

## Blue Key offers Nickel Trophy plan

The NDSU Chapter of Blue Key National Honor Society has unveiled a proposal for the Nickel Trophy. At an April 8 news conference, chapter representatives said it should be the prize for the annual "Nickel Drive" charity event.

The 75-pound traveling trophy, established by the Blue Key chapters at NDSU and the University of North Dakota, has been awarded to the winner of the annual Bison-Sioux football since 1937. But, the teams will not meet during the 2004 season.

"The Nickel Trophy has helped to make the NDSU-UND rivalry the most intense and long-running rivalry in Division II athletics," said Adam Jones, Blue Key president. "Blue Key should be the leading voice in regards to the future of this great piece of history."

The plan says, until a football game is again held, students should continue the tradition of the "Nickel Drive," which raises donations for a designated charity at each institution. According to the proposal, the student body that raises the most money would keep the trophy for the following year.

"I can't think of a better way for this tradition to continue," said Dan Mostad, student body president. "There have been many ideas regarding the fate of the trophy, but none has the merit, appeal or good will as the proposal presented by the members of Blue Key."

Jones said UND student body president Jordan Schuetzle has written a memo expressing a need to collect input from UND alumni, students and administrators before deciding on the future of the trophy.

## F Court settlement reached

NDSU has received \$450,000 from Capital Indemnity Co., a surety company, for expenses related to the completion of the F Court student housing project. Rick Johnson, university general counsel, said that NDSU and Capital reached a settlement agreement Feb. 27.

NDSU had terminated the original general contractor on the F Court project, DuBois and Sons Masonry Inc., on March 13, 2002, and then hired another contractor to complete the project. F Court was built to replace the original student housing destroyed by fire on Oct. 21, 2000.

NDSU won an arbitration judgment against DSMI on Aug. 13, 2003. NDSU was represented in the arbitration hearing by Dan Hull, an attorney with Anderson and Bottrell.

"While the \$450,000 does not make us totally whole for the extra costs and expenses in finishing the project and in going through arbitration, it goes a long way to mitigate these costs," said Johnson. "This was an unfortunate situation. It is extremely rare that a university has to go against a surety bond. But, all in all, the project was built and we've received most of our extra costs and expenses back, so we feel pretty good about the end result."

### Payroll advance request information

A payroll advance request form, informational memo and a question-and-answer document recently were mailed to all benefited employees and all non-benefited graduate assistants. Anyone who did not receive the information can request it by calling the payroll office at 1-7326. A second mailing is planned for early May.

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## Satisfaction inventory survey underway

The Office of Institutional Research and Analysis is now conducting the 2004 Student Satisfaction Inventory, a survey designed to provide student feedback about their experiences at NDSU. The survey's closing date has been extended to April 27.

About 45 percent of undergraduate students and almost all graduate students have been contacted to complete the survey; only these 5,000 students have access to the SSI.

According to William Slanger, director of institutional research and analysis, "Responses will provide program leaders with insights about the aspects of programs that are most important to students, as well as how satisfied they are with those aspects."

The survey is only available for online completion at <http://survey.noellevitz.com/>. Directions for forming the students' personalized, unique passwords are in the two e-mails that have been sent to students, on campus posters and at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/oira/ssi/password.htm](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/oira/ssi/password.htm).

"One respondent from each department will be selected in a random drawing to receive a \$35 gift certificate from the Varsity Mart," Slanger said. "The idea is to obtain meaningful information at the departmental level, with follow-up focus groups scheduled for the fall."

The SSI is widely used in the United States. It asks students to rate the importance of a full range of academic and student services and their satisfaction with those services. An executive summary of past results for NDSU can be found at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/oira/](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/oira/).

For more information, contact Bonnie Erickson, administrative associate, at 1-8213.

## Fulbright offers lecturing/research grants in 140 countries

The Fulbright Scholar Program's annual competition is open for lecturing and research grants in 140 countries for the 2005-06 academic year. Awards in 45 disciplines and professional fields are available.

Fulbright awards vary from two months to one academic year or longer. The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, a short-term grants program, offers two-to-six-week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields.

While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most lecturing assignments are in English. About 80 percent of the awards are for lecturing.

