

Chapman: NDSU has success, momentum

NDSU is "the university of choice" and is an institution with both success and momentum, according to President Joseph A. Chapman. During his annual State of the University Address Oct. 4, Chapman said, "I know of no other university that has accomplished so much in such a short timeframe."

During the annual speech, Chapman announced the completion of the highly successful Momentum: The \$75 million Campaign for North Dakota State University. He said the campaign's final total was more than \$100 million.

"We've enjoyed 27 gifts in excess of \$1 million," Chapman said of the campaign that began in 2002. "These are institution changing gifts and vital in our ability to reach our goal."

The campaign raised more than \$41 million for scholarships, \$12 million for teaching enhancements and another \$12 million that provides support for other needs. Chapman said the campaign added infrastructure to the university, with funding for Klai Hall, Richard H. Barry Hall and phase one of renovations to the Bison Sports Arena.

"To everyone who has contributed financially or with their service to the campaign, I say well done. Thank you," Chapman said. "The Momentum Campaign has concluded and will change this university forever."

As the university has transformed and progressed, Chapman said NDSU has a far-reaching impact on the economy. Citing research by a team of researchers led by Larry Leistriz, professor of agribusiness and applied economics, Chapman said during the past eight years, NDSU's budget growth has had a \$1.9 billion economic impact. For 2007, the study said this would support an additional 3,100 jobs, generate \$116.7 million in retail sales, \$5.4 million in additional sales and use tax collections and \$2.3 million in additional personal income tax collections.

Additionally, the study said that for every additional dollar of state support NDSU has received, the university has generated about \$7.50 of other funds.

Chapman said individual student spending is estimated at \$8,800 per year in the study. Noting that half of NDSU's students are from out of state, Chapman said that means \$55 million of new wealth to the state's economy this year.

Outlining the university's many recent accomplishments, Chapman said this fall's 2,166 first-year students is NDSU's largest freshmen class ever and the university now has more than 12,500 students, including nearly 1,800 graduate students.

Chapman said the university has more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs, and he said, "We are now one of the largest research universities in the Northern Great Plains region." Chapman said NDSU is successful at the NCAA Division I level academically and competitively, and every team has a conference.

"Today, when we talk about the future, it is built on this framework of our remarkable success and momentum," Chapman said. "Each accomplishment adds to our stature and ensures that our success and momentum continue."

On the international level, Chapman said NDSU will be a center for North Dakota businesses seeking to expand their presence in the global marketplace. He announced that the North Dakota Trade Office will co-locate with the College of Business and the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics at Richard H. Barry Hall.

Looking to the years ahead, Chapman said, "NDSU has become the clear first choice of students seeking a higher education in North Dakota. We have seen steady enrollment growth for the last 10 years. This will continue for the foreseeable future." *cont.*

Groundbreaking ceremonies

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Richard H. Barry Hall, at the site of the former Pioneer Mutual Life building in downtown Fargo, are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11. Barry Hall will house the College of Business and the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics.

Sidewalk Sale at NDSU Bookstore

A Sidewalk Sale is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the NDSU Bookstore. There will be a large assortment of sale items from all departments.

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able future. Accordingly, I have asked the cabinet to continue planning for even greater enrollment growth.”

Chapman concluded his speech by saying, “We have success. We have momentum.”

This was Chapman’s ninth State of the University Address since becoming NDSU’s 13th president in June 1999. The speech attracted an audience of more than 500 people.

Momentum campaign reaches successful conclusion

Momentum: The \$75 Million Campaign for North Dakota State University has come to a dramatically successful conclusion. Announced by President Joseph A. Chapman during his State of the University Address and at the Campaign Celebration and Recognition Society Dinner on Oct. 4, the campaign ended with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$108 million.

“Our \$75 million campaign has been incredibly successful. To reach a goal of \$75 million, surpass it and then raise more than \$100 million is an incredible accomplishment for all friends, alumni and supporters of NDSU,” said Chapman. “The gifts invested in this institution will pay dividends for the state, for the institution and for this country for decades to come. We have defined and moved to another level as an institution.”

Begun in 2002 with its silent phase, the Momentum Campaign raised funds for such things as student scholarships, teaching endowments, the annual fund, NDSU Libraries, Klai Hall, Richard H. Barry Hall and phase one of renovations to the Bison Sports Arena.

