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Hello Multicultural Alums! The NDSU Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach Office is proud to share with you our Multicultural Alumni E-Newsletter. By creating this newsletter, NDSU hopes to create a sense of belonging amongst our Multicultural Alumni as well as keep you connected and in touch with developments affecting the university and alumni communities. By staying updated and informed about the university's diversity initiatives, we can help the campus become a more diverse, unified and welcoming community for all. You can also stay connected by [LinkedIn](#) or visiting our [FB Page](#) as well.

For more information please contact Vice President Myers: Evie.Myers@ndsu.edu

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NDSU hosted the 23rd Annual Woodlands and High Plains Powwow

The 23rd Annual Woodlands and High Plains Powwow was held on March 24, 2012 at the Bison Sports Arena. Sponsored by NDSU, Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead and Minnesota State Community and Technical College, the powwow is hosted on a different campus each year.

The Woodlands and High Plains Powwow provides a unique opportunity to raise awareness and share the Native American culture with NDSU and the surrounding community.

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NDSU students Kelsey Peltier and Thomas Bluestone serve as the head dancers at the 23rd annual Woodlands and High Plains Traditional Powwow



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President of Prairie View A&M University Dr. George Wright visits NDSU

The President of Prairie View A&M University, a historically black college, spoke at NDSU on September 21st in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Dr. George Wright spoke on *The Value of Diversity in American Society: The Personal Odyssey of George C. Wright*. NDSU was excited to have Dr. Wright share his insights on diversity and inspire and educate us all on how to continue to grow NDSU and its campus into a more inclusive and diverse community.



Dr. George Wright

Congratulations 2012 Green and Golden Globe Diversity Award Winners!

NDSU celebrated the Green and Golden Globe Diversity Awards on April 16, 2012.

We would like to extend our congratulations to our multicultural award recipients!

Congratulations to the following award winners: Kong Kit Wong, Tyler Specht, Daniel Stroup IV, Joshua Boe, Mumina Abdullah Ibrahim, Jessica Hernandez, Austin Allard,

Courtney Redwing and Tony Haas.

We are honored to continue to assist and encourage you during your journey at NDSU.

If any alumni would like to sponsor a scholarship or award at the next Green and Golden Globe Diversity Awards, we encourage you to contact the NDSU Alumni Office or the Office of

Multicultural Programs (OMP) for more information. Your support continues to help increase diversity, involvement and scholarship among students and the NDSU campus as a whole.

For more information:

Alumni Office -
office@ndsualumni.com

OMP -
Kara.Gravley-Stack @ndsu.edu

Congratulations 2012 Spring Graduates!

NDSU had fifty-one 2012 Spring graduates that identified as multicultural. We would like to congratulate all 2012 Spring graduates and wish them the best of luck as they leave NDSU and continue on to the career world!



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Bison Great Robinson Dies at 50

In Week 13 of the 1986 National Football League season, the New York Giants found themselves in a vicious battle with the San Francisco 49ers. Down 17-0 at halftime, the fabled Giants team needed a strong second half to help them in their quest for football immortality.

In the second half of that game, the G-men came back courtesy of a heroic performance by quarterback Phil Simms that resulted in three touchdowns scored in the third quarter. The key to that offensive outburst, though, was a wide receiver from Division-II powerhouse North Dakota State by the name of Stacy Robinson.

Robinson snagged the second touchdown pass on a 34-yard catch, but it was his play shortly afterwards that made the highlight reels. With the pocket collapsing around him, Simms hurled it deep to a covered Robinson who made an over-the-shoulder catch before being brought down at the one-yard line.

The Giants punched it in, winning the game 21-17 and ultimately paving the way to a win in Super Bowl XXI; a game in which Robinson led the team with a game-high of 62 yards.

Stacy Robinson is a name that's often repeated in the

same sentence as the other iconic players in the Bison football lore, right alongside the Jeff Bentrim and the Ron Erhardt that so many fans of the Thundering Herd have etched in their memory. His incredible speed, an oddity coming from a Division-II school that ran the veer as often and as effectively as the Bison did, was frequently a subject of wonderment for fans of football all over the country.

