faculty nomination 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 16.

Staff Senate scholarships available

The NDSU Staff Senate will offer scholarships to eligible NDSU broadbanded staff and children of broadbanded staff. The application deadline is Thursday, April 8.

To be eligible, broadbanded staff applicants must be NDSU employees for one year as of the application deadline, be properly enrolled with a minimum of three undergraduate or two graduate credits per semester at the time of application and at the time of award disbursement, have earned a minimum of sophomore status at NDSU with a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average and be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate degree program. "Special" classification will not be considered. Broadbanded staff scholarship awards are \$200.

Eligible children must be a child of broadbanded staff members presently employed by NDSU for a minimum of one year as of the application deadline, be properly enrolled at least half-time with a minimum of six credits per semester at NDSU, have earned a minimum of 15 semester credits at NDSU with a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average and be enrolled as an undergraduate student. Applicants may not have earned a bachelor's degree. The minimum scholarship amount is \$300.

Selections will be made by the scholarship committee prior to the 2004 fall semester. Funds for children of broadbanded staff will be disbursed in equal installments at the beginning of fall and spring semesters. Scholarships for broadbanded staff will be disbursed at the beginning of fall semester.

Application forms are available in the Office of Student Financial Services, Ceres 202, or online at www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/scholarship. For more information, contact Brian Miller at brian.miller@ndsu.nodak.edu or 1-6332.

Women's Club scholarships available

The NDSU Women's Club is providing two or more scholarships, to be awarded in the fall. Applicants must be students from North Dakota, South Dakota or Minnesota; have junior status during the upcoming fall semester, regardless of age; show evidence of extracurricular or community involvement; and provide letters of reference from at least two NDSU-related persons, including the major professor. A 3.2 cumulative grade point average is the minimum, and demonstration of financial need is not required.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Financial Services, and must be submitted by Monday, May 10.

Gunkelman Award nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for the 2004 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 at the Orientation and Student Success office, Ceres 211. All nominations must be received by that office by 4 p.m. Friday, April 2.

Finalists will be honored and the winner announced during a reception scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

NDSU Libraries announces 'Recipe Index Search'

The NDSU Libraries' Germans from Russia Heritage Collection has announced the "Recipe Index Search" at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/recipes. The search allows people to locate more than 20,000 recipes included in the cookbooks available for purchase at the GRHC Web site. For example, one can locate 34 recipe titles for knoepfla soup and 91 recipe titles for strudel.

The search includes Categories for Recipe Index Search, Dictionary of German-Russian Food Terms, Metric and United States Conversion Charts and Ukrainian Pronunciation for Foods. It also includes recipe titles from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, such as Bessarabian, Black Sea, German, Russian, Ukrainian, Mennonite, Hutterite, Volga, Crimean and the Northern and Central Plains of the United States and Canada. The cookbook title, recipe category, recipe name, page number and person who submitted the recipe are available through the search.

For more information about the search, e-mail Kristi.Brink@ndsu.nodak.edu or Michael.Miller@ndsu.nodak.edu.

People

Leistriz to present at economic forecast luncheon

Larry Leistriz, professor of agricultural economics, is among the selected speakers for the second Economic Forecast Luncheon, co-presented by the Grand Forks, N.D., Chamber of Commerce and the University of North Dakota's College of Business and Public Administration. Scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Alerus Center, the "Looking Out Across the Economic Prairie II" program is open to the public, but reservations are required.

According to organizers, the program will feature experts making economic projections in areas important to the local economy.

Tickets are \$15. For reservations, contact the Chamber office at (701) 772-7271.

Recipients named for Odney, Waldron, Peltier Awards

Three NDSU faculty members have been selected for prestigious annual campus awards, according to Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs. James Coykendall, associate professor of mathematics, was chosen for the Odney Award for Excellence in Teaching; Jeffrey Clark, professor of anthropology, will receive the Waldron Award for Excellence in Research; and Brian Slator, professor of computer science, was selected for the Peltier Award for Innovation in Teaching.

The awardees will be honored during the "Celebration of Excellence," scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, May 6, in the Alumni Center Atrium. The awards are sponsored by the NDSU Development Foundation.

"The honorees are outstanding individuals who demonstrate the quality that NDSU offers in the areas of teaching, research and innovative educational techniques," said Schnell. "Each of the awardees represents the excellence we strive for at NDSU."