The campaign raised more than \$41 million for scholarships, \$12 million for teaching enhancements and another \$12 million that provides support for other needs.

“The impact of the campaign on the institution will be huge,” said Jim Miller, executive director of the NDSU Development Foundation. “When we talk about the number of new endowments that were secured, the downtown business or the renovations to the Bison Sports Arena—those are events that will really change the shape and the scope of NDSU for years to come. It’s happened because a lot of people gave freely of their time and treasure. As a result, the institution is in a much better position to face the next decade financially.”

Chapman said NDSU has had many successes in recent years, including record enrollment growth to more than 12,500 students and research expenditures that surpass \$100 million annually. “This campaign has mirrored that success. We set off on a journey to raise \$75 million, and we surpassed \$100 million,” Chapman said. “Like everything we begin to do, together we have set new records and developed new goals. We’re building a better North Dakota, and we’re building a better NDSU.”

NDSU Development Foundation president Frank Jennings, an alumnus from Seattle, Wash., served as the campaign’s national chair.

“It’s been my experience in all of my volunteer work for good causes that all successful fundraising begins with a compelling story. The accomplishments across the NDSU campus over the past few years is truly a compelling story, and more than 25,000 donors have responded to it during the Momentum Campaign,” Jennings said. “I extend my sincere appreciation to each of those donors for their overwhelming generosity.”

Distinguished professors announced

President Joseph A. Chapman has announced NDSU’s inaugural University Distinguished Professors. He made the announcement during his annual State of the University Address on Oct. 4.

The University Distinguished Professors include Allan Ashworth, professor of geosciences; Bill Perrizo, professor of computer science; Mukund Sibi, professor of chemistry and molecular biology; Neil Gudmestad, professor of plant pathology; Bill Wilson, professor of agribusiness and applied economics; Kalpana Katti, professor of civil engineering; and Tom Isern, professor of history and religion.

Chapman noted that, collectively, the scholars have about 175 years of service to NDSU; they have taught thousands of undergraduate students; they have mentored 94 masters and 71 doctoral students; and they have published 734 refereed manuscripts, 11 books, 346 book chapters and 687 miscellaneous publications.

“Each also has received many of our highest awards for teaching and research,” Chapman said. “Truly, they represent a large reservoir of intellectual wealth.”



Ashworth

Ashworth, who joined NDSU in 1972, teaches and conducts research in paleontology and stratigraphy. He has made four research trips to Antarctica, and was recently notified by the New Zealand Geographic Board that a glacier on the icy continent has been named in his honor. Ashworth chairs the U.S. National Committee for the International Union for Quaternary Research. Ashworth earned his bachelor’s degree and doctorate from the University of Birmingham, England. His many honors include being named a James A. Meier Senior Professor, Mortar Board Preferred Professor, NDSU Faculty Lectureship and Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor.



Perrizo

Perrizo joined NDSU in 1973. His vita lists 45 journal papers, 146 refereed conference and symposium proceedings papers and four books and book chapters. He holds two patents. Perrizo was the team leader of the 2002 Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Knowledge Discovery and Data (KDD) Mining Cup winning team for task two and the team leader of the 2006 ACM KDD Cup winning team for task three. He also received the 2007 Best Paper Award at the International Society of Computers and Their Applications Conference. Perrizo earned his bachelor’s degree from St. John’s University, Minn., his master’s degree at the University of Wisconsin and his doctorate at the University of Minnesota.



Sibi

Sibi, a recognized leader in the area of synthetic organic chemistry, came to NDSU in 1987. Sibi’s vita lists 153 publications, eight patents and four book reviews. He was the invited speaker or gave the plenary lecture at 57 special symposiums, and he has given 157 invited seminar presentations. His many honors include the Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award for 2008, the James M. Meier Professorship, Dale Hogoboom Endowed Professor, Jordon A. Engberg Professorship and Waldron Award for Excellence in Research. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Bangalore University, India, and his doctorate at the City University of New York.