The application deadline for 2005-06 awards for Fulbright lecturing and research grants is Aug. 1. The Fulbright Senior Specialist Program has a rolling deadline.

More information, registration and application instruction are available online at [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org). For more information about the program's traditional grants and other opportunities, visit the Web site, e-mail [apprequest@cies.iie.org](mailto:apprequest@cies.iie.org) or call (202) 686-7877. Award catalogs also are available in the Office of International Programs, Ceres Hall 338, or by contacting Kerri Spiering at 1-7895.

## Technology transfer graduate traineeships applications sought

The NDSU Center for Advanced Technology Transfer and Traineeships (CATT) is accepting applications for Technology Transfer Graduate Traineeships (TTGT) basic and extended programs for the 2004-05 academic year.

Traineeships are awarded on a competitive basis to NDSU graduate students utilizing advanced technology in on-campus thesis or dissertation research. The program provides training through a summer workshop and technology transfer activities during the academic year. Traineeship recipients will give presentations at the annual technology transfer symposium spring semester.

A stipend of \$200 per month for 12 months beginning July 1 is provided. CATT is funded by a grant from the Department of Education. Recipients must be United States citizens.

New applicants who are in at least their second year of graduate studies will receive priority. Current TTGT trainees who have demonstrated strong performance in their technology transfer activities and show a need for extended training may apply for a traineeship renewal.

The TTGT application form is available online at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/catt/forms/ttgt/ttgt\\_app.php](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/catt/forms/ttgt/ttgt_app.php) or by sending e-mail to [Laura.Dallmann@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Laura.Dallmann@ndsu.nodak.edu).

TTGT applications are not considered complete until student transcripts are received by CATT.

Students should send or deliver a copy of their transcripts to CATT, Attn: Laura Dallmann, Research 2, 1805 NDSU Research Park Drive, Fargo, N.D. 58102.

The application deadline is noon Friday, May 28.

## Bison Ambassadors host conference

The Bison Ambassadors hosted the Association of Student Advancement Programs (ASAP) District VI conference held April 1-4 on the NDSU campus. The conference theme was "Operation A.B.C." (Advancement Boot Camp).

Approximately 230 students from 28 Midwest universities in participated in the conference. Delegates participated in educational sessions, team-building activities and an awards presentation. Keynote speakers were NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman; James C. Miller, NDSU Development Foundation executive director; Ann Burnett, associate professor of communication; and Don Morton, senior vice president, Microsoft Business Solutions.

Bison Ambassador president Jakelle Cornell received the 2004 Outstanding Student Leader award.

Bison Ambassadors is a public relations organization comprised of approximately 50 students who assist in the promotion of NDSU to prospective students and their parents, current NDSU students and alumni.

## People

### Lietz named human resources director

Dick Rayl, vice president for business and finance, has announced that Broc Lietz has been named human resources director. Lietz had been acting director for the office since May 29, 2002.

"Broc shows a high degree of professionalism in his management of the office," Rayl said. "He is a fine choice to lead the university's efforts in human resources."

Lietz, who lives in Mayville, N.D., said, "I am very excited about the opportunity to remain at NDSU and assume the regular position of director of human resources. This is a wonderful institution and I've been given an incredible opportunity."

Prior to coming to NDSU, Lietz was an agricultural and commercial loan officer at Wells Fargo Bank, Hillsboro, N.D. His previous work experience includes serving as human resources director for Kaye's Printing, Fargo; human resources administrator for three North Dakota University System institutions through the Southeast Service Center; executive director of the Mayville State University Alumni Association; and human resources assistant at First National Bank North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Mayville State University. He serves on the YMCA of NDSU's board of directors, as president of Mayville Lutheran Church Council and president of Mayville's Union Hospital board of directors. Lietz also was a member of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education from July 1992-June 1993.

He and his wife, Karen, have two sons.

### Bromley, Kapplinger to participate in Lewis and Clark exhibit

Kimble Bromley, associate professor of art, and Kent Kapplinger, assistant professor of art, have been invited to participate in the North Dakota Art Gallery Association's exhibition, "Celebrating Explorers: Commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition's Bicentennial."