Sadly, Robinson passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2012, of multiple myeloma, a cancer of the blood.

Finishing his career at NDSU with 88 catches for 1,626 yards and 13 touchdowns, Robinson was a staple of that incredible Bison football team that won the national championship in 1983 and finished runner-up to Troy in 1984; a place carved into the legacy of Bison football that few can claim to match, much less surpass.

Robinson's work with NDSU didn't stop when he was drafted in 1985. In his later years, he held a seat on the North Dakota State Alumni Association Board of Directors, and was quoted as saying that his battle with cancer had given him a different perspective on life -- one that encouraged him to make NDSU a priority.

Survived by his wife and three sons, Stacy Robinson will go down as one of the greats not only at NDSU and the New York Giants, but of football itself. Coming from a relatively small-time school and making a splash on the biggest stage in professional sports, shows that Stacy Robinson was a man who was determined to live a profound life.

Rest in peace, Mr. Robinson.

Article originally published in Bison Illustrated with some revisions

For more information:

<http://www.bisonillustrated.com/s.php?s=867>



Stacy Robinson



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John & Susan Wold Study Abroad Scholarship

John and Susan Wold, ardent advocates of study abroad, started a scholarship in 2006 to support NDSU students going abroad. The scholarship award provides financial support to help make study abroad dreams a reality for NDSU students.

John was born and raised in Fargo, about six blocks from campus. After graduating from NDSU in Pharmacy he worked as a pharmacist for one year at his father's drug store, Wold Drug, in Moorhead. He then attended the Univ. of Iowa where he received a Ph.D. in Pharmacology. Susan was raised in Indiana and attended Indiana University; she spent a summer as a backpacker in Europe after graduation.

John's first international experience was a year in London doing research at St. Mary's Hospital Medical

School on a postdoctoral fellowship. He returned to the U.S. and lived in Indianapolis, IN as a research scientist at the pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly. A highlight of his 28 year career was an assignment as Managing Director of the Lilly Research Centre in Windlesham, England. John and Susan took the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe with their two children while they lived there. His work also required business travel throughout much of Western Europe and later his management assignments meant extensive travel to most of the rest of the world.

John takes great pride in the closeness of the relationships he had developed with other NDSU students. "Even today, fifty years later some of my closest friendships are with those I met at NDSU even though we are now spread thousands of miles

apart," he says.

NDSU's geographic location is a long way from any concentrated international culture. That is just one reason why John and Susan urge all NDSU undergraduates to take advantage of any opportunity for international study and why they try to help encourage that with the scholarship program.

"The time to travel and learn is now! It will never get any easier. When jobs and family come along there will be many reasons to stay close to home. Yes, it's expensive, but it's an investment in your future that will reap huge rewards in knowledge, cultural exposure, friendships and memories to last a lifetime. Go for it and Go Bison!"

For more information on Study Abroad Scholarships:
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**John and Susan Wold
traveling in Ireland**



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A special thank you to:
John & Susan Wold



John and Susan Wold, passionate supporters of study abroad, began their scholarship in 2006 to provide funding for students going abroad. The scholarship is awarded annually during the spring semester for students who travel abroad during the next academic year.

Your donation has truly helped the NDSU campus and will continue to help create a community where students can learn and expand their education in a welcoming environment.

If you would like to donate to the NDSU Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach please use the following link with the designation Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

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We give our sincerest thank you for all donations made. Your contributions help to transform this campus into a diverse and united community where all can

benefit from the numerous opportunities in higher education.

If any alumni are interested in mentoring NDSU students, providing internships or employment opportunities, or are interested in providing scholarships for NDSU students please contact:

VP Myers
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The opportunities benefit and prepare students extensively while also providing them with tools to learn and grow as individuals.

NDSU Upcoming Events Calendars

Please use the following links to see NDSU's upcoming events and activities:

[Diversity Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Diversity Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Bison Athletics Schedule](#)

Attention Alumni!

Do you have announcements or happenings of your own that you would like submitted into our Multicultural Alumni newsletter? We encourage you to submit any updates, announcements or articles to us and we will gladly share them in our next newsletter with fellow NDSU alumni!

For more information please contact: Kara.Gravley-Stack@ndsu.edu