Gudmestad

Gudmestad joined NDSU as a tenure-track assistant professor in 1985. He has served the pathology section of the Potato Association of America as chair, vice-chair and director. He also was on the editorial board of American Potato Journal and associate editor of Phytopathology. His many honors include the Research Scientist of the Year-Early Career from the N.D. Agricultural Experiment Station, the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association Meritorious Service Award, the National Potato Council Researcher of the Year, the Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award, and the Fred Waldron Excellence in Research Award. He earned his bachelor's degree at Valley City State University and his master's degree and doctorate from NDSU.



Wilson

Wilson, who was recognized as one of the top 10 agricultural economists by AgWeek, earned his bachelor's degree at NDSU and his doctorate from the University of Manitoba. He joined NDSU in 1980, and has served as a board member for WCCO Belting, the Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences and the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. His vita lists 71 grants, 80 journal articles, one book, 13 book chapters and 198 miscellaneous publications. He has given numerous presentations, including 109 international, 82 national and 35 regional professional associations. Wilson's other honors include the 2006 and 1998 Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award and Henry Schapper Fellowship.



Katti

Katti, who joined NDSU in 1997, has developed state-of-the-art advanced materials and tissue engineering laboratories to support research in nanotechnology and tissue engineering at NDSU. In addition, she has spearheaded the effort to develop an interdisciplinary materials and nanotechnology doctoral program at NDSU. She earned her bachelor's degree at the University of New Delhi, India, her master's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India, and her doctorate at the University of Washington, Seattle. Her other honors include the Peltier Award for Innovations in Teaching, College of Engineering Researcher of the Year, National Science Foundation CAREER Award and Federation of Societies of Coatings Technology Roon Award.



Isern

A specialist in the history of the Great Plains, Isern is the author or co-author of six books in the field, including "Dakota Circle: Excursions on the True Plains." He is well known across North Dakota for his weekly feature on Prairie Public Radio, "Plains Folk," devoted to the folklife of our region. He is the founding director of NDSU's Center for Heritage Renewal. He earned his bachelor's degree at Bethany College and his master's degree and doctorate from Oklahoma State University. Isern joined NDSU in 1992, and his previous honors include the Outstanding Educator Award of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; the Peltier Award for Innovative Teaching; and the Fargo Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professorship.

The University Distinguished Professors will receive funding stipends to supplement salary and academic activities.

Alcohol and drug council announced

President Joseph A. Chapman has announced the creation of a new Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD). Gene Taylor, director of NDSU Athletics, will serve as chair of the council.

Chapman appealed to the campus in his 2006 State of the University Address to take the issue of high-risk drinking among students seriously. "NDSU has a variety of excellent research and programmatic efforts underway to impact this issue; however, I feel that a more widespread approach is necessary," he explained. "The goal of the council will be to create a strategic plan to address alcohol and other drug abuse on campus. The plan should include accountability at all levels, be far reaching in its scope, include measurable outcomes and reflect the core values of the university."

The council is scheduled to hold its inaugural meeting this month and hold monthly meetings in the future. Members will serve three-year terms.

"NDSU has programs in place to address concerns about over-consumption of alcohol and consumption by minors, but we want the council to help get these important issues more ingrained at the university on a daily basis," Taylor said.

The council members include Taylor; Josh Reimnitz, student body president; Laura Hermanson, student athlete; Anthony Clowe, Greek student; Erich Wilkerson, residence hall student; Charles Peterson, dean of pharmacy, nursing and allied sciences; Kevin Thompson, chair of criminal justice; Kit O'Neill, assistant professor of psychology; Ross Collins, associate professor of communication; Jane Schuh, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences; David Wells, professor of engineering and architecture; and Carolyn Schnell, director of University Studies.

Staff representatives on the council include Larry Anenson, health educator, Wellness Center; Capt. William McDonald, University Police; Bill Burns, Counseling Center director; Laura Oster-Aaland, director of Orientation and Student Success; Jane Vangsness, coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention; Karla Thoennes, Residence Life associate director; Nona Wood, Student Rights and Responsibilities associate director; David Wahlberg, executive director of strategic communications, University Relations; Sherri Schmidt, Alumni Association associate executive director; Broc Lietz, associate vice president for finance and administration; Brad Cogdill, Extension/Chair-Center for 4-H/Youth Development; Janna Stoskopf, dean of Student Life; and Eveadean Myers, chief diversity officer.

Klai Hall groundbreaking held

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Oct. 5 for Klai Hall, which will be home to the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Named in honor of alumnus John R. Klai II, the structure is the former Lincoln Mutual Life building, located at 711 2nd Ave. N., Fargo.

