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Faculty invited to Land-Grant Summit June 12

NDSU is hosting the Great Plains Land-Grant Summit June 12-13 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act, which created land-grant universities such as NDSU.

Faculty are invited to attend Land-Grant Summit speaker presentations on June 12.

Morning speaker schedule

Crystal Ballroom, Ramada Plaza and Suites

- 8:30-8:45 a.m., Welcome by Bruce Rafert, NDSU provost
- 8:45-9:30 a.m., "A Report to Senator Morrill: The Land-Grant University after 100 Years" by Tom Isern, University Distinguished Professor of history
- 10-10:30 a.m., "The Future of Land-Grant Universities: America Poised to Reinvent Itself Again" by Dean L. Bresciani, NDSU president
- 10:30-11 a.m., "A 1994 Land-Grant Perspective" by David Gipp, United Tribes Technical College president, Bismarck, N.D.
- 11 a.m.-noon, "The Morrill Act: Proud Legacy, Enduring Future" by Waded Cruzado, Montana State University president, Bozeman

Afternoon speaker schedule

Ag Country Auditorium, Richard H. Barry Hall

- 1:45-2:15 p.m., "USDA: 150 Years Old and Building for the Future" by Ed Schafer, former North Dakota Governor and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
- 2:15-3 p.m., "The Science of Seizing Opportunities and Rising to Challenges: Our Next 100 Years" by Sonny Ramaswamy via videoconference, director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 3:15-3:45 p.m., Rebecca Blue, deputy under secretary, marketing and regulatory programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 3:45-5 p.m., "Land Grant Reinvention: An Ag Research and Extension Perspective" panel discussion moderated by Doug Goehring, North Dakota agriculture commissioner. Other panelists are: Douglas Steele, vice president for external relations and director of Extension at Montana State University, Bozeman; Arlen Leholm, executive director of the North Central Region Association of Agricultural Experiment Stations, Madison, Wis.; and Ken Grafton, vice president for agricultural affairs, dean of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources, and director of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station

Animal sciences, Extension offer BBQ Boot Camps

The Department of Animal Sciences and Extension Service faculty will host their fourth annual BBQ Boot Camp series throughout North Dakota.

The camp introduces participants to basic grilling styles, including gas, charcoal and smokers; offers information about different rubs, marinades and seasonings to use on meat; explains why cooking temperatures are important and how the temperature affects the quality of meat; teaches food safety tips and nutritional facts on meat; informs participants about current topics in the meat and

food industry and the importance of understanding the world food supply. The camp also gives participants a chance to sample different types of barbecued meat and provides ideas for their next neighborhood barbecue.

"BBQ Boot Camp is a unique opportunity to combine great food, great people and our program message on the critical role agriculture plays in all our lives," said David Newman, NDSU Extension swine specialist. "We plan to hold the camp in even more communities across the state next year."

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News and events

As information becomes available, news and event updates will be located on the "News and Events" website at www.ndsu.edu/news.

Deadline set for June 15 It's Happening at State

The next electronic issue of It's Happening at State will be posted June 15 at www.ndsu.edu/ihas. Submissions for that issue are due June 12.

NDSU spring dean's list announced

A total of 2,973 NDSU students were named to the 2012 spring dean's list, which is available at www.ndsu.edu/registrar/deanslist/spring.

A student must earn a 3.5 grade-point average or higher while completing at least 12 semester hours in graded coursework using grades that carry honor points.

The camp dates, locations and people to contact for more information or to register are:

June 20 – Fargo, Megan Kortie, 701-231-7641

June 28 – Williston, Mary Froelich, 701-577-4595

July 16 – Bismarck, Cathy Palczewski, 701-221-6865

July 18 – Minot, Paige Brummond, 701-857-6444

Registration also is available at www.ndsu.edu/bbqbootcamp.

Upward Bound to receive continued funding

Upward Bound, a federally funded TRIO program hosted at NDSU, received notification from U.S. Senator Kent Conrad's office that it will continue as a grantee with funding of \$1.25 million from 2012-17. The program works with income-eligible, first-general high school students in Fargo and West Fargo Public Schools who are preparing to enroll and be successful in postsecondary education. The program's goal is to increase the rate participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

The Department of Education holds a competitive grant competition every five years to continue to fund existing or new programs. In February, Kris Mickelson, director of Upward Bound, submitted one of more than 1,500 applications the education department received. A total of 780 applicants received grantee notifications for continued funding.

Upward Bound is one of eight programs through the Department of Education known as TRIO. NDSU hosts four programs within the Division of Student Affairs: Student Support Services, the McNair Scholars Program, Veterans Upward Bound and Upward Bound, which has been at NDSU since 1967. The programs provide one-on-one tutoring, academic advising, preparation classes, research opportunities, ACT preparation, Free Application for Federal Student Aid completion and more at no cost to participants.

Alumni Association asks for award nominations

The NDSU Alumni Association is looking for outstanding alumni who are deserving of recognition. Since 1952, more than 260 NDSU alumni and friends have been honored for their career accomplishments and services to the university. Nominees are requested for four categories.

The Horizon Award recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past 15 years and have attained great success in their profession or have been engaged in outstanding community service.

The Alumni Achievement Award recognizes alumni who have attained outstanding professional accomplishments.

The Heritage Award for Alumni Service recognizes alumni who have provided outstanding volunteer service for the benefit of NDSU.

The Henry L. Bolley Academic Achievement Award honors an individual who has attained noted achievements in the area of education as teachers, researchers and/or administrators.

Nominations are due by Aug. 1. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit www.ndsualumni.com/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=246.

For more information, contact Marilyn Doeden at marilyn@ndsualumni.com or 800-279-8971.

Fine Arts welcomes actress, musicians to campus



Sigurd Johnson, director of athletic bands, works with the Ecole Dugald Middle School's marching band.

NDSU's Division of Fine Arts hosted several music and acting visitors in April.

The NDSU Wind Symphony, under the direction of Warren Olfert, welcomed guest conductor Timothy Reynish April 25-28. One of the foremost instrumental conductors in the world, Reynish has conducted ensembles such as the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra and Hallé Orchestra in addition to orchestras in Norway, Holland and Germany. He also has conducted the São Paulo State Symphonic Band in São Paulo, Brazil; Volga Wind Orchestra of Saratov, Russia; and Philharmonic Symphonic Winds of Singapore. Reynish is the senior professor of woodwind and brass at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

While at NDSU, Reynish worked with instrumental conducting students, delivered a lecture for music history and presented a convocation. The residency concluded with Reynish as guest conductor for the Wind Symphony on April 28. The Wind Symphony performed a concert of classic and contemporary British music, including pieces by Edward Gregson, Ralph Vaughan Williams and William Walton.

Sigurd Johnson, director of athletic bands, recently worked with the Ecole Dugald Middle School from Dugald, Canada, as they perfected their marching technique, color guard technique, and drum line concepts and provided an overview of their music for the upcoming season. Under the direction of Corah Ens, the students traveled to NDSU and spent three days with Johnson and several members of the Gold Star Marching Band.

NDSU Theatre Arts welcomed Broadway star and television actress Julia Murney on April 13. She worked with students, taught private voice lessons and held a master class. The class featured a select number of high school seniors and area college students who sang with Murney in an event that was open to the public.

