

Multicultural Student Services establishes faculty advisory committee

Multicultural Student Services has established a "cyber" faculty advisory committee to provide a forum for communicating ideas, information and opportunity between faculty and Multicultural Student Services using Blackboard.

Operating with and on behalf of Multicultural Student Services, the group can expect to receive a maximum of three brief, informational announcements each month, soliciting committee member responses. New postings are planned for the first Tuesday of each month from September-May on the Blackboard Web site. All faculty members are welcome to apply for inclusion in the committee.

For more information or comments, or to participate, contact Malika (MC) Carter, assistant director of Multicultural Student Services, at Malika.Carter@ndsu.edu or 1-7383.

Economic Development Day held

State and local economic development professionals met Aug. 23 for the NDSU Economic Development Day, held at the NDSU Research and Technology Park. The event was an opportunity for the group to share strategies in strengthening efforts and networks to grow the North Dakota economy.

Discussions and presentations provided an overview of the identified key strategies underway at NDSU to accomplish the economic development goals of North Dakota.

Items discussed included various research projects and programs underway at NDSU, specifically the telepharmacy project, military electronics design and manufacturing projects, biotechnology research, biodiesel research, protective coatings, bone tissue engineering, sensors for food safety, biological sciences and electronics miniaturization. Representatives shared ways in which research and partnerships within private industry continue to aid NDSU and North Dakota's economic viability through new and innovative ideas.

"Research equals economic development," said Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer. "Such strategies help attract talented professionals to the state and help lead to private and public partnerships that grow the economy."

Event participants included representatives from the local, state and regional economic development commissions, as well as business leaders.

Memorial Union Labor Day hours announced

The Memorial Union will be open 6 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1-1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2. The union will remain closed the rest of the day Saturday and all day Sunday, Sept. 3. It will reopen from noon-11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4.

Business Office closed Sept. 6-8

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

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Emergency evacuation drills held

The NDSU University Police and Safety Office, and the Fargo city fire inspector, recently completed annual emergency evacuation drills in several "A" (assembly) occupancy buildings.

This year, drills were completed in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Askanase Hall, Bentson/Bunker Fieldhouse, Bison Sports Arena, Civil and Industrial Engineering, Construction Management Engineering, Criminal Justice and Public Policy, Downtown Campus, Electrical Engineering, Ehly Hall, E. Morrow Lebedeff Hall, FLC, IACC, Ladd Hall, Dunbar Hall, Main Library, Loftsgard Hall, Minard Hall, Morrill Hall, Music Education Building, Residence Dining Center, Stevens Hall, Sudro Hall, Van Es and West Dining Center.

The office reminds employees that during an alarm, everyone must leave the building immediately, and move to the point of assembly designated by the department head or safety representative. The assembly point must be a minimum of 50 feet from the building.

Libraries Labor Day holiday hours announced

All NDSU Libraries will be closed Saturday, Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 3. The main library will open 1 p.m.-midnight Monday, Sept. 4, and the branch libraries will open 5-10 p.m. The Institute for Regional Studies will remain closed. Regular academic hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 5.

For a current listing of hours consult the Libraries' Web page at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu or call the information tape at 1-9456.

People

Bleier named associate dean

William Bleier, professor of biological sciences, has been appointed associate dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, according to Kevin McCaul, dean of science and mathematics. His appointment was effective Aug. 15.

"I'm excited that someone with Will's experience and institutional memory is willing to take on this responsibility," said McCaul. "He is just stepping down as chair of biological sciences and deserves a lot of time to continue his successful research programs. So, I am very pleased he is also willing to devote time to serving the college in this role."

Bleier's research interests include vertebrate pest management, especially as it pertains to avian damage to agricultural production. His current research focuses on developing methods to reduce damage by blackbirds to commercial sunflower production.

Bleier, who joined the NDSU faculty in 1975, earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Texas at Austin, and his master's degree and doctorate in zoology at Texas Tech University. Among his honors are the 1986 Outstanding Campus Communicator; 1990 Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award; Mortar Board Preferred Professor in 1990, 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1998; 1995 Blue Key Distinguished Educator Award and 1998 Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor Award.

Sun receives ARL grant



Wenfang Sun, assistant professor of chemistry and molecular biology, has received a three-year Army Research Laboratory Grant. The \$410,688 grant supports Sun's research in the development and characterization of organic/organometallic hybrid materials for nonlinear optical applications.