Another floor will be added to the building, and plans call for it to house the architecture and landscape architecture library, two studios, a computer laboratory, seminar rooms and breakout spaces, faculty offices, a model building shop and materials laboratory.

Klai, a renowned architect in Las Vegas, Nev., contributed \$1.5 million to the project through Momentum: The \$75 Million Campaign for North Dakota State University.

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“What a marvelous day. We’re here today to celebrate the generosity of one of our truly great alums, John Klai, and to break ground for this incredible building,” said President Joseph A. Chapman during the ceremony. “John, on behalf of the students, faculty, staff and all of your friends in the NDSU family, thank you for this incredibly generous gift. I can think of nobody’s name that will mean more to the students in the future and to all of us that are here today than to have this Klai Hall.”

Klai is president, principal and co-founder of Klai::Juba Architects Ltd., a 40-person firm that specializes in hospitality and gaming resort projects.

“I am truly pleased and honored,” said Klai, who was presented a three-dimensional model of the building project that had been made by students. “Giving back is my pleasure and my privilege. It’s all about my want and love to share. Never once did I ever imagine that I would play such an instrumental role in the furthering of the future of this, my university, North Dakota State University. Thank you again for this opportunity.”

Fourth year architecture student Maggie Tarr spoke for fellow students during the ceremony. “This building, Klai Hall, will become a second home for many of us,” she said. “Klai Hall will be where we learn the importance of design, and how to compute structural loads. It will be the place we pull an all-nighter right before a project is due. It will be the place where we laugh with our friends and receive the guidance of our professors. Klai Hall will not only be a part of NDSU, but a part of every student.”

McNair Program grant renewed

Kay Modin, director of the McNair Scholars Program, announced that the U.S. Department of Education will provide the NDSU program with \$254,317 over the next five years.

Lynda Byrd-Johnson, acting director for Federal TRIO programs, reported that the NDSU McNair grant scored in the top 10 percent of the 181 funded applicants.

Named the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, it is designed to prepare upper-division undergraduate students for successful participation in graduate education, achievement of the doctorate and attainment of a professional position in an institution of higher learning.

McNair Scholars are selected from NDSU undergraduates who meet the program criteria and show an interest in research. To qualify for the program, McNair Scholars need to be income eligible, first-generation college students, or from groups traditionally underrepresented at the graduate level for doctoral study. Students participating in the McNair Scholars Program receive a monthly stipend during the program year. The NDSU program is funded to serve 29 students per year. Currently there are openings for 16 students.

Educational and support services provided to help prepare students for graduate education include counseling, academic enrichment and preparation for graduate school entrance examinations (GREs). Opportunities for research are available under the guidance of university professors and librarians who serve as mentors.

The Office of TRIO Programs in the Division of Student Affairs at NDSU has administered the program since 1989, when the university was selected as one of the 14 original institutions to implement the program. The program is named for Ronald E. McNair, one of the members of the Challenger Space Shuttle crew. For more information, contact Modin at 1-8029.

Memorial Union rededicated

A ribbon cutting marked the rededication of the NDSU Memorial Union in ceremonies Oct. 2. More than 200 people attended the ceremony, which was moved into the new ballroom facilities due to rain.

The structure has undergone a \$22 million remodeling project, including the renovation of 124,000 square feet of the previously existing building and an addition of more than 63,000 square feet.

“This is a remarkable day for NDSU. This is an incredible facility,” said President Joseph A. Chapman during the ceremony. “This is a union befitting a great national land-grant university.”

Chapman noted the climate created by the State Board of Higher Education, State Legislature, governor’s office and the Congressional delegation has allowed NDSU to become a great university. He also discussed NDSU’s special relationship with its students.

“No president has ever had a greater group of students to work with. The energy and vision that our students have has allowed us to do the things we do. It is absolutely remarkable,” Chapman said. “Students, I am so proud to be associated with you. You have done things for this state and this region that go beyond what anybody has a right to expect.”

The project began in 2005, and was funded primarily by student fees, which were approved in a student election in 2003.

Highlights include a new art gallery; the addition of the “Bison Connection” service center; a new 10,000-square foot multi-purpose ballroom; additional lounge and dining space; new meeting rooms; more space for student organizations; and a new food court with a performance area.