The touring exhibit is based on North Dakota artists' visual interpretation of and reaction to Lewis and Clark's journals. Thirty-nine artists created artwork related to a quote from Lewis and Clark's original journals. A list of tour venues is available at [www.ndaga.org](http://www.ndaga.org).

Bromley currently serves as visual arts coordinator at NDSU. He has been a visiting artist throughout the upper Midwest and abroad. He is a member of the College Art Association, Center for Cuban Studies, the Chicago Art Institute and the Plains Art Museum, Fargo.

Kapplinger is master printer for the Printmaking, Education and Research Studio (PEARS) in the NDSU Division of Fine Arts. He serves on the Hannaher's Inc. Print Studio of the Plains Art Museum advisory committee. He also judged more than 900 entries in the recent North Dakota Juried Student Art Show.

### Gunkelman Award nominees announced

Thirty-five nominees are in the running for the prestigious Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award. The honor recognizes the person who has made the most significant and unselfish contribution to creating a happy environment for the enjoyment of NDSU students.

The nominees included freshman Jessica Allhoff; Jodi Askew, Varsity Mart; Aquina Beck, West Dining Center; Lada Burgard, custodian; senior Andrea Carlson, Larry Chaput, plant sciences; graduate student Jeffrey Child, sophomore Chelsea Cronin, Dick Drinka, Residence Life; senior Jeff Endres, Mary Lou Erck, West Dining Center; Pat Frederickson, intercollegiate athletics; Robert Gordon, psychology; LeRoy Grosz, Facilities Management; Michael Harwood, Residence Life; Joe Hazelton, Residence Life; senior Dan Johnson; Debora Maertens, international programs; Charles Musiba, sociology; Carol Nelson, School of Education; Carolyn Nelson, Varsity Mart; Pauline Nelson, custodian; Judy Normann-Johnson, statistics; Shawn Odden, custodian; junior Matthew M. Olson; David Peterson, custodian; sophomore Christine Pflingsten; Ann Marie Ragan, apparel, design, facility and hospitality management; Sandra Rather, health, nutrition and exercise sciences; senior Aaron Ryan; Ingrid Scarski, construction management and engineering; Annette Sprague, Student Health Service; senior Daniel Stadick; freshman Tanya Underdahl; and Cheryl Wachenheim, agribusiness and applied economics.

The award was established in 1987 with the first award in 1989 in honor of Mary McCannel Gunkelman, who died in 1985. She was a 1942 graduate of the NDSU College of Home Economics. Funds were provided by the late John Gunkelman and his family.

The selection, which was scheduled to be announced during an April 20 ceremony at the Alumni Center, was unavailable at press time.

### New student body leaders elected

Junior Craig Kilber and senior Jim Larson have been elected student body president and vice president. In online balloting completed April 7, the ticket beat Trent Hasset and Tristan Kendall by an unofficial vote of 1,164 to 383.

Kilber, of Dickinson, N.D., is majoring in business administration, while Larson, is a mechanical engineering major from Ivanhoe, Minn. They replace outgoing student body president Dan Mostad and vice president Robert Torno.

### Mahalingam article published in international journal

"Model Behaviour," an article by Ganapathy Mahalingam, program director in architecture, was published in a recent issue of the international journal *Intelligent Build and Design Innovations*. The article discusses the expanding role of computer-aided design technology in architecture, with particular attention to advances in computational modeling.

## Quarter Century Club to welcome new members

The Office of Human Resources will sponsor the annual Quarter Century Club new members recognition dinner scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, in the Alumni Center. A social begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 p.m. The event honors employees who have been employed at NDSU for 25 years or more.