Sun

Sun, who joined the department in 2001, has focused her research on the synthesis and characterization of organic and organometallic photonic materials for nonlinear optics, photovoltaics, optical sensor, near infrared emitter and photodynamic therapy applications.

NDSU couple compiles book of German-Russian narratives

Timothy J. Kloberdanz, associate professor of Anthropology, and Rosalinda Kloberdanz, director of ITS Client Services, recently compiled and co-edited a book of narratives devoted to the Germans from Russia.

"We Remember: Stories of the Germans from Russia" includes 80 individual stories representing the creative work of more than 60 German-Russian writers from various parts of the United States, Canada and Europe.

Several of the narratives in the book relate to German-Russian experiences in North Dakota, including "A Heritage That Transcends Generations," authored by Sally Sologuk, Northern Crops Institute public relations and communications specialist. Sologuk describes the experiences of her German-Russian ancestors, including the Gross family of Medina, N. D.

The book's other North Dakota stories include "Them Bones Will Rise Again," by Ken Issak, a native of Kulm; and "Prairie Patterns," by Shirley Ding Meier of Hebron, who tells about her German-Russian grandparents who settled in the Glen Ullin area.

Most of the narratives in "We Remember" grew out of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) Storytelling Contest, an event first organized by the Kloberdanzes in 1999. The annual international event promotes the active preservation and sharing of German-Russian oral traditions.

Copies of "We Remember" are available by contacting the AHSGR at ahsgr@ahsgr.org.

Events

NPR host O'Riley to present piano concert

The Division of Fine Arts has scheduled a concert by pianist and National Public Radio host Christopher O'Riley for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in Festival Concert Hall. The performance includes the music of Shostakovich, Radiohead and Elliott Smith.

The host of NPR's "From the Top," O'Riley combines traditional repertoire with transcriptions of contemporary rock music. He is particularly interested in the critically revered English band, Radiohead, and popular singer/songwriter Elliott Smith.

O'Riley's tribute albums to these bands include "True Love Waits," "Hold Me To This" (Radiohead) and the recently released "Home to Oblivion: A Tribute to Elliott Smith." O'Riley's first recording of Radiohead transcriptions received four stars from Rolling Stone and was as critically acclaimed as it was commercially successful.

O'Riley led rock and fusion bands prior to playing jazz professionally in his high school years, but studied classical piano at the New England Conservatory.

Tickets are \$15 for students, \$25 for adults and \$40 for balcony box seats. V.I.P. tickets including admission to both the Friday concert and Saturday's Herd About the Prairie Gala at the Fargodome are \$135 per couple or \$70 for an individual. Tickets are available by calling the fine arts box office at 1-7969.

More information is available at www.ndsu.edu/finearts.

'Meet the Firms' event scheduled

The NDSU Accounting Club and the NDSU Career Center will sponsor the 11th annual "Meet the Firms" event scheduled for 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

The event is an opportunity for NDSU, Concordia College and Minnesota State University Moorhead finance, accounting and accountancy students to interact with firms in a business casual environment for the purpose of exchanging information on cooperative education, internships and full-time positions.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m., some firms will give 12-minute presentations that will give students a detailed description of their firm, clientele and focus.

There is no charge for students or faculty to attend the event. Questions should be directed to the Career Center at 1-7111.

Multicultural Student Services launches 'Sisterhood Circles'

Multicultural Student Services has launched the "Sisterhood Circle" program, an opportunity for women of color at NDSU and their allies to have a safe space to discuss various topics in a supportive environment.

According to Malika Carter, assistant director of Multicultural Student Services, the group's environment will be one in which women can reflect on the issues, share their experiences, listen to each other and think about how to improve their own lives and their communities through the synergistic power of the circle.

Carter said that one of the group's strengths is the opportunity for multi-generational discussions where women can discuss how things have changed over the years for the better or worse.

Each meeting begins with a short reading or video, followed by conversations and sharing of communal food. Possible topics include "Campus and Community Climate for People of Color," "Remaining Connected with Allies," "Interracial Relationships" and "Islam and Women."

This group is open to all women of color and their allies, including students, faculty and staff. Carter and Jaclynn Walette, director of Multicultural Student Services, will serve as hosts.

TechGYRLS after-school program for girls planned

The Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, the NDSU student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and the YWCA Cass Clay will sponsor TechGYRLS, an after-school program for girls in grades 4-7. The 10-week program is set to begin Monday, Sept. 18.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about computers and make an animated calendar with the Microworlds program, and can learn how to build and program their own Lego robots with LEGORobotics.