Often called the “living room” of NDSU or a gathering place, the new structure is really something else, according to Prakash Mathew, vice president for Student Affairs. “The Memorial Union, to me, is the ‘family room’ of the university,” he said. “This wonderful facility speaks to the role students play in the past, present and the future.”

“I encourage you to reserve a special place in your heart for the history that we are creating here today,” Steve Winfrey, Memorial Union director, told the audience. “Each of us will forever remember this moment as a moment of new possibilities.”

Wallman Wellness Center rededication held

The Wellness Center was renamed the Wallman Wellness Center during ceremonies Oct. 5 in honor of George Wallman, former vice president for Student Affairs. In addition, the center’s Narum Atrium was named for Gary Narum, former associate vice president for Student Affairs.

The renaming came in conjunction with a rededication to acknowledge the completion of the center’s new \$12 million expansion project. The work added cardiovascular and weightlifting areas, locker rooms, a climbing wall, racquetball courts, basketball courts and a multipurpose court for volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, and expanded childcare facilities. A running track is located on the mezzanine level.

“I can’t think of any greater tribute to two people than to have the students of a great institution say that they want to name our new wellness center for George Wallman and we want to name the atrium for Gary Narum. Think about that,” said President Joseph A. Chapman during the ceremony. “Students

had the vision for this facility. And they have produced a facility that makes us an attractive, student-friendly campus for decades to come.”

Wallman supervised a division that provided direct services and programs to students in 18 offices within three subdivisions, including enrollment management, student life and educational services. During his time at NDSU, Wallman oversaw the addition of such new buildings as Bison Court, the Wellness Center, Niskanen Apartments and the expansion of the Memorial Union.

“This is a very special day for all of us,” said Prakash Mathew, vice president for Student Affairs. “During his 32-year career at NDSU, George Wallman worked with many programs and projects, but I believe the Wellness Center will be his legacy.”

“This is incredibly overwhelming,” Wallman said from the podium. “I’m proud of this building. I am proud of the process students followed, the perseverance they went through and how they went out and listened and negotiated. I’m proud of what this building has brought to this campus—it changed student life.

“Students, this is your building. I am proud to have been your vice president for Student Affairs, and I am honored that our family name is on it,” Wallman said.

After 36 years of service, Narum retired in 2005. His responsibilities included the Counseling Center, Disability Services, Career Center, Student Health Service and Wellness Education, Wellness Center and TRIO Programs.

“This building is going to have a huge impact on the lives of young men and women for years to come at NDSU,” said Narum. “I am very honored and deeply humbled.”

Cooperative Sponsorship Committee proposals requested

The Cooperative Sponsorship Committee invites departments and colleges to submit funding requests for the 2007-08 academic year.

The committee was established to assist departments and colleges in bringing guest lecturers and artists to campus. It promotes joint sponsorship of a wide range of lectures and related public events on timely topics for NDSU and the Tri-College community.

Requests should be submitted electronically via the committee Web site. Complete request guidelines and the request form can be found at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/csc.

In some years, all funds have been allocated during fall semester. Funds available after March 1 will be allocated at the discretion of the committee on a first-come, first-serve basis. To ensure maximum use of limited available funds, the committee suggests joint departmental and inter-college program sponsorship.

Committee members are S. Derek Killilea, committee chair and professor of biochemistry; Bahman Bahrami, chair and professor of business administration; Gary Ketterling, College of Human Development and Education; Carla Gross, assistant professor of nursing; Cindy Urness, assistant professor of engineering and architecture; Janna Stoskopf, dean of Student Life; John Miller, director of Fine Arts; Juan Osorno, assistant professor of plant pathology; and a student representative from Campus Attractions.

RLND class brings variety of experiences

Rural Leadership North Dakota’s next class is scheduled to begin in October. Participants are 20 North Dakotans chosen for the NDSU Extension Service program. They will spend the next two years learning to be willing, effective leaders with the skills to overcome challenges and guide North Dakota into the future.

Class members attend 10 workshops throughout the state and take a six-day study tour to Washington, D.C. The course objective is to teach participants to think critically and creatively, work with people, communicate effectively, use technology, understand agricultural and rural policy and find innovative ways to fund local and regional development. They’ll also create a network of contacts and resources they can tap into for ideas, answers and support.