New members are Janalee Brandt, Distance and Continuing Education; Joel Bruhn, Facilities Management; James Chaput, Langdon R/E Center; Bonnie Erickson, institutional research and analysis; Gerald Erickson, main station farm; James Faller, plant sciences; Pat Fredrickson, intercollegiate athletics; Joseph Giles, soil science; Robert Harsel, forest service; Karen Hendrickson, restricted fund accounting; James Hughes, Information Technology Services; Ervin Inniger, intercollegiate athletics; Donald Larson, intercollegiate athletics; F. Larry Leistritz, agribusiness and applied economics; Beverly Liebelt, animal and range sciences; Nancy Lilleberg, Information Technology Services; Terrance Lykken, extension county programs; Rodney Lym, plant sciences; Frank Manthey, plant sciences; Alan Misek, animal and range sciences; Berlin Nelson, plant pathology; Diane Ness, Document Publishing Center; Margaret (Peg) Odegaard, agricultural and biosystems engineering; Nels Olson, Hettinger R/E Center; Garry Ottmar, Dickinson R/E Center; Chung Park, animal and range sciences; Lyle Prunty, soil science; Charles Sawicki, physics; David Saxowsky, agri-business and applied economics; Deborah Saylor, Library; Evelyn Schamber, veterinary diagnostic services; Blaine Schatz, Carrington R/E Center; and John Swenson, extension county programs.

Tickets are \$17. Reservations are requested by April 30 to the Office of Human Resources, Old Main 205, or P.O. Box 5345, Fargo, ND 58105. For more information, contact human resources at 1-8961.

## Student commencement speaker named

Joan Beckman calls herself "an over-achiever, a band geek and a lab rat." She is also an honor student who is scheduled to represent her classmates as the student speaker at the NDSU spring commencement 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Fargodome. Beckman is a senior majoring in zoology and biotechnology and minoring in chemistry and microbiology.

The daughter of Earl and Peggy Beckman, Jamestown, N.D., Joan graduated from Jamestown High School with aspirations of studying music. But her experience at Governor's School in 1999 introduced her to the type of opportunities that NDSU had to offer, and a further push came when she received an NDSU research grant.

"That's why I came here, to do research. The rest has been a bonus," said Beckman. She is a participant in the North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) and NASA-sponsored research on blood vessel development, aided in laboratory preparation and has co-written two research publications.

In a letter of nomination, Alan White, dean of the science and mathematics and professor of biological sciences, wrote, "I have always found Joan to be a very capable and dedicated student. I judge her to be among the most dedicated undergraduate research students I have met."

Lawrence Reynolds, professor of animal and range sciences and director of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy, noted in a nomination letter, "As I have watched Joan develop scientifically, I have been deeply impressed not only by her ambition and work ethic, but also by the understanding she has developed of very complex systems."

Beckman is a member of Golden Key International Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and the Society for the Study of Reproduction. She has served as vice president and president of the Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society and as vice president and chapter historian of the Tau Beta Honorary Band Sorority.

She also is a member of the NDSU Gold Star Marching Band, Gold Star Concert Band and is the president and co-founder of the NDSU String Ensemble.

"I'll have completed everything I need to do, not only to meet the university's expectations, but I will have accomplished what I wanted to accomplish since I set foot on this campus four years ago," Beckman said of receiving her diploma.

Beckman plans to continue her education by entering into a medical doctor/doctorate combined degree program.

## NDSU team wins moonbuggy race

NDSU took first place at the 11th annual "Great Moonbuggy Race" April 3 in Huntsville, Ala. This is the second year in a row that an NDSU team has won the college division, which this year included 26 other racers from colleges and universities in 13 states and Puerto Rico.

"I am really proud of our students. They learned that they can compete with anybody," said Mohammad Mahinfalah, the team adviser and associate professor of mechanical engineering. "This is a testimony to the quality of our students and the dedication of our faculty for excellence. We are the only university to win the race twice."

Vehicles powered by two-member teams raced one at a time over a half-mile obstacle course of simulated moonscape terrain at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The NDSU team's winning time was 3:46.

The event is inspired by the actual lunar roving vehicle project, which was successfully accomplished by NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center during the 1960s and 1970s. The race challenges students to design and build a human-powered vehicle to learn how to deal with real-world engineering problems.

Mahinfalah said of the competing teams, only 11 finished the race. NDSU's two teams took the title and 11th place.

Winning team members included seniors Jediah Falck, Nathan Keim, Joseph Koehler and Aaron Ryan, with drivers Danielle Baumann and Justin Pavlish. Other NDSU participants included Kenneth Berg, Benjamin Schmitt and Trevor Stoffel.