For more information, contact Canan Bilen-Green, associate professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering, at 1-7040 or Canan.Bilen.Green@ndsu.edu. To register, contact Kristien Behrens at 232-2547 or kbehrens@ywcacassclay.org.

Meditation group begins meetings

The meditation group will meet weekly throughout fall semester (with the exception of university holidays) 4-5 p.m. Mondays in Ceres Hall 212D. The first meeting was held Aug. 21.

The group is free, and is open to NDSU students, faculty and staff.

The group is a chance to meditate for stress management and increased peacefulness and wellbeing. All levels are welcome. Beginners can learn and practice meditation basics, while those more experienced with meditation can maintain their meditation practice, in an informal group environment.

It is not necessary to come to all the meetings in order to attend the group. Please note that it is important to arrive on time, as the door is locked promptly at the start of the group to avoid interruptions. Group participants are asked to announce themselves at the Counseling Center front desk before proceeding to the meditation room.

For further information on the meditation group, visit www.ndsu.nodak.edu/counseling or call the Counseling Center at 1-7671.

Shorts and Reminders

Positions Available

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

Receptionist/#00019362
Registration and Records
\$21,500+/year
Sept. 1

Library Acquisitions Accounting Technician/#00021687
NDSU Libraries
\$29,000+/year
Aug. 31

Library Acquisitions Receiving Clerk/#00021349
NDSU Libraries
\$17,000+/year
Aug. 31

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

Lead Food Service Worker/#00020578
12 months; 40 hours/week
M-F; 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; weekend and summer hours may vary
Dining Services-Residence Dining Center
\$8.75/hour
Open until filled

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

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

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

Research Engineer/#00021664
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE)
Salary commensurate with Experience
Open until filled

Classroom Technologies Specialist/#00019343
Information Technology Services (ITS)
\$32,000+/year
Sept. 1

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

Desktop Support Specialist/#00020728
Information Technology Services (ITS)
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

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

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

Calendar

August

- 30 Soil science—Adnan Akyuz, environmental climatologist candidate, seminar, 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 31 Football vs. Concordia University, St. Paul, 7 p.m., Fargodome

September

- 1 Men's and women's cross country Bison Open, Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo, time to be determined
- 3 Women's soccer vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato, noon, Ellig Sports Complex
- 4 Labor Day holiday—university closed
- 6 Soil science—Don Kirby, professor and head of animal and range sciences, "Experiences in Mined Land Reclamation," 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 8 Women's soccer vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 10 Women's soccer vs. Weber State University (Bison Invitational), 1:30 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 13 Soil science—Cj Johnson, ITS training specialist, "Ideas for Preparing a Great Oral Presentation Using Power Point," 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 13 Career Center—"Meet the Firms" career fair for accounting, accountancy and finance fields, 4-7 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 16 Football vs. Northeastern University (Trees Bowl/Family Weekend), 6 p.m., Fargodome
- 17 Women's soccer vs. Drake University, noon, Ellig Sports Complex
- 20 Soil science—Zhaosheng Fan, graduate research assistant, "Persistence and Fate of Estradiol and Testosterone in Agricultural Soils," 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 21 Pharmacy, nursing and allied sciences career fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Fargodome. Honors program, 3-5 p.m., Fargodome.
- 27 Career Center—"Engineering and Tech Expo" career fair for engineering, MIS and computer science fields, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Fargodome
- 27 Soil science—Jennifer Heglund, Conservation Security Program, "Reward the Best, Motivate the Rest," 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 28 Student Health Services—Meningitis clinic, 1-7 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room

October

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

November

- 1 Soil science—undergraduate student seminars, 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 8 Soil science—undergraduate student seminars, 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 10 Veteran's Day holiday—university closed
- 10 Volleyball—National Independent Tournament, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Volleyball—National Independent Tournament, 2-8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Football vs. California Polytechnic State University (Harvest Bowl), 1 p.m., Fargodome
- 14 Career Center—"Tri-College Career and Internship Fair," noon-4 p.m., Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo
- 18 Football vs. South Dakota State University (Dakota Marker), 6 p.m., Fargodome
- 22 Soil science—Jasper Teboh, graduate research assistant, "Nitrogen and Phosphorus Contribution of Potato Residue and Buckwheat to a Subsequent Crop Rotation," 3 p.m., Walster 217
- 23 Thanksgiving holiday—university closed

- 29 Soil science—Don Tanaka, “Agricultural Systems Work@Mandan for Cropping and Livestock Production,” 3 p.m., Walster 217

December

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

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