Coykendall to receive Odney Award



Coykendall

Coykendall was selected for the Odney Award, which is chosen primarily on comments from students that describe a faculty member's ability to stimulate interest in subject matter, demand rigorous thought, generate enthusiastic responses and demonstrate distinctive competence. The award has been presented since 1972 in honor of the late Robert Odney, a former Fargo businessman and longtime supporter of NDSU.

Coykendall joined NDSU in 1996. He earned a bachelor's degree from the California Institute of Technology, and a doctorate in mathematics from Cornell University. He is the James A. Meier Junior Professor, 1999-2000 College of Science and Mathematics Teaching Award honoree and Math Club adviser. He also organizes an all-day "math-in" for students preparing for finals.

The nomination packet for Coykendall included letters from colleagues and students, alike, praising his teaching ability and accessibility.

"It gives me great pleasure to recognize Jim's enthusiasm for his field, his concern for his students, and his personal warmth, kindness and collegiality with this nomination for the Odney Award," wrote Warren Shreve, professor and chair of mathematics.

"Why is Jim so successful? First, there is his thorough mathematical competence, but there is also his inimitable down-to-earth Tennessee style," wrote Davis Cope, associate professor of mathematics. "When he teaches integral calculus, he tells students he aims to turn them into 'lean, mean, integrating machines.' But I think the most important element is his accessibility, his evident interest in mathematics and in helping people to understand."

Senior Mitchel T. Keller called Coykendall NDSU's most valuable faculty member in his letter of support. "As I prepare to leave NDSU, I look up on Dr. Coykendall as a great teacher, great mentor and a great friend, and I can only dream that someday I will be half the teacher that he is."

Sophomore Jill Bozovsky commended Coykendall as one of her best teachers. "He has enthusiasm and humor that make going to class fun and interesting," she wrote. "He has the most office hours of any professor I know, showing that he is enthusiastic about his students."

Clark selected for Waldron Award



Clark

Clark will receive the Waldron award, which recognizes outstanding faculty research being conducted on campus. It is funded with an endowment established by the estate of the late Fred Waldron.

His research in computer digitization of anthropological resources has received regional, national and international recognition. In 1998, he established the Archaeology Technologies

Laboratory to develop advanced 3D visualization and digital archives applications.

Clark joined NDSU in 1983. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University Michigan, and his master's degree and doctorate in anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His honors include the 1994 Outstanding Research/Creative Activity Award in the NDSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Thomas Riley, dean of arts, humanities and social sciences, said Clark and his colleagues have presented their work across the country and around the world. "They have partnered with colleagues in Italy, England, France, India, Germany and Greece to produce some truly important results in 21st century archaeology," he wrote. "The laboratory has been featured on CNN, in a full article in *American Archaeology*, on BBC and NBC, and has brought large grants and favorable attention to NDSU."

Donald Schwert, professor of geology and director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education, wrote in a letter of support, "Under Dr. Clark, NDSU has become the world center of expertise in research related to the development dissemination of virtual archaeological environment and objects."

Professor Franco Niccolucci, University of Florence, wrote, "I would express my high esteem of Professor Jeff Clark as a scientist, as a team organizer and as a teacher. He made NDSU better known and appreciated in Europe. He is carrying on valuable and innovative research with impressive results and high potential for further development."

Graduate student Aaron Bergstrom said he was proud to work with Clark. "Dr. Clark continues to foster an environment where students of any level can follow their research passions," he wrote. "Not only does he routinely assist students in overcoming obstacles in their research, but he also offers opportunities for students to participate in his own research."

Slator to be honored for innovative teaching



Slator

Slator will receive the Peltier Award, which is selected primarily on written recommendations that demonstrate teaching innovation. The award is funded through an endowment by Joe and Norma Peltier of Arthur, N.D.

Slator has been a pioneer in the development of virtual educational environments. Since coming to NDSU in 1996, he has been an architect, designer and mainstay of educational research efforts such as the Geology Explorer project, the Virtual Cell 3D simulation for

biology education and Dollar Bay, a business and economics simulation. His research at NDSU has been funded through more than \$4.5 million in competitive research grants, including funding from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education.