Cornell University finished second, while a team from Arizona State University placed third. Photos of the top-finishing college teams are available on line at [www1.msfc.nasa.gov/NEWSROOM/](http://www1.msfc.nasa.gov/NEWSROOM/).



## HD&E presentation, publications listed

William Martin, associate professor of mathematics, assisted with a national mathematics assessment workshop held March 5-8 at High Point University, High Point, N.C. More than 60 mathematicians from 27 universities and colleges participate in the workshops that include sessions highlighting the quantitative assessment activities developed and operated by Martin.

Stacy Duffield, assistant professor in the School of Education, presented "Safety Net or Freefall: The Experiences of Teacher Candidates in a Professional Development School," at a conference of the National Professional Development Schools held March 7 in Orlando, Fla.

Karin Bartoszuk, assistant professor of child development and family science, presented the poster "Predictors of Identity Formation: Exploring Direct Effects, Mediation, and Moderation" at the Society for Research on Identity Formation annual meeting held recently in Baltimore. She also was co-conductor of the discussion session "Research Among Indigenous Adolescents: Considerations for Conducting Research and Setting Research Agendas" at a meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, also held recently in Baltimore.

Yeong Rhee and Ardith Brunt presented "Effects of Flaxseed or Wheat Bran Supplementation on Serum Glucose and Cholesterol Levels in People with Impaired Glucose Tolerance: Preliminary Data" at a meeting of the Flax Institute of the United States held March 18 in Fargo.

Lisa Montplaisir, assistant professor of biological sciences, presented "Students' Use of Lectures in an Introductory Biology Course: A Case of Cell Division and Genetics" at the National Association for Research in Science Teaching annual conference held recently in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ann Braaten wrote six essays for inclusion in the editor-reviewed, three-volume Encyclopedia of Textiles and Fashion.

Brandy Randall recently presented "Depression in Filipino-American Adolescents: Cross-Ethnic Equivalence of the CES-D and its Relation to Parenting" and "Adolescent Predictors of Adult Deviant Behavior in Mexican-Americans: Individual and Parenting Factors" at the Society for Research on Adolescence meeting held recently in Baltimore.

## Golden Key induction ceremony held

The NDSU chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society held its annual induction ceremony and reception March 29 in the Memorial Union Dakota Ballroom. The event honors new and honorary members for their accomplishments. James Venette, associate dean for academic programs in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources was the keynote speaker.

Juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class are eligible for membership. Honorary membership is given to individuals who embody the ideals of Golden Key and encourage academic excellence.

Honorary members inducted this year were Venette; Eric DeVuyst, associate professor of agricultural economics; and Kathy Sjostrom, Student Activities secretary.

Chartered in 1996, the NDSU chapter has received several regional and international awards, including "Best New Chapter," "Key Chapter" and "Honorable Mention Key Chapter."

For more information, contact Bonnie Cooper, chapter adviser, at 1-7771 or [Bonnie.Cooper@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Bonnie.Cooper@ndsu.nodak.edu).

## NDSU academic quadrathlon team receives honors

The NDSU academic quadrathlon team recently earned top honors in competition at the Midwest Section Animal Science meeting held in Des Moines, Iowa. Team members include Jessie Wirrenga, Zac Hall, Matt O'Neil and Matt Schaefer. Marc Bauer, associate professor of animal and range science, is the team adviser.

The team also finished first in the laboratory practicum, written exam and oral presentation competitions, and earned second place in the quiz bowl. "It was a big win and, to the best of my knowledge, the first win for NDSU," Bauer said.

According to Kenneth Odde, head and professor of animal and range sciences, the purpose of the Midwest Section meeting is to provide an opportunity for faculty, graduate students and undergraduates to present research and learn from others' research.

Each stage of competition is different in format, but all aspects of the competition challenge students' comprehension of animal science, either by industry or academia standards.

Approximately 1,000 students in 14 teams from Midwest universities in participated in the competition. The NDSU team earned its trip to the regional competition by first winning a local contest held in January at Shepperd Arena.

Wirrenga and Bleaux Johnson placed second and third respectively with undergraduate research project presentations.

## Events

### Homecoming, Harvest Bowl dates set

The 2004 Homecoming and Harvest Bowl dates have been set.