Murney last appeared on Broadway as Elphaba in “Wicked” after playing the role on the national tour for which she received an Acclaim Award.

NDSU Concert Choir places first in international competition



The NDSU Concert Choir took first place in a competition in Croatia during its tour of Europe.

The NDSU Concert Choir, under the direction of University Distinguished Professor Jo Ann Miller, placed first in the mixed choir division of the 8th International Choir Competition in Zadar, Croatia, May 17-20. They performed chanson on “Dessus le marché d’Arras” by Orlando di Lasso, “When Music Sounds” by Nancy Hill Cobb and “Magnificat” by Arvo Pärt, in addition to a piece by a Croatian composer and an American spiritual. Twelve other mixed choirs from Croatia, Slovenia, Poland, Macedonia and Bulgaria participated in the competition.

The NDSU Concert Choir is a select ensemble with a long tradition of performing high-quality literature at the highest artistic level. The choir performs a variety of standard repertoire from the Renaissance through contemporary times and regularly performs choral/orchestral works during the NDSU Baroque Festival and with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra.

The choir has been invited to perform at regional and national American Choral Director’s Association and Music Educators National Conference conventions – a total of nine since 1990. They have produced more than 30 recordings and premiered several new works, most recently “Leaves” by Dale Warland and “When Music Sounds” by Nancy Hill Cobb. The choir tours regionally every spring and overseas every three years. Currently, the choir is touring in Croatia and Italy.

To learn more about the NDSU Concert Choir European Tour, follow their blog at www.facebook.com/NDSUFineArts.

Centers of Excellence Research applications deadlines near

The Centers of Excellence Commission and North Dakota Department of Commerce have issued information concerning the 2011-12 North Dakota Centers of Research Excellence program.

Limited competitive funding is available from this round, and the program requires significant private sector matches for submitted proposals. Two dollars of private sector partner matches, composed of cash and in-kind matches, are required for each dollar of Centers of Research Excellence funding utilized.

The North Dakota Centers of Excellence program combines education and economic development to create higher paying jobs and business opportunities for North Dakota citizens. The centers are hubs of research and development on the campuses of North Dakota’s 11 colleges and universities. Their objective is to research, develop and commercialize products and services to create new jobs and other economic opportunities within North Dakota.

NDSU is allowed to submit up to three applications to the Centers of Excellence Commission for the current round of funding. An internal preapplication is required.

Those interested in the program and wanting to submit a pre-application were required to contact Kay Sizer at kay.sizer@ndsu.edu by May 30. Upcoming deadlines include submitting a complete preapplication for NDSU internal review to Sizer by Monday, June 18, at 5 p.m.

To discuss potential applications and for more information, contact Dennis Anderson at dennis.k.anderson@ndsu.edu or Sheri Anderson at sheri.anderson@ndsu.edu.

By Monday, June 25, NDSU applicants will be notified of results of the internal review. Final applications will be selected by NDSU administration. The selected applicants should then revise and finalize their applications. The deadline for submission of NDSU-recommended, final applications to the North Dakota Department of Commerce and Centers of Excellence Commission is Thursday, July 5 by 5 p.m.

Information about the program is available at www.commerce.nd.gov/centers/applications.

Grain buyers from 9 countries attend grain-buying course

Seventeen grain buyers from Honduras, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Trinidad and the United States attended the Advanced Grain Procurement Strategies Short Course, which ran from May 14-18 at the Northern Crops Institute, located on the NDSU campus. U.S. Wheat Associates sponsored 11 participants.

The course was designed for global grain buyers who want to gain a competitive edge in grain marketing decisions to better manage price and quality risks. Trading and tendering games, case studies involving real-world situations and panel discussions gave participants practical experience in applying what they learned.

The group also toured the Alton Grain Terminal in Hillsboro, N.D., to learn how their shuttle train facility operates.

John Crabtree, the institute's assistant director, coordinated the short courses. "As agriculture continues to evolve around the world, it creates a lot of uncertainty in the grain markets," Crabtree said. "From this course, grain merchandisers learn various price risk management tools that they can use to minimize market volatility."

William Wilson, NDSU University Distinguished Professor of agribusiness and applied economics and an expert in commodity futures trading, led the course.

Lecture topics included changes in agriculture trade and evolving global supply chains; basis analysis; hedging and contracting; integrating options; value-at-risk; logistics pricing; inventories as risk management strategy; currency exchange risk management; risk management policy; current grain situation and outlook; and buyer/seller relations.

NDSU announces activation of Northern Wave connection



Wallman

NDSU and Pacific Northwest Gigapop announced April 17 that Northern Wave, a new optical data connection between Seattle and Chicago, has been activated.

Built using National Science Foundation grant funds, Northern Wave will ultimately provide for a shared 10 gigabit per second network for research and education institutions from Seattle to Chicago.



Katti

The grant, part of the foundation's Academic Research Infrastructure program, funds the equipment needed to connect to a wave on the fiber optic Northern Tier Network.

Marc Wallman, principal investigator for the project and interim vice president for information technology at NDSU, said activation of the Northern Wave improves cyberinfrastructure for research and education throughout the region and "marks a major milestone in many years of collaboration among Northern Tier states."

Ultimately, Northern Wave will connect to the Pacific Wave system in Seattle and to the StarLight system in Chicago where a large number of international networks and universities exchange high-speed data.

Researchers and educators from connecting institutions along the Northern Wave path in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington will have access to the high-speed pathway and exchange facility.

"Northern Wave brings a significant new capacity to network through improved communication facilities, as well as easy exchange of data for initiating collaborations with other institutions," said Kalpana Katti, NDSU University Distinguished Professor of civil engineering. "This is especially important for the establishment of large competitive research centers."

The new path is fully lit, and, pending final management confirmation, use is anticipated to begin by mid-June. Once completed

and operational, Northern Wave will enhance research and education network capabilities by increasing network efficiency, reducing delays, increasing data flow and reducing costs. Northern Wave also will provide a state-of-the-art national and international facility designed to serve researchers in the region by connecting them to research and education networks throughout the United States, the Pacific Rim and the world.

NDSU student, alumnus receive critical language scholarship

Emily Grenz, a senior double majoring in English education and history, and Erik Braaten, who graduated in December with a political science degree, have been awarded 2012 U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarships.

The scholarships provide full funding for participants to study at an intensive language institute for seven to 10 weeks this summer in one of 14 countries. Braaten will study Arabic in Oman, located southeast of Saudi Arabia, and Grenz will study Turkish in Turkey.

Approximately 630 U.S. undergraduate and graduate students were selected for the scholarships. More than 5,200 students applied. Participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship and apply their critical language skills in their future professional careers.

The Critical Language Scholarship Program is part of a U.S. government effort to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages. It is administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers and American Councils for International Education. For more information about the program, visit www.clscholarship.org.

NDSU doctoral student named nursing scholar

Amanda Jensen, a doctor of nursing practice student from Roseau, Minn., was one of 142 doctoral students nationwide to be named a scholar through the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence's Nurse Leaders Scholar Program.

"It is an honor and privilege to be named the NDSU Jonas Scholar," Jensen said. "The wealth of knowledge, support and leadership development opportunities provided by the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence is astounding and I look forward to working with them throughout my education."

The 142 scholars will be funded through 2014 with \$2 million from the Jonas Center and \$1.5 million in matching funds from the nursing programs. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing will administer the program. The NDSU nursing program was selected as the sole grantee representing North Dakota.