His nomination was submitted by Kendall Nygard, professor and chair of computer science, and the World Wide Web Instructional Committee. Committee members include Jeffrey Clark, professor of anthropology, Phillip McClean, professor of plant sciences, Bernhardt Saini-Eidukat, associate professor of geosciences, Donald Schwert, professor of geosciences, Paul Juell, associate professor of computer sciences; Alan White, professor of biological sciences and dean of science and mathematics; and Lisa Daniels, assistant professor in the School of Education.

"Perhaps his most visible accomplishments concern the multi-user, virtual, game-like simulation environments that he has developed for student learning," wrote Nygard. "He has a natural gift for interacting with students in a way that challenges their thinking on a topic and strongly motivates them to succeed."

The committee wrote that Slator "personifies the ideal: to contribute to teaching through research. Dr. Slator's accomplishments here are unequaled, as his research centers on the discovery and refinement of new methods for delivering instruction—particularly at a distance."

Slator earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and his master's degree and doctorate in computer science from New Mexico State University. His other honors include the 2001 NDSU College of Science and Mathematics Excellence in Research Award and the 2000 Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology.

Larson named Division II National Indoor Coach of the Year

NDSU head coach Don Larson has been named Division II National Indoor Coach of the Year by the United States Track Coaches Association.

This is the fourth national award for Larson, and the second consecutive year that he has been named men's indoor Coach of the Year at the national, regional and conference levels.

Earlier, Larson was named the North Central Region Indoor Coach of the Year, and was one of two recipients of the North Central Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Swift earns newspaper association award

Tammy Swift, feature writer in publications services, received a first place award in column writing in the Minnesota Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper contest.

Swift competed against columnists from 49 daily newspapers throughout Minnesota. According to judges reports, Swift's columns are "highly readable ... full of energy and relateable anecdotes. Swift accomplishes what columnists aspire to do—the person as they are and even become them for a moment. Efficient writing and specific detail made this a solid first-place choice." She also writes a humor column for *The Forum* of Fargo-Moorhead.

Masters Week 2004 set for March 29-April 2

The 11th annual NDSU Masters Week will be held on the NDSU campus March 29-April 2. Masters Week is sponsored by the Alumni Association in cooperation with the individual colleges, and is an opportunity to recognize and honor outstanding alumni. The Masters will share their career-related experiences and knowledge with many audiences while visiting campus. Each Master will have the opportunity to meet with and present to students, faculty, staff and the NDSU community. The classroom presentations and seminars listed are free and open to the public. For more information contact call Sara Tanke at the Alumni Association at 1-6804.

Gregory R. Binkley **Master of the College of Business Administration** **Monday, March 29**

Gregory R. Binkley graduated from NDSU with a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1970 and a master's degree in economics in 1971. He is the president and chief executive officer of The Sportsman's Guide, a national catalog and Internet company offering outdoor gear, clothing and footwear, and other general merchandise, located in South St. Paul, Minn. Prior to being named president in 1998 and CEO in 2000, Binkley served as the company's executive vice president, senior vice president of operations and chief operating officer. He has been a member of the company's board of directors since 1995.

Prior to his career at The Sportsman's Guide, Binkley worked as an independent operations consultant from 1993-94. He was the director of distribution for the Fingerhut Companies from 1990-93, and was the director of distribution with Cable Value Network Inc., prior to that. He also worked for Donaldson's department stores as the vice president of finance and operations, and vice president of operations.

Kurt Knudson **Master of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences** **Tuesday, March 30**

Kurt Knudson received a master's degree in theatre arts from NDSU in 1965. Now a professional actor, Knudson was director of the Little Country Theatre where he met his wife, Judy. After leaving NDSU, he taught at Michigan Technological University at Houghton and Yankton College in South Dakota. He returned to Fargo in 1968 and was director of the F-M Community Theatre for two seasons.

Knudson has appeared in several Broadway productions, including "Cheaters," "The Curse of an Aching Heart," "Sunday in the Park with George" and "Take Me Along." He currently appears on Broadway in "Beauty and the Beast." His television credits include Baron Von Steuben in the 1984 mini-series, "George Washington;" Wyatt Lockhart in the television sitcom, "Harry;" Dr. Arnold Keating on "Night Court;" and Judge Ari Waxman on the television series "Law and Order." Knudson also has had guest starring roles in "Providence" and "Sliders," and most recently, he played Judge Garcia in "Judging Amy."

Knudson is scheduled to give a presentation to the Acting II class from 10:30-11:30 a.m., and the Acting I class from 2-3:30 p.m. Both presentations will be held in Walsh Studio Theater.