Homecoming week is October 11-16. The schedule includes the Development Foundation Recognition Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 14; the annual Honors Dinner at the Fargo Holiday Inn and an alumni social and dance at the Avalon Event Center on Friday, Oct. 15; and an Alumni Center open house, the Homecoming parade, football game against Southern Utah University and the Bison Bidders Bowl on Saturday, Oct. 16. For additional Homecoming information, contact Sara Tanke at [sara@ndsualumni.com](mailto:sara@ndsualumni.com).

Harvest Bowl activities are planned for Oct. 29-30. The dinner is set for Friday, Oct. 29, at the Ramada Plaza Suites, and the football game is on Saturday, Oct. 30, against Northwestern State University of Louisiana. For additional Harvest Bowl information, contact Marilyn Doeden at [marilyn@ndsualumni.com](mailto:marilyn@ndsualumni.com).

## Spring Cleanup scheduled

Faculty, staff, students and alumni volunteers are needed for the 10th annual NDSU Spring Cleanup scheduled for Tuesday, April 27.

NDSU faculty and staff who volunteer to help will be dismissed from 2-4 p.m. the day of the event, but university offices will remain open during cleanup and classes will remain in session. Employees participating in cleanup will not need to take personal time off and employees not helping must work their regularly scheduled hours.

Individuals may report directly to the team leaders in the area in which they wish to work. Person needing directions or assignments should report to the Memorial Union East Patio anytime between 1:30-2:30 p.m. for assistance and an area map.

Volunteers are asked to bring cleaning equipment such as rakes, brooms and gloves. Facilities Management will provide trash bags and some equipment.

Following the cleanup volunteers are invited to reconvene at the Memorial Union East Patio beginning at 4 p.m. for a picnic of hot dogs, chips and soft drinks.

Departments also are encouraged to clean out the inside of buildings. Facilities Management staff will be available to pick up any garbage or debris from campus buildings April 26-30. To schedule a pick up, call 1-7911.

In case of inclement weather, Spring Cleanup will take place on Tuesday, May 4.

The volunteer project is sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Facilities Management and NDSU Dining Services. For more information, contact Cheryl Cicha at 1-7912 or [cheryl.cicha@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:cheryl.cicha@ndsu.nodak.edu).

## Ergonomics presentation planned

The Office of Safety and Environmental Health has scheduled an ergonomics presentation for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

The 90-minute presentation will include proper workstation set-up and exercises that can be done while sitting at a desk. Representatives from the Varsity Mart and other office furniture and supply companies also will be on hand.

For more information, call OSEH at 1-7759.

## Kite festival scheduled

The YMCA of NDSU, the Fargo Park District and Coca-Cola will sponsor "Come Fly With Us," a kite festival scheduled for Saturday, May 8, at Centennial Elementary School, Fargo.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., with kite flying and an awards presentation to follow. Ribbons will be provided to all flyers.

The festival is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Fargo Park District at 298-6980.

## ECE senior designs on display

Electrical and computer engineering seniors will present and demonstrate their senior design projects in a showcase set for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Memorial Union Gallery.

In the two-semester design course, students choose a project, develop a solution to a presented problem and design, prototype and build the device that solves that problem. Project requests come from a number of sources, including individuals, entrepreneurs, large companies, faculty, staff and students.

Some of this year's projects were designed to assist people with disabilities, including two projects for the North Dakota Special Olympic judging system, a seatbelt system to improve safety for people unable to manipulate a regular seatbelt system with their hands and two projects for the Svee Home in West Fargo. The projects are designed to specifically target a need for a group or individual, and to help improve some aspect of his or her life.

Other projects include the incorporation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) data transmission technology into various uses, an American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) minesweeper robot entry, and a recent research project with NASA involving zero gravity flight.

The presentation will include demonstrations of most of the projects. The presentation is free and open to public. A list of the projects can be viewed online at <http://snrdes2.ece.ndsu.nodak.edu/~snrdes/>. For more information, contact Jeff Wandler at 1-8817 or [j.wandler@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:j.wandler@ndsu.nodak.edu).