Carla Gross, associate professor of nursing and department chair, and Dean Gross, assistant professor of nursing, submitted the grant proposal. The department is providing Jensen with a funding match that will award Jensen with a total of \$10,000 during two years. She also will receive mentorship and financial support to attend the 2013 Jonas Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

“Amanda will represent NDSU and North Dakota well in the Jonas Leaders Scholar Program,” Carla Gross said. “She is highly competent in professional practice, knowledgeable about evidence-based practice and passionate about nursing education.”

Launched in 2008, the Jonas Leaders Scholar Program is intended to increase the number of doctorally prepared faculty available to teach in nursing schools nationwide. The potential scholar must be committed to a career as a faculty member or a leader in a primary care or clinical facility. For more information about the program, visit www.jonascenter.org.

Students attend national public transportation conference

Five NDSU transportation and logistics graduate students attended the American Public Transportation Association’s Bus and Paratransit Conference May 6-9 in Long Beach, Calif. The conference included more than 30 specialized educational sessions, covering topics such as policy and planning, operations and maintenance, public transportation in today’s operating environment, technology, safety and security, professional development and special issues on accessible transportation. The variety of topics allowed students to attend sessions related to their research interests.

The five students who attended the conference were students in Jill Hough’s Public Transportation course. Hough is director of the Small Urban and Rural Transit Center, part of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at NDSU.

The conference allowed the students to reinforce material learned in class and gain exposure to additional topics related to public transportation. “Students learned not only ‘textbook’ knowledge, but knowledge on how organizations function, how advisory boards shape decisions of an agency, the importance of networking and having mentors and others who can help you, and also to see how they can help others,” Hough said.

Student Brett Korporaal participated in a panel session focused on partnerships and collaboration. He spoke about NDSU’s mentorship program that paired students in Hough’s course with industry mentors for the semester. During the conference, the students in attendance could meet their mentors in person.

Nam Nguyen said he appreciated the chance to meet his mentor. “They shared their experiences and the difficulties that they encountered in their jobs,” he said. “Through that, I could learn insightful knowledge that will be useful for me in my future career.”

NDSU students networked with industry professionals, gaining greater insight and new perspectives on the public transportation industry. “The experience and advice from those successful people are the most valuable things I got from this conference,” student Zijian Zheng said.

Korporaal added, “The greatest benefit was the connection I made with transit industry professionals. One of my interests is to operate a public transportation agency, and the opportunity to get to meet and talk with general managers on a professional and personal level was a wonderful experience. The connections made and networking opportunities available were priceless and no doubt the most beneficial aspect of the conference.”

Equity and Diversity Center seeks food, clothing donations

The Equity and Diversity Center is restocking its food shelves and clothing closet to prepare for the fall semester. Individuals who want to donate nonperishable items can drop them off at the Alba Bales House.

Items needed for the clothing closet include winter coats and accessories, such as gloves, hats and scarves. Other clothing items also are welcome. “Some of our students aren’t always prepared for the drastic change, come winter,” said Regina Ranney, diversity program coordinator. “Having an on-campus resource for this is great because transportation, along with money, can be an issue for students.”

FORWARD program looking for graduate assistant

The NDSU Advance FORWARD program is seeking applications from graduate students for a 20-hour-per-week graduate assistant position for the 2012-13 academic year. Current and prospective graduate students are encouraged to apply.

The FORWARD graduate assistant will assist in the work of the Advance FORWARD project while gaining administrative skills. The individual will work closely with the FORWARD director and is responsible for scheduling and coordinating project events including committee meetings, conferences and various training programs, assisting with promotion of FORWARD activities, writing reports and publications, arranging for speakers, attending required meetings, communicating with collaborating faculty, staff and administrators, and assisting with data collection and analysis.

Detailed information about necessary qualifications and the application process is available in the People section of the FORWARD website, www.ndsu.edu/forward. The application deadline is June 15. Individuals who are selected will receive a nine- to 12-month contract that includes full tuition waiver and a stipend. Direct specific questions about the application process to Becca Hayes at ndsu.forward@ndsu.edu or 1-7337.

PEOPLE

NDSU Extension Service names director



Boerboom

Chris Boerboom is the new director of the NDSU Extension Service. The announcement was made by Ken Grafton, vice president, dean and director for agricultural affairs.

"This is a critical position, not only for Extension, but also for NDSU and the state," said Grafton.

"Chris will be a great Extension director for North Dakota. I know that he will be well received

throughout the state because of his integrity, intellect and passion for NDSU Extension."

Boerboom replaces Duane Hauck, who retired at the end of 2011 after 35 1/2 years with the NDSU Extension Service. Boerboom served as interim Extension director the past 4 1/2 months.

"It's a true honor to be selected to lead the NDSU Extension Service as director," Boerboom said. "North Dakota is privileged to have an excellent Extension Service that is working to enrich the agriculture, youth, families and communities across the state. I look forward to working with our first-rate specialists and agents and their many partners in addressing the state's needs of today and tomorrow."

Boerboom joined NDSU Extension in January 2010 as an assistant director for agriculture and natural resources and district director for five southeastern North Dakota counties.

He earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy and agricultural economics in 1984, a master's degree in agronomy in 1987 and a doctorate in agronomy in 1989, all from the University of Minnesota.

Department head named animal science society president



Lardy

Greg Lardy, head of the Department of Animal Sciences, has been selected to serve a one-year term as president-elect of the American Society of Animal Science. The term begins in July and will be followed by one year as president and one year as past president of the organization.

With more than 5,000 members, the American Society of Animal Science is considered the premiere organization for animal science researchers in the United States.

Lardy served the society as the Midwest section director from 2008 to 2011 and program chair for the Joint Annual Meeting in 2010. He continues to serve on the American Dairy Science Association/American Society of Animal Science Way Forward Committee that addresses specific issues related to the Joint Annual Meeting. In 2010, Lardy was awarded the society's Extension Award.

College of Engineering and Architecture presents awards



Pryor

The College of Engineering and Architecture held its annual college awards ceremony April 24. Two faculty, Scott Pryor and Wei Lin, and graduate student Gong Li were honored.

Pryor, assistant professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering, received the Researcher of the Year Award for his contributions to the field of biofuel and biofield co-product development.



Lin

"Dr. Pryor has been extremely influential in changing my perception of how to collaborate successfully between different colleges/departments and what it takes to be an effective research collaborator," wrote Chad Ulven, associate professor of mechanical engineering, in a nomination letter. "Dr. Pryor is highly approachable and always willing to set aside ego and individual ambition for the greater good of collaboration."

Pryor joined NDSU in fall 2006. Since then, he has produced 14 research articles, given 25 presentations and presented 11 posters. He has served as an investigator of projects that have received more than \$4 million in state, federal and industry grants. He is a member of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Lin, associate professor of civil engineering, was recognized with the Teacher of the Year Award for his teaching accomplishments and impact on students. He helped develop the environmental and conservation sciences graduate program and an upper-level field experience course, which provides students international experiences. He also strives to connect classroom material with real engineering experiences.

Tanush Wadhawan, a civil engineering doctoral student, wrote in a nomination letter that Lin takes special interest in helping students gain practical experience through design competitions, community service projects and international travel. "Dr. Lin has been a tremendous help in shaping the careers of many undergraduate and graduate students as engineers," Wadhawan wrote.