Participants will develop and implement a project that benefits their organization, community or region. The proposed projects include repairing and painting the homes of elderly and low-income residents, creating a program to attract new agricultural producers, developing a day-care facility, restoring a city park, creating a dog park, opening a convenience store, beautifying Main Street and developing a high school career exploration program.

The 2007-09 class members include Sandra Arends, Fargo; Jeffrey Barta, Grand Forks; Richard Blahut, Berthold; Catherine Dalzell, Bismarck; Lowell Disrud, Fargo; Jan Dodge, Watford City; Kevin Hall, Hoople; Candice Hall, Parshall; Angela Harrison, Selfridge; Jill Haugen, Hannaford; Jim Hennessy, Stanley; April Jepson, Killdeer; Kelly Larson, Forbes; Nikki Mertz, Carrington; Don Morgan, Linton; Mary Schmitt, Ray; Jon Scrapper, Fargo; Lynae Sims, Casselton; Pamela Trhlik, Bismarck; and Nikki Wolla, Dickinson.

“I am very interested in understanding more about North Dakota agriculture and rural policy and how this affects moving forward in North Dakota,” Arends said.

Dalzell said she wants to develop her capacity to understand and listen. “If I can understand the needs of rural North Dakota better, I will have effective solutions,” she added.

For more information, visit www.ag.ndsu.edu/rlnd/ or contact Marie Hvidsten, program director, at 1-5640 or via e-mail at ndsu.ruralleadership@ndsu.edu.

IVN unveils Web conferencing solutions

The North Dakota Interactive Video Network (IVN) is launching two new electronic media services this fall that will provide NDUS faculty with new tools for delivering academic instruction. Both products are made by a company called Wimba and will be available for faculty, students and staff at the 11 campuses of the university system.

The first product, called Live Classroom, is an Internet-based software program that will provide NDUS faculty with the ability to conduct live classes and office hours with geographically remote students. The system allows faculty and students to see and hear each other in live “virtual” classrooms. It facilitates two-way interaction through application sharing, white boarding, and other tools. Wimba can also be used for training programs or meetings involving university system faculty, staff and administrators.

“Live Classroom nicely fills the gap between traditional videoconferencing services and asynchronous, online instruction,” said Jerry Rostad, director of IVN. “It’s an ideal

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platform to see and hear individual students real time, whether they're in rural North Dakota or half way around the world."

Wimba's second software program, Voice Tools, is designed to increase interaction of online education through audio and voice interaction. Voice Tools promotes vocal instruction, collaboration, coaching and assessment. Features of Voice Tools include the ability to send voice and audio emails, post audio announcements, convert audio to podcasts and use audio in discussion boards or chat.

"We're seeing increasing demands for electronic media in the classroom," Rostad said. "Voice Tools provides a variety of ways to use audio to enhance teaching and learning."

The decision to purchase Wimba was made after IVN led an extensive review of web conferencing products this past spring. Representatives from all campuses were invited to participate. One of the key features of Wimba was its less restrictive licensing arrangement. Users and campuses will have unlimited access to both Live Classroom and Voice Tools.

A second strong feature of Wimba is its ability to integrate with course management software. Wimba currently integrates with Blackboard and WebCT, which is used at seven of the 11 NDUS campuses.

For more information regarding IVN and the Wimba deployment, contact the main IVN office at (701) 777-6354 or e-mail Rostad at jerry.rostad@ivn.nodak.edu.

EVENTS

Ag Career Fair scheduled

The NDSU Ag Career Fair is scheduled for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the Memorial Union Great Plains room (Ballroom).

The career fair, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Professional Sorority and the NDSU Career Center, is an opportunity for students in agriculture, food science and natural resource-related majors to interact with employers to exchange information on cooperative education/internships and full-time employment.

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

Discover NDSU schedule announced

The Office of Admission has announced the 2007-08 Discover NDSU schedule.

Thursday, Oct. 18, and Friday, Oct. 19, will be the first of the series, with a morning and afternoon session on both days. Other dates include Nov. 17 and April 18-19.

Discover NDSU is a comprehensive overview of the university for high school students. All sessions of Discover NDSU include an activity fair, admission presentation, student panel, academic interest session and general campus tour. Sessions are followed by specialty tour options of NDSU Downtown, Engineering Complex, Residence Life Showcase and the Wallman Wellness Center.