Debra Hapenny Ciavola **Master of the College of Human Development and Education** **Wednesday, March 31**

Debra Hapenny Ciavola graduated from NDSU in 1995 with a master's degree in clinical counseling. She has a doctorate in family therapy from Westbrooke University in West Virginia. Licensed as a marriage and family therapist and certified psychologist in Dallas, Ciavola has an active private practice focusing on empowering children, adolescents and adults to achieve a balanced and fulfilling life.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Ciavola co-founded the nonprofit Tears to Heaven Foundation dedicated to grief recovery. As chair, Ciavola worked with the victims' families to lessen their grief through the process of writing "good-bye" letters. Ciavola published 180 of the letters in the book, "Sounds of Silence."

Ciavola recently published her second book, "50 Great Tips, Tricks, and Techniques to Connect with Your Teen," and was selected as author of the month for Barnes and Noble. She has been a guest on several radio stations nationwide and served as a parenting expert for the Dallas Morning News and other local newspapers. Dedicated to strengthening families and raising children with strong character, Ciavola maintains www.greatparentingtips.com, a parenting Web site offering fun and simple tips for parents, single parents, step-families and grandparents.

Also a registered nurse, Ciavola has held positions as director of outpatient psychiatric services and director of the Employee Assistance Program for the Columbia Green Oaks Behavioral Healthcare Network in Dallas. She gives motivational presentations to various mental health associations, hospitals, civic organizations churches and businesses.

Ciavola is a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, the Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, the National Association of Certified Psychologists and the Texas Association of Registered Nurses. She has been instrumental in creating programs as a board member for the Texas Health Advisory Board, Bridgeway Alternative School and as medical director for the Coppell Substance Abuse Board. She is on National Board of Professional and Ethical Standards, providing direction and advice in the setting of therapeutic guidelines.

She is scheduled to present "Sounds of Silence: Remembering the Heroes, Victims and Survivors of September 11, 2001," from 10-10:50 a.m. in the Family Life Center room 124.

Mark Timm, M.D., MBA, FACS, CPE **Master of the College of Science and Mathematics** **Wednesday, March 31**

Dr. Mark Timm has been on staff at the Medical Associates Health Centers in Menomonee Falls, Wis., as a general and vascular surgeon since 1992. His specialties include gastrointestinal endoscopy, laparoscopic surgery and breast surgery. He received board certification in 1993.

Timm received a bachelor's degree in zoology from NDSU in 1983, and a doctor of medicine degree from the University of North Dakota in 1987. He completed his general surgery residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1992, and received a master's degree in business administration from Marquette University in 1999. He is a certified physician executive for the American College of Physician Executives.

Timm also has served as chair of the Medical Associates Health Centers surgery department. He serves on the center's board of directors and currently is chairman. In addition, he is an assistant clinical instructor of surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

He is a member of several professional societies, including the American Medical Society, the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Physician Executives, the Society of Laparoscopic Surgery, the American Society of General Surgeons, the Milwaukee Academy of Surgery, the State Medical Society of Wisconsin and the Waukesha County Medical Society.

Timm is scheduled to present a seminar from 3–3:50 p.m. in Stevens Hall room 230.

Neal Holland
Master of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources
Thursday, April 1

Neal Holland, professor emeritus of horticulture, is the owner/operator of Sheyenne Gardens nursery and greenhouse in Harwood, N.D. Holland retired from NDSU in 1986 after 32 years, including three years as acting chair of horticulture. He received a bachelor's degree from NDSU in 1951 and a master's degree in horticulture in 1960. He was an active member of the Farm House fraternity.

A successful plant breeder, Holland's breeds include four varieties of Fairy Tale lilacs; the Hazen Apple; the Sheyenne, Cannonball, Dakota Gold and Lark tomato varieties; the Gold Nugget (AAS), Emerald and Discus varieties of squash; and Mantador broccoli.

Holland has received several awards throughout his career. In 1966, he was the recipient of the American Seed Trade Association's All-America Selections Silver Medal for the development of Gold Nugget squash. He received the first Dacotah Chapter of Alpha Zeta Outstanding Agriculturist Award in 1973. He also has received the North Dakota State Horticulture Society's R.L. Wodarz Award, the South Dakota State Horticulture Society's John Robertson Medal and the Cass County 4-H Service Award. Most recently, Holland was honored with an award for his service to the University of Minnesota-Crookston's horticulture department.