Lin joined NDSU in 1997. His research areas include water/wastewater treatment processes, water quality management in rivers and lakes and hydroclimatic impact of stream flows. He advises the NDSU American Water Works Association student chapter and is affiliated with the American Society for Engineering Educators, American Society of Civil Engineers, Water Environment Federation, American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

The Graduate Research Assistant of the Year Award went to Gong Li, a doctoral student in the industrial and manufacturing engineering department. He was recognized for his contributions to multiple research projects and proposals since joining the doctoral program in 2007. He has contributed to seven research projects and given six presentations. He also has written 11 peer-reviewed journal papers, nine peer-reviewed conference papers and one book chapter.

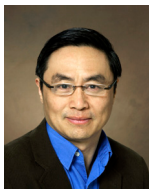
Li's research is focused on wind energy forecasting and the bidding strategy optimization for wind energy generation due to the improved forecasting accuracy.

"Mr. Li's research achievements are phenomenal," Jing Shi, associate professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering and Li's adviser, wrote in a nomination letter. "He has made a number of breakthrough contributions."

The developments include the comprehensive evaluation of multiple neural network architectures for short-term wind forecasting; the application of Bayesian model averaging approach to wind resource estimation and short-term wind forecasting; the introduction of a probabilistic method to forecast wind generation; and the development of agent-based simulation models for evaluating wind generators' bidding strategy to maximize the profit in a deregulated electricity market.

John Cook, interim chair of the industrial and manufacturing engineering department, wrote, "Without question, Mr. Gong Li has been the most productive graduate student in the IME department during my tenure at NDSU."

Faculty honored at college awards ceremony



Qian

The College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences recently announced several faculty awards. College faculty awards were presented at a special College Awards Ceremony held May 1 in Sudro Hall. Pharmacy program faculty awards were presented during the Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony May 11 in Festival Concert Hall.



Miller

College awards are based on nominations of faculty by peers with the final selection by a faculty College Awards Committee using predetermined criteria. Pharmacy program faculty awards are selected by students enrolled in the pharmacy professional program.



Fitz

College awards

Steven Qian, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Research, which recognizes a faculty member in the college who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in research including excellence and innovation in their scholarly work. Qian's research is focused on the lipid peroxidation and its implications in cancer, as well as the potential of fatty acids and lipid-metabolizing enzymes to prevent liver damage related to chronic alcohol abuse.



Werremeyer

Qian has been a leader in free radical chemistry and free radical biology. He has developed a novel technique combining high performance liquid chromatography, electron spin resonance and mass spectrometry to identify the detailed structures of free radicals formed from lipid peroxidation. Qian has published more than 50 peer-reviewed papers in major journals

and brought more than \$1.5 million in research funding to NDSU from the National Institutes of Health.

Donald Miller, professor and chair of pharmacy practice, received the Mary Berg Award for Excellence in Teaching, which recognizes a faculty member who is an outstanding teacher as defined by the ability to inspire and engage students in learning, who has demonstrated knowledge of pedagogical principles and who has been creative and innovative in approaches to teaching. According to nomination letters, Miller demonstrates a passion for teaching that resonates throughout all of the classes he teaches. Classes are centered on active learning activities including discussion, group exercises in class, clicker-based questions and multiple examples from media sources and journals.

Miller also offers annual teaching workshops for new faculty and residents for the entire college.

Alicia Fitz, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, received the Dean's Award for Outstanding Advising, which recognizes an individual in the college who has demonstrated exceptional advising skills and who has had a positive impact on students. According to nomination letters, Fitz has the students' best interests at heart and combines a unique balance of mentoring, academic advising and career planning with each student advisee.

Pharmacy program faculty awards

Amy Werremeyer, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, received two awards, including the 2012 Teacher of the Year Award for the Pharmacy Program, which recognizes a faculty member who has been chosen by students in the professional program for their outstanding performance and commitment to teaching. She also received the 2012 Preceptor of the Year Award for the Pharmacy Program, which is an award selected by students in the fourth professional year of the program that represents outstanding performance and commitment in instruction of pharmacy students on clinical rotations by a full-time faculty member.

Chip Storandt, a home infusion pharmacist practicing at Sanford Health Broadway Pharmacy in Fargo, received the 2012 Adjunct Preceptor of the Year Award, which is selected by graduating seniors and represents outstanding performance and commitment in instruction of pharmacy students on clinical rotations by a practicing pharmacist who volunteers their time to provide clinical instruction of pharmacy students.

"We are pleased to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of these faculty," said Charles Peterson, professor and dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences. "Thanks to their dedication and commitment to excellence, the quality of our academic and research programs is both regionally and nationally recognized."

Longtime McNair Scholar director retires

Kay L. Modin, former director of the McNair Scholars Program at NDSU, was honored at a retirement reception May 9 in the Memorial Union.

Modin joined the Office of TRIO Programs in September 1994 after a 25-year career at Sanford. She originated the TRIO Day

celebration held each spring to celebrate TRIO students. Modin also served as adviser for Mortar Board Honor Society.

“You will always be a part of the NDSU family,” said Michael Harwood, assistant dean of student life. “We have been blessed and we always saw it as a privilege to work with you.”

A benefit fund and event have been set up to help defray medical expenses for Modin’s cancer fight. A silent auction, pasta dinner, bake sale and dance will be held at Teamsters Lounge in Fargo June 2. For more information, visit www.dakmed.org/lendahand. “Everyone is welcome and we are looking for volunteers from the campus community who want to help Kay,” said Kris Mickelson, assistant director of TRIO and Upward Bound Project.

Modin earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from UND and a master’s degree in education administration from NDSU.

The McNair Scholars Program, which is part of TRIO, is federally funded through the Department of Education and provides services to first generation and low income students and students with disabilities. During her time with the program, Modin served more than 260 scholars, of which more than 200 went on to earn doctoral or master’s degrees.

Individuals who want to send Modin a greeting, may do so at kay.modin@ndsu.edu.

Extension Service names potato agronomist



Robinson

Andy Robinson has been hired as an Extension Service potato agronomist in the NDSU plant sciences department.

Robinson’s areas of responsibility will include Extension Service work and research on potato production in North Dakota and Minnesota. He has a joint appointment with the University of Minnesota.

“My research will focus on developing science-based solutions to address real-world problems in potato production,” Robinson said. “This will enable producers to increase economic and environmental sustainability through improved crop management.”

Originally from Parma, Idaho, Robinson earned a bachelor’s degree in agronomy from Brigham Young University. He earned both a master’s degree in agronomy and doctorate in weed science from Purdue University.

His doctoral research focused on evaluating 2,4-D-tolerant soybeans and the effects of drift onto sensitive soybeans.

Robinson is a member of the Weed Science Society of America, North Central Weed Science Society, American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America.

Research compliance administrator gets certification

Josie Hayden in the NDSU Office of Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer received national research compliance certification. Hayden serves as research compliance administrator for the NDSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Hayden received certification from the Council for Certified Professional Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Administrators, an affiliate of Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research. The designation formally recognizes, through examination and continuing education requirements, experience and understanding of committee functions to maintain and promote compliance and adherence to federal and institutional research standards and regulations.