For more information, contact Michael Nicholas at michael.nicholas@ndsu.edu or Sara Van de Streek at sara.vandestreek@ndsu.edu.

YMCA of NDSU brown bags set

The brown bag seminar "Gender Violence and Homophobia" is scheduled for noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Memorial Union Century Theatre. The event is co-sponsored by Multicultural Student Services.

Attendees will watch a portion of the documentary film "HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes." In this section of the film, viewers learn of developments in rap music culture from the point of view of a fan who challenges the art form's representations of masculinity. A discussion will follow the film.

The brown bag seminar "Botox and Beyond: Skin Rejuvenation in the 21st Century," is scheduled for noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room.

Melissa Rogne, a licensed medical esthetician and owner of Rejuv Skin and Laser Clinic, will teach participants how to discover the key to looking great at any age and maintaining beautiful skin for life. She will discuss popular cosmetic treatments and how to choose treatments and products to best suit your skin type.

Brown bag seminars are held at noon Wednesdays in the Memorial Union. The events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sue Andrews at 1-5225.

Two authors/activists to speak at NDSU

Jennifer Baumgardner, a Fargo native and author of the best-selling book "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future," is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Memorial Union Arikara Room. Baumgardner will speak about the issues of gender, sexuality and feminism from her newest book, "Look Both Ways: Bisexual Politics."

damali ayo, a conceptual artist, author and activist, is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, in the Memorial Union Plains Room. ayo's book, "How to Rent a Negro," addresses her experiences with race relations in the United States.

Both events are free and open to the public. Following ayo's talk, a reception will be held outside the Plains Room. Copies of both women's books will be available for sale, courtesy of the NDSU Bookstore. For more information on the presentations, contact Kara Gravley-Stack at 1-8566 or kara.gravley-stack@ndsu.edu.

Sponsors for both events include the Memorial Union, the Safe Zone Ally Program, the President's Diversity Council, the Anti-racism Team, Women's Studies, the YMCA of NDSU, Cooperative Sponsorship Committee, College of Science and Mathematics, College of Engineering and Architecture, College of Business, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and the College of Human Development and Education.

Baumgardner and ayo are visiting in conjunction with the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition and Professional Issues for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered People Joint Conference.

The 2007 conference is titled "The Human Rights Umbrella: Removing Barriers to Full Participation." It is scheduled for Oct. 19-20 at the NDSU Memorial Union.

ayo will present a keynote presentation as part of the conference at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. Baumgardner will present a keynote presentation at noon Saturday, Oct. 20.

For more information or to register for the conference, go to www.ndhrc.org.

BEST robotics competition set

NDSU's College of Engineering and Architecture is scheduled to host the Bison BEST Robotics Competition on Oct. 13 in Bentson-Bunker Fieldhouse.

A total of 16 area schools are participating in BEST, which stands for "Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology." Each school has been provided identical equipment and parts to design, build and test a radio-controlled robot.

The opening ceremony is set for 9 a.m., followed by the preliminary rounds scheduled for 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The semi-final rounds are set for 2-3 p.m., with the finals slated for 3-4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

Participating schools include Ben Franklin Middle School, Cavalier Public School, Fargo North High School, Fargo South High School, Hope-Page High School, Kittson Central High School, Larimore High School, Moorhead High School, Northern Cass High School, Pelican Rapids High School, Park Christian School, Red River Area Learning Center, Sullivan Middle School, Watertown High School, Waubun High School and Wing Public School.

For more information, visit www.bestinc.org or contact Nancy Rossland at nancy.rossland@ndsu.edu or 1-7994.

RHA to hold regional conference

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) for NDSU is scheduled to host the regional conference on Oct. 26-28. The event is a leadership conference in which 500-600 students from colleges and universities across the Midwest are expected to attend.

It is NDSU's first time hosting the conference and the NDSU RHA is looking for people to volunteer two to three hours of their time on Saturday, Oct. 27, to assist in the conference.

To volunteer, contact Monica Bruhn at monica.m.bruhn@ndsu.edu or (701) 200-9460. For more information about the conference, visit www.macurh2007.org.