Holland is scheduled to present the seminar, "My Travels To and Through Horticulture," from 3:30-4 p.m. in Loftsgard Hall room 114.

Ryn M. Pitts
Master of the College of Pharmacy
Thursday, April 1

Ryn M. Pitts is the founder of ryn*geniuity, a health care management consulting practice located in Fargo. She received a bachelor's degree in 1971 and a master's degree in pharmacy in 1982 from NDSU.

Before she developed her current business, Pitts was a senior vice president at Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (BCBSND), where she led physician and hospital reimbursement policy development, managed care contracting, provider relationship administration and pharmacy benefit management. She was the publisher of Health Care Discussion, a BCBSND journal addressing pressing issues of rural health care finance and delivery across the upper Midwest. Prior to that she served as vice

president of MeritCare Health System, Fargo.

Pitts recently was appointed to the national board of directors of Women Business Leaders of the US Health Care Industry Foundation. At the invitation of the North Dakota Supreme Court, she serves on the state's judicial planning committee. Pitts is a member of the NDSU Development Foundation board of trustees executive committee, and was a legislative appointee to the state's Roundtable on Higher Education. She was elected chair of the national Pharmacy Advisory Committee to the NDSU College of Pharmacy. Among 400 statewide nominees to serve on the Greater North Dakota Association's New Economy Committee, Pitts was chosen to fill one of 30 key positions based on selection criteria that included credibility, visionary skills, leadership potential and a track record of achievement.

Pitts is scheduled to present the seminar, "Composing a Career Through Pharmacy," from 11–11:50 a.m. in Sudro Hall room 27.

Mehta named to teaching advancement board

Sudhir Mehta, associate vice president for academic affairs and professor of mechanical engineering, has been elected to the board of directors of The Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning. The organization's offices are in St. Paul, Minn.

The regional independent, nonprofit organization supports and promotes outstanding teaching and learning at public, private and tribal colleges and universities. It offers programs and services that provide professional support for persons who want to enhance student learning through involvement in an inter-institution and interdisciplinary community of peers. It also identifies, disseminates and fosters effective approaches to teaching and learning, while engaging in a scholarly examination of teaching practice.

"It is an honor for me to serve on the board of directors of the collaboration," Mehta said. "I will be able to share effective things that we do at NDSU to enhance teaching and learning, and also learn from others."

Mehta's three-year term begins on July 1.

Student killed in crash

Brittany Wanner, 20, a junior majoring in nursing, was killed in a one-vehicle crash March 18 near Beardsley, Minn. She was the daughter of Gary and Dawn Wanner, Dickinson, N.D.

Wanner was named to the dean's list for the three semesters prior to her death, and was a member of the Student Nurses Association. The crash also claimed the lives of Christopher Klemm, 21, Wheaton, Minn., and Pamela Elright, 22, Beardsley, Minn.

Events

International Week events scheduled

NDSU's International Week is scheduled for March 29-April 2.

During the week, an international photography contest is planned, with the photos on display in the Memorial Union Alumni Lounge. Submitted photos may represent such things as cultural events, scenic landscapes or historical monuments.

In addition, residence halls will be decorated to represent countries from around the world. Winners of both contests will be announced at International Night festivities April 2.

Other events include:

Monday, March 29

An International Expo is planned for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Alumni Lounge. International associations and students will display information and cultural items including crafts, writings, art and traditional items from their respective countries.

The opening ceremony and "Parade of Nations" are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in the Alumni Lounge. President Joseph A. Chapman and Itunu Famakinwa, International Student Association president, are scheduled to make comments. Students carrying flags from countries around the world will parade through the Memorial Union.

A Latin dancing class is planned for 3-4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. An instructor will teach a variety of Latin dances including the salsa, merengue and cha-cha.

Tuesday, March 30

"World I View: Chinese Medicine" is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. International students Min Liu and Aijiao Wang, plan to speak about Chinese medicine. The presentation will include video clips of the practice Chinese traditional medicine, ways in which doctors diagnose and write prescriptions, the purchase and preparation of herbs and the practice of acupuncture.

"Interacting with International Students" is planned for 3 p.m. in the Peace Garden Room. Designed for faculty and staff who work with NDSU's international students, the presentation will offer tips and suggestions on cultural sensitivity and provide insight on effective interaction with international students.