As research compliance administrator, Hayden develops, coordinates and conducts training sessions for faculty, staff and students at NDSU who conduct research. She also coordinates oversight conducted by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee to ensure compliance with federal and institutional research requirements. The committee oversees NDSU’s animal program, facilities and procedures. Projects must be reviewed and approved by the committee prior to a project’s initiation.

Hayden joined the NDSU Sponsored Programs Administration office in 2008. She previously was a clinical research coordinator and clinical research assistant at two regional health care providers. She earned a bachelor’s degree in zoology from NDSU.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service conducts unannounced inspections of animal care facilities at NDSU. No non-compliant items were identified during USDA’s most recent inspection.

More information about NDSU’s Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee is available at www.ndsu.edu/research/iacuc/index.html.

Animal sciences professor receives promotion



Stoltenow

Charlie Stoltenow, associate professor of animal sciences, was recently promoted to professor effective July 1. He has served as NDSU Extension veterinarian since 1996 and director of the Veterinary Technology Program since 2010.

Stoltenow earned a bachelor’s degree in animal science from NDSU in 1981 and a doctorate of veterinary medicine from Iowa State University in 1985.

His research interests include epidemiology and infectious disease.

Animal sciences names account technician

Shelly Engebretson has been named account technician in the Department of Animal Sciences. She fills the position vacated by Lisa Dubbels, who was promoted to budgeting and accounting coordinator.

Engebretson earned an accounting degree from Interstate Business College. Her office is located in Hultz 100. Reach her at shelly.engebretson@ndsu.edu or 1-7643.

Alumnus named entrepreneur of the year

Barry Batcheller, BS '77, recently was the recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Fargo-Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce.

The Entrepreneur of the Year award is part of the annual ChamberChoice Award Luncheon, which was held May 17 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. More than 500 people attended the event, which honors the entrepreneurial spirit and important contributions made by businesses in the Fargo-Moorhead and West Fargo metropolitan area.

ChamberChoice Award finalists were selected by a panel of independent judges from the regional business community, who evaluated accomplishments in the areas of business growth, innovation, creativity, community involvement and unique achievements relating to a specific business or industry.

To view a list of other ChamberChoice award winners visit fmwfcchamber.com/blog/2012/05/17/2012-chamberchoice-winners-announced.

This past spring, Batcheller also was honored with an NDSU Alumni Achievement Award, which celebrates individuals who have achieved distinction in their professional field.

Batcheller earned an electrical and electronics engineering degree from NDSU and has been involved in the founding of six start-up companies, including Phoenix International, Appareo Systems and Intelligent Agriculture Solutions. He is the holder of more than 20 U.S. patents on controls, instrumentation and embedded mobile electronic devices, and has written numerous technical papers on the use of electronics in agriculture.

Women's basketball names assistant coaches



Goehle

NDSU head women's basketball coach Carolyn DeHoff announced the addition of Tom Goehle and Keith Dickhudt as assistant coaches.

Goehle spent the past four seasons as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Sioux Falls. During his tenure with the Cougars, the program saw a pair of 18-14 seasons and two

consecutive seasons with more than 20 wins. In 2011, USF set a single-season record with 27 wins, taking the program to its first NAIA Elite Eight appearance since 2003. Goehle assisted the Cougars to an overall record of 86-37.

Goehle will assist in all phases of the Bison program. His primary responsibility will involve recruiting and on-court coaching.

"I am very excited to come alongside Coach DeHoff and the entire Bison family," Goehle said. "The support of the administration and staff, the long history of success and tradition of the university, Coach DeHoff's commitment to her players, passion for the game and desire to excel, all really solidified my desire to be a part of NDSU women's basketball."

Goehle began his coaching career at Augustana College where he served as student assistant for two years following a playing career at Minnesota State Mankato and Worthington Junior College. Goehle earned his bachelor's degree from Augustana College in 1993.



Dickhudt

Dickhudt has served as the NDSU women's basketball director of operations since May 2011.

"Keith did a remarkable job for us this past season as our director of basketball operations," DeHoff said. "He said it best during his interview with the committee, 'I've been interning for seven years and I want a shot at applying what I have learned from my experiences.' It is time that

Keith is given the opportunity to be on the road recruiting, building relationships and get us to the finish line."

A native of North St. Paul, Minn., Dickhudt worked for five seasons under former NDSU men's basketball coach Tim Miles and current head coach Saul Phillips as a student manager and graduate assistant manager before being promoted to video coordinator for the men's basketball program.

"I have tremendous respect for Coach DeHoff and the program, as well as for the tireless work the entire staff and this department show every day," Dickhudt said.

Dickhudt earned a bachelor's degree in mass communication with a minor in coaching from NDSU in 2008 and a master's degree in mass communication from NDSU in 2010.

While at NDSU, Dickhudt was the youth basketball camp coordinator and was assistant editor-in-chief and sports editor for The Spectrum.

3 student-athletes named to academic all-district team



Amy Anderson

NDSU golfers Amy Anderson and Nathan Anderson and wrestler Tyler Johnson were named to the Capital One Academic All-District 6 at-large teams by a vote of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

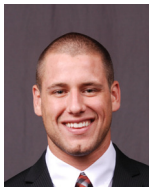
Amy Anderson, a junior from Oxbow, N.D., has a 3.96 cumulative grade-point average in accounting with a minor in fraud investigation. She led



Nathan
Anderson

The Summit League for the third straight year with a 73.0 average, won her second league title and advanced to her third straight NCAA regional.

Nathan Anderson, a junior from Oxbow, N.D., has a 4.00 cumulative GPA in accounting with a minor in fraud investigation. He led the Bison with a 75.5 average, had three top-10 finishes including his first collegiate victory and tied for 14th place at the Summit League championship.



Johnson

Johnson, a senior from Bismarck, N.D., has a 4.00 cumulative GPA in biology with a minor in chemistry. He was the third-place finisher at 174 pounds at the NCAA West Regional and was named to the All-Western Wrestling Conference third team.

All three student-athletes advance to the national ballot for the Capital One Academic All-America teams to be announced June 7.

Student-athletes receive conference academic honors

A total of 43 NDSU student-athletes, highlighted by tight end Matt Veldman, received academic honors from the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Veldman earned the President's Council Academic Excellence Award, which requires a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade-point average and participation in athletics a minimum of two years. He and 15 teammates also received the league's Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award, which requires a minimum GPA of 3.2 for the previous two semesters.

The Missouri Valley Football Conference also announced its 2011-12 Honor Roll. To qualify, a student-athlete must have recorded a minimum 3.0 grade-point average for a specified term, been a member of an athletics team and have a minimum of 12 hours of enrollment during the fall.

Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award – Joseph Blackmore, Coulter Boyer, Ryan Drevlow, Kyle Emanuel, Brock Gion, Andrew Grothmann, Jesse Hinz, Justin Juckem, Adam Keller, Daniel Luecke, Robert Ollman, Ryan Smith, Scott Stoczynski, Esley Thorton, Veldman, Zachary Vraa.