## Mortar Board plans 'College for Kids'

The NDSU chapter of Mortar Board has scheduled its fourth annual "College for Kids" for Saturday, May 8.

Area fourth and fifth grade students will have the opportunity to explore learning in a new way through a series of mini-classes including fashion design, bugs, emerging technologies and engineering.

Admission is scheduled for 8-9 a.m. in Memorial Union Ballroom. A short graduation ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to the graduation.

Parents or guardians can register their children by calling 367-5410 or 306-4298. Registration deadline is Friday, April 30. More details about the day will be provided at the time of registration. There is no charge for the event.

Mortar Board is a national honor organization for college seniors. Members are chosen based on their merits in academics, community service and leadership.

## World literature, writing conferences scheduled

The departments of English and modern language will host "Crossing Borders, B(l)ending Boundaries," a joint meeting of the Red River Conference on World Literature and the Great Plains Alliance for Computers and Writing scheduled for April 23-25 on the NDSU campus.

The Red River Conference on World Literature is an annual NDSU event and draws scholars from throughout the United States, Canada and around the world. University of California, Los Angeles, medievalist John Dagenais is scheduled to give the keynote address at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, in the Alumni Center.

The Great Plains Alliance for Computers and Writing conference is a regional event hosted by NDSU every two years. Literary scholar and media analyst Richard Grusin from Wayne State University is scheduled to speak at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, in the Alumni Center.

For more information, visit the conference Web site at [www.ndsu.edu/RRCWL](http://www.ndsu.edu/RRCWL).

## Shorts and Reminders

### Food production management meal

A food production meal is planned for 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, and Thursday, April 29, in West Dining Center. The menu includes brushetta with fresh tomatoes, pesto and olive oil, Mandarin chicken salad, chicken breast marinated in pineapple juice and soy sauce and Special K bar. Cost of the meal is \$5.85 including beverage. Call 1-7023 for reservations. The meal is prepared, served and managed by the food production management class.

### Union Food Court specials for April 21-28

#### 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  
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:

Nutrition Education Assistant, EFNEP/#1984  
12 months; 40 hours per week  
NDSU Extension Service-Fort Berthold  
New Town, N.D.  
\$18,500+/year  
Contingent on availability of Federal Funds  
Open until filled

Associate Director of Memorial Union/Student Activities/#779  
Memorial Union  
\$42,000+/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](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).

## Calendar

### April

- 21 Civil Education Month—"Boxes and Walls" tours available 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 21 X-ray safety awareness course, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., FLC 320C. Date changed from April 22.
- 21 Civil Education Month—Race: The Power of the Illusion" part three, "The House We Live In," noon, Memorial Union Century Theater
- 21 Civil Education Month—brown bag seminar "Hunger and Homelessness in Fargo-Moorhead," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room

- 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
- 21 Civil Education Month—Oxfam America Hunger Banquet, 5 p.m., Memorial Union Dakota Ballroom
- 22 Staff free preview night of Little Country Theatre’s production of “Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium.
- 23 Animal and range sciences—Sarah Bedgar, graduate student, “Ruminal Characteristics and Rate, Site and Extent of Digestion of Dairy Diets Supplemented with Canola;” Stacy Sabin, graduate student, “Effect of Geographic Origin on Selenium Content of Bison,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 23 Plant sciences—Marcelo Melani, graduate student, “Assumptions Associated with Marker-Assisted Selection,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 23 Psychology—Leana Bouffard, assistant professor of political science, “The Role of Entitlement in Violence Against Women,” 3:30 p.m., Minard Annex 138
- 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 Women’s studies—Annpurna Nautiyal, Garhwal University, India, “India-Pakistan and the U.S. in the Post-Cold War Era,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 26 Civil Education Month—Minnijean Brown-Trickey presentation, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 26 Jazz Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$2.
- 27 Payroll financial planning meetings, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 27 Civil Education Month—Minnijean Brown-Trickey presentation, 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 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 Civil Education Month—brown bag seminar “White Privilege,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 28 Varsity Band and Brass Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$2.
- 30 Faculty recital—Elizabeth Chaussé, lecturer in music, flute, with Andrew Froelich, piano and Matthe Patnode, saxophone, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 30 Madrigal Singers and Men’s Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.

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