"Semester at Sea-100 Days Around the World. Part 1," presented by former NDSU employee Janine Thull and her husband, Jeff Richter, is planned for 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. They will discuss their experience aboard the SS Universe Explorer, a floating study abroad program that travels around the world.

Wednesday, March 31

A study abroad fair is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Prairie Rose Room. Exchange students and program representatives will be on hand to discuss study abroad programs offered as NDSU. Door prizes will be given away throughout the event and refreshments will be served.

The YMCA of NDSU brown bag seminar "Cultural Attitudes Toward Life: Birth and Death" is scheduled for noon in the Peace Garden Room. An international panel of speakers will discuss differing societal and religious attitudes and traditions surrounding life and death.

Thull and Richter are set to present "Semester at Sea-100 Days Around the World, Part 2" at 2 p.m. in the Peace Garden Room.

Herbert Snyder, associate professor of accounting, is scheduled to present "My Fulbright Experience in Ukraine" at 3 p.m. in the Peace Garden Room.

A showing of the film "Akira Kurosawa's Dreams" is set for 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Late Japanese director Akira Kurosawa captures his dreams on film in eight vignettes that include a wedding procession of foxes, a platoon of ghosts, post-apocalyptic human mutations and a meeting with Vincent van Gogh. The film, sponsored by Campus Attractions, is in Japanese with English subtitles.

Thursday, April 1

An international lunch buffet will be served 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Alumni Center. Foods from a diverse group of countries will be prepared and served by international students. Tickets are \$7 and must be purchased in advance from the Office of International Programs. Call 1-7895 for more information or reservations.

"World I View: Tanzania" is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Meadowlark Room. Tanzania native Charles Musiba, assistant professor of sociology, will share his experiences on a trip to Tanzania with students to hunt for the oldest clues of human life. Information about upcoming field opportunities also will be available.

Friday, April 2

NDSU purchasing agent Peter Hart is scheduled to present "Riding with the Windows Always Open: Seeing the World from the Seat of a Bicycle" at 11 a.m. in the Century Theater. Hart will share his story of what started as therapy for sadness and grief, and turned into an ongoing journey in love and adventure that has taken him around the world.

"International Night" is set for 7 p.m. in the Century Theater. The International Student Association will sponsor a variety show featuring songs, dances and skits from many countries. Tickets are \$6 and are available in the Office of International Programs, Ceres 338, or from any International Student Association member.

Isern to present Tri-College history lecture

Thomas Isern, professor of history, will present the 2004 Tri-College History Lecture scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the Alumni Center's Reimers Room.

Isern's lecture, "My So-Called Life on the Plains: Confessions of the Last Picture Show Generation," explores life on the Great Plains in the late 20th century. Referred to as a "confessional essay by a scholar who has devoted his life to this place," the lecture will examine Isern's views on the unraveling of the region's society and the malaise that gripped the land.

The event is open to the public.

Brown bag seminars planned

"Cultural Attitudes Toward Life Birth and Death" is scheduled for noon Wednesday, March 31, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

An international panel of speakers will discuss differing societal and religious attitudes and traditions surrounding life and death.

"Separation Anxiety: Adults Feel It Too" is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the Memorial Union University Chamber.

Tracy Arnston, clinic coordinator in the Family Therapy Center, will address ways in which people who miss a friend or family member can learn coping skills to help deal with separation from those they miss.

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

Sandland lecture scheduled

Julie Sandland, lecturer in English, is scheduled to present the lecture "Zerelda, Annie and Zee James: The Women Who Lived with Outlaws" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in Beckwith Recital Hall. The lecture is a study of the mother and wives of Frank and Jesse James.

Sandland is the recipient of the 2003-04 Larry Remele Memorial Fellowship, sponsored by the North Dakota Humanities Council. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Shorts and Reminders

'Campus Kudos' presented

Staff senate recently presented Campus Kudos awards to Tom Moberg, vice provost and chief information officer in Information Technology Services. Moberg shared NDSU's information technology direction at a recent Staff Senate meeting. Campus Kudos is a certificate of appreciation issued for contributions to campus and the people on campus. Anyone on campus, including faculty, staff and students, is eligible. For more information or to submit a nomination using the online form, go to www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/staff_senate/.