Honor Roll – Boen Andersen, Joseph Blackmore, Coulter Boyer, Garrett Bruhn, Amos Buehner, Brennan Cable, Jedre Cyr, Ryan Drevlow, Christian Dudzik, Dylan Dunn, Kyle Emanuel, Trevor Gebhart, Tyler Gefroh, Tyler Gimmestad, Brock Gion, Andrew Grothmann, Ricky Hagen, Brady Hansen, Michael Hardie, Jessie Hinz, Ryan Jastram, Brock Jensen, Jeffrey Jerve, Cole Jirik, Justin Juckem, Adam Keller, Daniel Luecke, Joseph Lund, D.J. McNorton, Nathaniel Moody, Robert Ollman, John Pike, Brian Schaeetz, Ryan Smith, Joel Sonnenfeld, Scott Stoczynski, Esley Thorton, Matthew Veldman, Zachary Vraa, Cooper Wahlo, Carson Wentz, Chad Willson, Alex Yaggie.

NDSU won the program's first NCAA Division I Football Championship over Sam Houston State University on Jan. 7 and also claimed the program's first Missouri Valley Football Conference title.

EVENTS

BisonArts announces annual gala

BisonArts, an organization formed in support of the NDSU Division of Fine Arts, has scheduled its annual gala for Tuesday, June 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the NDSU President's House.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Registration information and an updated list of attendees are available at www.ndsualumni.com/netcommunity/bisonartsgala.

The NDSU Musical Theatre Troupe and the BisonArts Singers, a select group of students who perform at alumni events nationwide, will provide entertainment.

The gala is the primary fundraising event for BisonArts. BisonArts has paid out more than \$30,000 in scholarships across the Division of Fine Arts during the past six years, according to Bill Law, assistant director of the Division of Fine Arts.

This year's gala is chaired by Sandra Roers, Danielle Paulus, Erin Mayo and Jessica Wachter.

The mission of BisonArts is to enhance the stature of NDSU as a diverse institution that develops and nurtures students through the support of the Division of Fine Arts.

For more information, visit www.ndsualumni.com/netcommunity/bisonartsgala or contact Law at 1-7240.

NDSU to take part in World IPv6 Launch

NDSU will join other major Internet service providers, home networking equipment manufacturers and Web companies around the world for World IPv6 Launch on June 6, a date participating companies and organizations permanently will have enabled IPv6 for their products and services.

Organized by the Internet Society and building on the successful one-day World IPv6 Day event held in June 2011, World IPv6 Launch represents a major milestone in the global deployment of the new Internet Protocol. As the successor to the current Internet Protocol, IPv4, IPv6 is critical to the Internet's continued growth as a platform for innovation and economic development.

NDSU faculty, staff and students are welcome to join members of the Information Technology Division to celebrate World IPv6 Launch from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, June 6, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room. Light refreshments will be served.

During the launch event, NDSU will participate in the global Internet2 Megaconference, which coincides with World IPv6 Launch to highlight advancements in research and education through videoconferencing technology and growth of the Internet.

NDSU's network, which is connected to Internet2 and the Northern Tier Network, has been IPv6 capable since 2008. Information Technology Division staff are working to enable IPv6 for the NDSU website, although this project likely will not be completed in time for World IPv6 Launch.

After the launch, members of the NDSU community who visit IPv6 enabled websites such as Google, Facebook and Yahoo using the NDSU network will be accessing those sites through IPv6. While the change from IPv4 to IPv6 is transparent, users can confirm that they have ventured into this new frontier of the Internet by visiting <http://test-ipv6.com>.

As IPv4 addresses become increasingly scarce, every segment of the industry must act quickly to accelerate full IPv6 adoption or risk increased costs and limited functionality online for Internet users everywhere. World IPv6 Launch participants are leading the way in the effort.

For more information about World IPv6 Launch, visit www.worldipv6launch.org.

Counseling Center schedules Mental Health First Aid Training

The NDSU Counseling Center and members of the NDSU campus community are scheduled to host Mental Health First Aid Certification Training from June 19-22, 8-11 a.m., in the Memorial Union.

The Mental Health First Aid training program is an interactive session that introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments.

Participants will specifically learn:

- The potential risk factors and warning signs for a range of mental health problems, including depression, anxiety/trauma, psychosis and psychotic disorders, eating disorders, substance-use disorders and self-injury.
- An understanding of the prevalence of various mental health disorders in the U.S. and the need for reduced stigma in their communities.
- A five-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources and knowledge to assess the situation, to select and implement appropriate interventions and to help the individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional care.
- Appropriate professional, peer, social and self-help resources to help someone with a mental health problem.

The National Council on Community Behavioral Healthcare has begun working with communities throughout the nation, including the NDSU Counseling Center, to implement Mental Health First Aid training across the United States. The clinical and qualitative evidence behind the program demonstrates that it helps the public better identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness, thus improving outcomes for individuals experiencing these illnesses.

The training is open to NDSU faculty, staff and students. Registration will be capped at 25 participants and there is a \$25 fee to cover the cost of materials.

For more information or to register, call the NDSU Counseling Center at 1-7671. For more information on Mental Health First Aid, visit www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org.

NDSU Night at Target Field announced for August

Join fellow NDSU alumni and friends for an evening at Target Field as the Minnesota Twins play the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday, Aug. 11, at 6:10 p.m.

A discounted rate of \$29 per ticket has been secured for Bison fans. Tickets are in sections 316, 317 and 318.

To order tickets from the Twins Box Office:

Call 1-800-33-TWINS (hit "0" to speak to an attendant). Phone lines are open during business hours and most evenings and weekends during Twins' games.

At the start of your call, be sure to reference the special NDSU Alumni promotion. Demand is high and seats will be available on a first come, first served basis only. This special rate expires on July 20. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted. A \$5 service/handling fee will be added to each order.

Tickets will arrive by mail.

Before the first pitch, join alumni and friends at a pre-game party. The party begins at 4 p.m. at the Alley Sports Tavern, located at 100 N. 6th St., Minneapolis. The first 300 fans to arrive will receive a complimentary game day souvenir from the event sponsor, Ulteig Engineering, Surveying and Consulting Services. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required at www.ndsualumni.com/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=1262.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Communication student, faculty get published

Department of Communication doctoral student Laura Farrell and professor Robert Littlefield's article, "Identifying Communication Strategies in Cases of Domestic Terrorism: Applying Cultural Context to the Fort Hood Shooting," has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*. The journal is listed on the ISI Master Journal List.

The article investigated the crisis communication strategies revealed through U.S. media during the immediate post-crisis phase of the Nov. 5, 2009, shooting at Fort Hood, Texas. A textual analysis identified situational crisis communication theory strategies employed by different representatives and groups. Cultural context emerged as the key variable in explaining what happened when culturally insensitive policies and procedures were revealed. The case illustrates the importance of incorporating a culturally sensitive approach to homeland security policies, procedures and understanding.

Communication doctoral student Katherine Gronewold, professor Ann Burnett and communication department chair Mark Meister's article, "Farmers' Cynicism Toward Nature and Distrust of the Government: Where Does that Leave Conservation Buffer Programs?" has been accepted for publication in the journal, *Applied Environmental Education and Communication*. The jour-

nal is the official publication of the North American Association for Environmental Education and the World Conservation Union Commission on Education and Communication.

The article abstract states that farmers are commonly regarded as stewards of the land. However, farmers generally have become cynical toward nature and distrustful of the government. The article examines whether that cynicism and distrust are reflected in farmers' opinions of and future participation in conservation buffer programs; and, if so, how these sentiments are manifested. Study findings suggest that farmers expressed both cynicism and distrust about conservation buffer programs, perhaps suggesting that the government is not doing well in communicating about its programs to constituents. Implications and future research also are presented.