Lawn mower, snow blower clinic set

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers and the Agricultural Systems Management Club have scheduled a lawnmower and snow blower clinic for 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering building. A tune-up, oil change, new spark plug, air filter cleaning, gearbox oil check, blade sharpening and a wash are included for a fee of \$25.

Pick up and delivery service is available within the Fargo, Moorhead and West Fargo city limits for an additional fee of \$10. To schedule an appointment, call Ron Johnson at (701) 340-1996. The clinic is limited to 40 units on a first come, first serve basis. Payments must be made when the units are delivered or before they can be picked up.

Norris to give immigration presentation

Jim Norris, associate professor of history, is scheduled to present "The On-Again, Off-Again Mexican Border: A History of Mexican Immigration into the United States." The event is set for 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Memorial Union Prairie room.

Norris covers the historical nature of Mexican immigration into the United States and the policy followed by the United

States. Norris has found evidence that, at times, the United States has encouraged Mexican people to come to this country, whether legally or illegally, while in other periods the United States has tried forcefully to block their entry.

The event is sponsored by Multicultural Student Services. For more information, contact Azad Berwari at azad.berwari@ndsu.edu or 1-1029.

SHORTS AND REMINDERS

Seminar rescheduled

The "Gear Up for Grants" seminar originally scheduled Oct. 11 has been rescheduled for 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in the Memorial Union Prairie Room. For more information, contact Kay Sizer at kay.sizer@ndsu.edu.

Positions Available

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

Administrative Project Coordinator/#00020487
Dean's Office, College of Science and Mathematics
\$32,000+/year
Oct. 12

Administrative Secretary/#00019223
Animal and Range Sciences
\$25,000+/year
Oct. 12

Administrative Secretary/#00019968
Dean's Office, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
\$23,000+/year
Oct. 16

Landscape Specialist/#00026009
Facilities Management
\$25,000+/year
Oct. 15 (re-opened)

Account Technician/#00020171
Information Technology Services (ITS)
\$32,000+/year
Oct. 18

Pharmacy Technician
Family HealthCare Pharmacy
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Nutrition Education Assistant, EFNEP/#00018544
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
\$16,740/year
9 months; 40 hours per week
Contingent on availability of Federal Funds
Open until filled

Nutrition Education Assistant
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
\$22,318/year
12 months; 40 hours per week
Contingent on availability of federal funds
Open until filled

PM Custodian/#00021701
August-May
9 months; 40 hours/week
Monday-Friday, 1-9:30 p.m.
Dining Services-Memorial Union
\$8.45+/hour
Open until filled

Custodian/#00020733
 Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Summer hours may vary
 12 months
 Dining Services-West Dining Center
 \$8.45+/hour
 Open until filled

Supervisor-Athletic Facilities/#00020635
 Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.-midnight
 Facilities Management
 \$25,000+/year
 Open until filled

Animal Scientist
 Central Grasslands Research Extension Center
 Streeter, N.D.
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Oct. 15

Food Technologist Specialist/#00019725
 Plant Sciences
 \$28,000+/year
 Oct. 15

Research Analyst
 Institutional Research and Analysis
 \$35,000+/year
 Oct. 26

Staff Scientist
 Chemistry and Molecular Biology
 \$30,000+/year
 Nov. 1

Counselor/#00021077
 Counseling Center
 \$32,000+/year
 Oct. 16

Academic Special Events Coordinator
 Part-time, 20 hours per week
 Center for Science and Mathematics
 \$18,000+/year
 Oct. 17

Assistant Director for Technology Transfer/Licensing Associate
 Sponsored Programs Administration/NDSU Research Foundation
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Oct. 19

Unix Systems Administrator/Programmer/#00021218
 Library
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Open until filled

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

CALENDAR

October

- 10 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar, “Gender, Violence and Homophobia,” noon, Century Theatre
- 10 Soil Science Seminar—Chris Augustin, graduate student, “Relationships of Carbon Sequestration and Soil Texture,” 3 p.m., Loftsgard Hall, Room 114
- 10 Guest recital, David Camwell, saxophone, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, free admission
- 11 Chemistry and molecular biology—Konstantin Pokhodnya, NDSU Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering, “Molecule-based Magnets: Synthesis, Properties and Applications,” 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152
- 11 Faculty recital, Robert Jones, baritone, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

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