Food production management meal

A Mexican-style meal is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, and Thursday, April 1, in West Dining Center. The menu includes beef chili with onions, tortilla chips, Mexican ranch chicken salad, Spanish rice and fruit pizza. Cost of the meal is \$5.85, including beverage. Call 1-7023 for reservations. The meal is prepared, served and managed by students in the food production management class.

Union Food Court specials for March 24-31

Soup of the day

Wednesday: knoepfla and minestrone
Thursday: tomato and vegetarian vegetable
Friday: clam chowder and zesty Italian
Monday: turkey rice and tomato
Tuesday: California medley and chicken noodle
Wednesday: minestrone and baked potato

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: ham
Thursday: pastrami
Friday: roast beef
Monday: ham
Tuesday: corned beef
Wednesday: chicken Caesar wrap

A La Carte

Wednesday: grilled chicken alfredo
Thursday: chicken chimichanga
Friday: Swiss steak
Monday: hand-carved pork loin
Tuesday: pasta bar
Wednesday: hand-carved roast beef

Pizza Express

Wednesday: farmhouse
Thursday: Red River
Friday: Hawaiian
Monday: bacon cheeseburger
Tuesday: taco
Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken

The Union Grab and Go

Wednesday: spaghetti and meatballs
Thursday: roast pork and gravy
Friday: roasted turkey
Monday: grilled chicken alfredo
Tuesday: beef teriyaki
Wednesday: broasted chicken

More Than A Burger

Wednesday: popcorn chicken
Thursday: bacon cheeseburger
Friday: deluxe burger
Monday: cordon bleu fillet
Tuesday: bacon cheeseburger
Wednesday: smothered chicken

Items are subject to change without notice. Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 to check out all of our daily specials. Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Kristina at the Union Buffet at 1-8122.

Positions Available

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

Retail Supervisor
M-F; 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; weekends as necessary
Hours may vary occasionally
Dining Services
\$10.05 minimum/hour
March 23 (internal); March 30 (external)

Community Planning Specialist/#5559
North Dakota Forest Service
Bismarck, N.D.
\$27,700+/year
Open until filled

Registered Nurse
Per diem; M-F, non-benefited
Student Health Service
\$14+/hour
Open until filled

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

Calendar

March

Through March 30 "Women of the Plains" exhibit, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 4 p.m. Friday, March 5.

Through March 28 Juried high school art exhibition, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6.

24 Training Our Campuses Against Racism (TOCAR) workshop, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Research I room 148/154.

24 Safety and environmental health—"After the Storm" public awareness meeting on NDSU's storm water pollution prevention plan, 2:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater. For more information, visit <http://facilities-mgmt.ndsu.nodak.edu/oseh/>.

25 Lively Arts Series presents The Peking Acrobats, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors and NDSU employees, \$7 for non-NDSU students and children, and \$6 for NDSU students.

25 Graduate recital by Darci Bulema, soprano, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall

26 Animal and ranges sciences—Jackie Olson, graduate student, "The Effects of Dormant Season Grazing on Plant Growth and Herbage Production;" Wendy Bengochea, graduate student, "Influence of Degree of Barley Processing on Digestive Functions in Steers," 3 p.m., Hultz 104

26 Plant sciences—Christopher Johnson, graduate student, "Target Plant Transformation Through Homologous Recombination," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 11

26 Concert Choir home concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$2.

27 15th annual Woodlands and High Plains Inter-Campus Powwow sponsored by NDSU, Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College, grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse, Moorhead.

28 Band home concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$2.

29 Pedagogical luncheon with presenters Sudhir Mehta and Dan Ewert, noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room

29-April 2 International Week

30 Masters Week presentations by Kurt Knudson, 10:30 a.m and 2 p.m., Walsh Studio Theater

30 Graduate recital by Leesa Levy, soprano, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall

31 Masters Week presentation, "Sounds of Silence: Remembering the Heroes, Victims and Survivors of September 11, 2001," by Debra Hapenny Ciavola, 10 a.m., Family Life Center 124

31 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar "Cultural Attitudes Toward Life: Birth and Death," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room

31 Masters Week seminar by Mark Timm, M.D., 3 p.m., Stevens 230

31 Soil science—Scott F. Korom, University of North Dakota, "Network of In Situ Mesocosms for Monitoring Denitrification in Selected Aquifers of Minnesota and North Dakota," 3 p.m., Walster 217

April

1-8 Senior art thesis projects on display in the Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 4 p.m. Friday, April 2.