Business faculty publish research



Huseynov

Fariz Huseynov, assistant professor of finance, co-wrote "Government as the Firm's Third Stakeholder: Impact on Capital Structure, Discount Rates and Valuation." The manuscript has been accepted for publication in *The Engineering Economist*, a refereed journal published jointly by the Engineering Economy Division of the American Society of Engineering Education and the Institute of Industrial Engineers. The journal publishes articles, case studies, surveys, book and software reviews, and readers' comments that represent current research, practice and teaching involving problems of capital investment.



Klamm

Huseynov also co-wrote a paper with Bonnie Klamm, associate professor of accounting, titled "Tax Avoidance, Tax Management and Corporate Social Responsibility." The paper has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Corporate Finance*. The journal publishes theoretical and empirical work related to corporate finance.

Animal sciences professor's work highlighted on student blog

Chung Park, professor of animal sciences, had his research activities featured recently on a West Fargo High School biology class blog. The site features articles related to animal behavior, scientists, ecology and environment, energy and matter, evolution, genetics, health and medicine, and endless forms most beautiful, which is based on a Charles Darwin quotation and features strange life forms.

The blog post was the result of communication between a West Fargo High School biology student and scientists at NDSU. Posted on May 15, the article focuses on research in Park's lab on breast cancer and mammary growth and development.

View the blog at <http://mrsgsbiologyclass.edublogs.org>.

SHORTS AND REMINDERS

Faculty and staff parking permits available

NDSU faculty and staff parking permits for the 2012-13 academic year are available for sale at the Parking and Transportation Office in Thorson Maintenance Center. Permits may be purchased Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The annual parking permit fee for the 2012-13 academic year is \$155. The fee is deducted from full and part-time, benefited employees' paychecks starting with the Sept. 15 paycheck. Employees may choose between one deduction of \$155 or 10 payroll deductions of equal increments. Non-benefited and temporary employees may pay by cash or check. Faculty and staff permits are non-refundable and each employee is eligible for one parking permit. Permits become valid upon purchase and expire Aug. 15, 2013.

It is recommended that all faculty and staff on campus during the summer months secure their permit prior to June 30. This year, faculty and staff permits will be unavailable from July 1-31 to allow parking staff to focus on student permit sales and student orientation. In addition, employees securing permits after Aug. 1 can expect significant waiting times at the Parking Office.

Fargodome 2012-13 "Park and Ride" parking permits are available for \$60. Information about transit from the Fargodome lot is available at www.ndsu.edu/parking. Faculty and staff wanting to forego their assigned lot are welcome to use the economical alternative. Fargodome permits are not valid anywhere except Fargodome lots C, D or E and are not valid in conjunction with any other permit.

This year, Departmental Service Vehicle permits are being replaced with dashboard placards. New placards will be issued to all departments later in the summer, with additional information provided at that time.

For more information, email the Campus Parking Office at NDSU.parking@ndsu.edu or call 1-5771. Complete NDSU parking regulations are available at www.ndsu.edu/parking.

NDSU Bookstore urges merchandise orders by June 15

The NDSU Bookstore urges departments to place orders for merchandise by Friday, June 15, to ensure purchases fall in this fiscal year. That allows buyers to order and receive merchandise before it is charged to departments. Departments can't be billed for merchandise not received.

To order electronics, contact Brad Sonmor at 1-8013 or Erin McCormack at 1-7764. To order art and supply materials, contact Jane Lessard at 1-7828.

For more information, contact Diane Wadholm at diane.wadholm@ndsu.edu or 1-5671.

Parking alternatives issued for T Lot project

Facilities Management recently updated faculty, staff and students on alternative parking areas available due to the first phase of the T Lot reconstruction project, which began May 29. The project, slated for completion in early August, will affect all of T1, T3 and the east side of T Lot.

No access will be allowed in the affected areas. Faculty and staff who park in T1 should relocate to the T2 staff parking lot west of the Music Building.

Students parking in T3 and living in Bison Block should relocate to the west half of T Lot. Students parking in T Lot east of Thordarson Hall should relocate to the west half of T Lot.

TA Lot, which is west of the Auxiliary Enterprises building, will serve as an overflow location during the project. A map of all NDSU parking lots is available at www.ndsu.edu/parking.

The second phase of the project, which will resurface the west portion of T Lot, will be completed in 2013.

Changes ahead for Wimba users

Next fall, NDSU faculty and staff can use a new collaborative tool for engaging in online instruction and meetings. Blackboard Collaborate 11 is a more robust solution with improved functionality to maximize student learning and engagement.

Faculty and staff who use Wimba are encouraged to adopt Blackboard Collaborate for the fall semester, as the Wimba product is being phased out. This change stems from Blackboard's purchase of Wimba and Illuminate in July 2010.

ITS Instructional Services will continue to support the use of Wimba through spring 2013.

However, Wimba archives will not be compatible with the Blackboard Collaborate system. Instructional services staff members are looking for a way to resolve the issue. At this time, instructors are encouraged to download and save their Wimba archives to avoid losing content when Wimba becomes unavailable.

"Switching to Blackboard Collaborate provides a great opportunity for instructors to update content in their current recordings," said Tammy Cummings, instructional services consultant.

Training for Blackboard Collaborate will begin in August. For more information, go to www.ndsu.edu/its/instructional_services.

Special health insurance enrollment offered

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System will hold a special health insurance open enrollment period until June 22 that will become effective July 1.

The special open enrollment applies only to adding dependent children ages 19 to 25 who currently are not covered by your North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System health insurance. Prior to this, dependent children who were covered by their own employer-sponsored health plan or under their spouse's employer-sponsored health plan, were not eligible for the health plan even if they fell within the eligible age range. If you already have your dependent(s) listed on your health insurance plan, you do not need to do anything.

The health application can be found at www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/forms/sfn-60036-health-insurance-application-or-change.pdf.

The application must be returned to the Office of Human Resources/Payroll during the open enrollment period in order to add dependents. Applications can be sent through either campus mail or post mail at the following addresses:

Campus mail

SGC H102

Post mail

NDSU HR/Payroll Dept. 3140
PO Box 6050
Fargo, ND 58108

To verify if your dependent child currently is covered under your health policy, contact Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota at 800-223-1704.

NDSU employees reminded of annual fraud training

NDSU benefited employees are reminded to complete the North Dakota University System's required annual fraud awareness training by June 30. In addition, all benefited employees must annually certify they have read and agree to comply with NDSU's Code of Conduct.

Instructions for the training are available at www.ndsu.edu/auditadvisory/training. The training involves watching an introductory video, reviewing NDUS and NDSU policies and taking a short quiz that will serve as a signature showing the employee understands and agrees to compliance with the policies. Employees must complete all steps including the Code of Conduct Verification Quiz to ensure the training is properly documented for audit purposes, said Eric Miller, director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Audit.

For future years, the training may be enhanced and the delivery and recording of certifications may take another form. Ideas for improving the effectiveness of this program are welcome and can be submitted to the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Audit by individuals or work teams and departments.

For more information, contact Miller at eric.j.miller@ndsu.edu or 1-9413.

Safety Office provides reminder for out-of-state workers

The NDSU Safety Office reminds NDSU employees and departments that they must contact the office prior to working outside the state of North Dakota for more than 30 days.