1 NDSU Internet2 Day, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., IACC 422

1 Masters Week seminar "Composing a Career Through Pharmacy" by Ryn Pitts, 11 a.m., Sudro 27

1 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar "Separation Anxiety: Adults Feel It Too," 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union University Chamber

1 Masters Week seminar "My Travels To and Through Horticulture" by Neal Holland, 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114

2 Animal and range sciences—Joel Caton, professor of animal and range sciences, "Intestinal Growth and Vascularization," 3 p.m., Hultz 104

5 NDSU Saxology and Jazz Combo concert, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.

6 46th Faculty Lectureship—Richard Rathge, professor of agricultural economics, "North Dakota: Bridging Divides and Building Futures," 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater. Free and open to the public.

- 6 Environmental and conservation science program—Curt Meine, Aldo Leopold biographer and International Crane Foundation director, “Emergence of an Idea: Aldo Leopold and the Conservation of Biological Diversity,” 7:30 p.m., Minard 138
- 7 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Piles, Clutter and Chaos: Clear Your Space and Your Life,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 7 Soil science—Scott Sofferahn, deputy state director for Sen. Kent Conrad, “Conservation: The Future for Agricultural Policy?” 3 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 7 Hard Bop Saxophone Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 8 Staff Senate scholarship application deadline
- 8 Julie Sandland, lecturer in English, “Zerelda, Annie and Zee James: The Women Who Lived with Outlaws,” 7 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall
- 9 Good Friday holiday—university closed
- 12 Staff Recognition Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 13 NDSU Health Fair, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 13 Opera workshop performance, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 14 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Voting is for Adults,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 14-23 Senior comprehensive interior design projects on display in the Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 4 p.m. Friday, April 16.
- 15 Madrigal Singers and Men’s Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 16 Woodwind chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 17 Student recital—Julie Rustand, 7 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 18 Student recital—Erin Layfield, 2 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 18 Music honors recital, 4 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 19 Faculty recital—Michael Thrasher, clarinet; Robert Groves, piano; and guest Nathan Davis, cello, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 21 English—Outstanding undergraduate research in sociolinguistics, Carly Hearn, “Men Are Just Big Babies: Gender Differences in Motherese;” Chris Lindgren, “Teens and 40-Somethings Chatting: A Generational Study,” 4 p.m., Minard 136
- 22 Staff free preview night of Little Country Theatre’s production of “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium.
- 23-25 and 29-May 1 Little Country Theatre presents “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Call the fine arts box office for tickets.
- 26 Jazz Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$2.
- 27 Singer/songwriter James Hersch in concert, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery. \$6 for NDSU students with identification, \$8 general admission and children under 12 admitted free with parent’s paid admission.
- 27 Student recital—Lani Fay Johnson, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 27-28 Architecture and landscape architecture thesis preview days, Memorial Union Dakota Ballroom. Reception 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 28.
- 28 Varsity Band and Brass Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$2.
- 30 Madrigal Singers and Men’s Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- May**
- 1-16 Architecture and landscape architecture award finalists displays, Memorial Union Gallery. Fifth-year awards ceremony and reception 4 p.m. Friday, May 7.
- 1-Aug. 31 “Images of a Lifetime” photography exhibit by John Gregoire, President’s Gallery
- 1 Spring choral concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$2.
- 2 Gold Star Concert Band Centennial Gala concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Free.
- 6 Faculty recital—Kyle Mack, trombone, 7 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 7 Printmaking and ceramics sale, noon-5 p.m., Art Building
- 7-8 “Chicago: One City, Two Tales,” 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Tickets \$5 at the door.
- 8 Graduate recital—Dean Jilek, baritone, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fargo. Free.
- 15 Commencement, 9 a.m., Fargodome
- 18-June 10 “Illustrations” exhibit by Paul Goble, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19.
- 31 Memorial Day holiday—university closed

June

- 14-25 “PRINTMAKING without PRESSES” summer PEARS printmaking workshop with master print maker Lynwood Kreneck. Sponsored by the PEARS studio and the Memorial Union Gallery. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/memorial_union/gallery or call 1-8239.
- 14-July 16 “Clownz and Neighbors” screenprinting exhibit by Lynwood Kreneck, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 16.

July

- 5 Independence Day holiday observed—university closed

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