North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance has extended worker's compensation coverage to employees of North Dakota employers hired in North Dakota and working outside the state for more than 30 days.

A form must be completed and submitted to the Safety Office prior to beginning work outside the state. Forms are available at www.ndsu.edu/forms.

Forms with incomplete or missing information will not be accepted, thus potentially compromising a worker's compensation coverage in that state.

If a department has a new hire or becomes aware of an employee who will need coverage in another state, complete the form and contact the Safety Office immediately.

For more information, contact Jennifer Baker, loss control and claims specialist, at 1-6740 or jennifer.baker@ndsu.edu.

Conflict of interest annual notice released

NDSU Purchasing and Property Control recently released its annual notice to NDSU employees regarding the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. NDSU employees involved in purchasing decisions must comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations relating to conflict of interest and acceptance of gifts and gratuities.

Individuals who are required to fulfill the statement and don't currently have one must fill out the form, have it signed by a supervisor and forward it to Debra Galbraith in Purchasing and Property Control. To confirm if a statement is already on file, contact Galbraith at 1-9599.

Individuals without an interest in any business should write "none," sign the form, have it signed by a supervisor and forward it to Galbraith. The form is at www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/generalcounsel/Forms-Contracts/NDSU-COIDisclosureStmnt.pdf.

Forms for individuals with a business interest are located at www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/generalcounsel/Forms-Contracts/COI.pdf.

For more information, contact Stacey Winter at stacey.winter@ndsu.edu or 1-8954.

Faculty Senate minutes, meeting schedule posted

The 2012-13 Faculty Senate meeting schedule and list of senators are available at www.ndsu.edu/facultysenate. Standing committee membership for the upcoming school year will be available in the coming weeks.

Minutes from the May 7 meeting also are available online. All meetings are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room.

In-state mileage reimbursement rate updated

Effective April 17, the reimbursement rate for in-state mileage changed from 51 cents per mile to 55.5 cents per mile. The Accounting Office website and travel expense voucher have been updated. Be sure to select the correct voucher, dependent on the dates of travel.

The NDSU policy section, 515.4 Travel – Employees, Privately Owned Transportation, has been updated to reflect the changes.

For more information, contact the Accounting Office at 1-7432.

SU Impact proposals sought

The NDSU Development Foundation is again seeking grant proposals for projects that have an immediate and positive impact on the educational experience of NDSU students.

The foundation is offering major grants of \$20,000 to \$75,000 through the SU Impact Fund Grant Program. Available to faculty, staff and recognized student groups, the program is funded by unrestricted contributions received from alumni, parents and friends, and proceeds from the annual Bison Bidders Bowl.

According to program criteria, successful proposals will receive funding one time. However, the actual expenditure of grant funds may take up to three years. Programs or a proposed project should not be a portion of a larger program, unless the grant is requesting matching funds. In addition, successful grant requests should clearly recognize the Development Foundation SU Impact Fund as the source of funding.

Applications are due to the Development Foundation by Aug. 10. Submit the completed form to joann@ndsualumni.com.

The Grants and Awards Committee will select a group of finalists for additional consideration who will be invited to make 10-minute presentations to the committee during its Homecoming meeting Oct. 4. Notification of awards is scheduled for Oct. 8.

For more information about the program and an application form, visit www.ndsufoundation.com and access the campus resources section of the website.

SHORTS AND REMINDERS

Positions available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU website at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

Athletic Building Services Manager (3 p.m.-11:30 p.m.)/#00018529

Facilities Management
\$32,000+/year
Open until filled

Administrative Secretarial/#00020954

Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
\$20,500/year
June 1

Nursery Technician/#00020146

North Dakota Forest Services
\$28,670+/year
Open until filled

Laboratory Assistant

Plant Pathology
\$28,000+/year
Open until filled

Bison Connection Associate/#00025912

Bison Connection
\$30,000+/year
June 6

Software Engineer

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Grant Writer and Coordinator

Biological Sciences
Competitive and commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Education/Clinical Coordinator – Hazen, N.D.

Nursing
\$34,500+/year
June 1

Education/Clinical Coordinator – Watford City, N.D.

Nursing
\$34,500+/year
June 1

Program Coordinator/#00027781

Multicultural Programs
\$35,000+/year
June 1

Dining Services Manager/Dietitian/#00020608

Dining Services
\$40,000+/year
June 8

Disability Specialist

Disability Services
\$28,080+/year
June 4

Social Sciences Librarian/#00019211

Library
\$43,000+/year
June 1

Systems Administrator/#00021624

Computer Science
\$40,000+/year
June 1

Grant and Contract Officer/#00024422

Grant and Contract Accounting
\$47,000+/year
May 31

CALENDAR

MAY

31 **Dig In Faculty Technology Workshop:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., IACC 116. For more information and to register, visit www.ndsu.edu/its/instructional_services/dig_in.

31 **Center for Writers Workshop:** Building a Blog, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., IACC 132. For more information, contact Karen Peirce at karen.peirce@ndsu.edu.

JUNE

2 **Kay Modin Benefit:** Pasta dinner, dance, silent auction and cookie sale, 4 p.m. to midnight, Teamsters Lounge, Fargo.

3-July 14 **North Dakota Governor's School**

4-16 **Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education Camp**

4-8 **North Dakota State Future Farmers of America Convention**

4-July 13 **TRIO Program:** High School Upward Bound

5 **Breastfeeding Support Group:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Equity and Diversity Center, Alba Bales House

6 **Marty Hoag Farewell Reception:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose room

6 **World IPv6 Launch:** 10 a.m. to noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose room. NDSU faculty and staff are welcome to join members of the IT Division to celebrate World IPv6 Launch during this open house event. Light refreshments will be served.

7 **NDSU Meats:** 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sheppard Arena.

11-22 **Printmaking Education and Research Studio:** Printmaking Workshop

14 **NDSU Meats:** 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sheppard Arena.

14-15 **Orientation and Student Success:** Scholars Orientation Session

18-21 **NDSU 4-H Extension Youth Conference**

18-22 **Junior Vehicle Engineering Workshop:** 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., SGC room D109. NDSU Distance and Continuing Education invites students in grades 1-8 to build and modify vehicles using LEGO kits. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/dce/non-credit/conferences.

CALENDAR

19 BisonArts Gala: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., NDSU President's House. For more information, visit www.ndsualumni.com/netcommunity/bisonartsgala.

20 Center for Writers Workshop: Authors Out Loud: Inspiring Writers of Tomorrow, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Memorial Union Room of Nations. For more information, contact Karen Peirce at karen.peirce@ndsu.edu.

20 BBQ Boot Camp: 10 a.m. to noon, Fargodome. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/bbqbootcamp.

21 PeopleSoft HRMS Training: Position and org charting. RSVP to Elizabeth Thompson at elizabeth.thompson.1@ndsu.edu or 1-5922.

22 Orientation and Student Success: Transfer Orientation

22-24 Summer Leadership Institute: The three-day program is for all incoming students to become acclimated to NDSU and get involved early in their college careers.

25-29 Orientation and Student Success: Freshman/Family Orientation

26-28 TRIO Program: High School Upward Bound Living Learning Experience

28 BBQ Boot Camp: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Williston Research Extension Center. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/bbqbootcamp.

JULY

4 Independence Day: University closed

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