

Center for Child Development accredited



The Center for Child Development in the College of Human Development and Education recently received accreditation from the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation. The center was expanded last summer to offer 12-month care for the children of NDSU faculty and staff.

Clark Johnson In 1988, the center was one of the first programs to be accredited in the country and has continued to receive accreditation, according to Virginia Clark Johnson, dean of human development and education.

Accreditation standards are in the areas of relationships, curriculum, teaching, assessment of child progress, health, teachers, families, community relationships, physical environment, and leadership and management. Clark Johnson said of the 10 criteria, the NDSU center was assessed at 100 percent or 100 percent-plus in eight of the areas.

“We are very pleased that our center received extremely high assessments during the accreditation review, and was reaccredited for the full five-year period, until 2013,” said Clark Johnson. “The fact that the center was one of the first programs to achieve accreditation, and that it has continued to maintain accreditation, speaks to the quality of the program we offer and the staff of the center. They are among the very best in the country.”

Volunteers sought to help plan global warming teach-in

Student organizations, faculty members and other interested persons from the NDSU campus and local community are invited to participate in planning “National Teach-In on Global Warming” to be held at NDSU in February 2009.

“This is the second year participating in this effort,” said Wei Lin, NDSU campus coordinator and associate professor in civil engineering. “Last year we had numerous student groups, faculty members and state and local dignitaries engaged in a two-day discussion on the critical topic of global climate change. NDSU joined more than 1,900 universities and other civic and faith organizations participating nationwide.”

The planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m., in the Memorial Union Room of Nations. Information will be shared about the national policy goals of the teach-in and what was accomplished during last year’s event. It also will provide an opportunity for exchanging ideas on informing people about global warming and getting them involved in solutions. Ideas will focus on discussion opportunities in conjunction with speakers, live interactive Webcasts, poster presentations, films, art exhibits, poetry readings, classroom discussions and community outreach.

According to Gabe Carter, co-president for the NDSU student group Student Environmental Advisory Council, the planning meeting holds opportunities for everyone. “It’s our planet ... our responsibility. Now is the time to be a part of the decision-making. We challenge all students, faculty and staff on campus to get informed, get involved and make a difference.”

For more information, contact Lin at 1-6288 or wei.lin@ndsu.edu.

‘It’s Happening at State’ schedule reminder

“It’s Happening at State” will not be published Dec. 3 due to the holiday break. The next scheduled publication is Dec. 10. The submission deadline for that issue is noon, Dec. 4.

Holiday hours announced

Holiday hours for NDSU employees will begin Monday, Dec. 22, through Friday, Jan. 2. Hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. Regular hours will resume Monday, Jan. 5.

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Libraries begin Food For Fines campaign

NDSU students, faculty and staff are invited to pay off library fines with non-perishable food items as part of the Food for Fines campaign. NDSU Libraries began the campaign on Nov. 10 and it will continue through the end of the semester.

Each food item will cancel \$1 off a fine. For example, if you have a fine of \$3.65, four food items will clear it in full. Any additional food donations also will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds will be donated to the Fill the Dome initiative and to local shelters and food pantries.

For more information, contact Deb Sayler at 1-7699 or Michele Reid at 1-8887.

NDSU Library assembles display of Transgender Day of Remembrance

Employees at the NDSU Library have assembled a memorial and resource display in observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance.

More than 300 deaths have resulted from reported anti-transgender violence in the past 30 years. Transgender Day of Remembrance is on Thursday, Nov. 20, and memorializes those who were killed.

The display is located in the main library lobby and will be available for viewing through Monday, Nov. 24.

PEOPLE

Biondini to discuss research at Council of Scientific Society Presidents



Biondini

Mario Biondini, professor in the School of Natural Resource Sciences, has developed a three-dimensional model that helps determine how much water plant root systems will absorb. He has been invited to give a presentation and lead a discussion on this research at the Council of Scientific Society Presidents national meeting on Dec. 7, in Washington, D.C. The title of his talk is "Why are Plant Roots Designed the Way They Are?"

Biondini's research offers additional insights on more accurately predicting how much water plants absorb through their root systems. His research improves upon what is known as the West, Brown, and Enquist (WBE) model for scaling laws in biological networks. The model predicts how closed systems will uptake water. Although it is useful to evaluate closed systems, the model does not offer an optimum way to predict water uptake in open systems such as plant root systems.

In his research, Biondini used data from 1,759 plants in 77 herbaceous plant species to test his model. Such modeling includes taking into account the resistance to water flow inside the root system (longitudinal flow), as well as the water coming into the root system (transversal flow). An accurate model such as the one developed by Biondini provides an important tool for consideration in sustainable agricultural practices. The model 3DMIPS is used to investigate links between biological diversity, nutrient cycling, nutrient

retention, water quality, productivity, stability and sustainability of natural and managed ecosystems.

Biondini used NDSU's Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC) in the development of his model. "CHPC resources have been invaluable since implementations of the model required large memory and disc storage as well as high execution speeds for both its three-dimensional nature and the fine spatial grain needed to model water and nutrient flows at the root surface level," Biondini said.

Biondini also had information from his project featured in a national impact article that was published on the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service Web site. Stacy Kish wrote the article titled "Scientists Model the Scaling Laws of Water Uptake by Plant Roots."

The United States Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service National Research Initiative provided funding for Biondini's research. The Council of Scientific Society Presidents is an organization of presidents, presidents-elect, and recent past presidents of about 60 scientific federations and societies whose combined membership numbers more than 1.4 million scientists and science educators. The council provides an opportunity for scientists and science and math educators to convene in a multidisciplinary forum for engaging in lively dialogue with invited speakers from government, academe and industry.

Littlefield helps write risk communication book



Littlefield

Robert S. Littlefield, professor of communication, has co-written a newly released book titled, "Effective Risk Communication: A Message-Centered Approach." Timothy L. Sellnow, University of Kentucky (formerly NDSU); Robert R. Ulmer, University of Arkansas-Little Rock; and Matthew W. Seeger, Wayne State University, worked with Littlefield on the project.

The book establishes a message-centered focus to risk communication. Section one provides definitions and parameters of risk communication, identifies the complex audience expectations for risk messages and introduces a model of best practices for effective risk communication. In section two, five case studies are developed using the best practices model. Section three includes chapters devoted to developing a mindful approach to risk communication, ethical considerations of risk communication and future developments in the area of risk communication.

The book is written for practitioners who are charged with creating and delivering risk messages to the general public: instructors of food safety, public health, health communication, risk communication, political communication and emergency management. The book also is written for scholars in the areas of risk and crisis communication.

The book is part of the Food Microbiology and Food Safety Series published by the Springer Science+Business Media LLC. The series publishes valuable, practical and timely resources for professionals and researchers working on microbiological topics associated with food, as well as food safety issues and problems. Michael P. Doyle, Regents' Professor and director of the Center for Food Safety at the University of Georgia, is the series editor.

NDSU historian publishes translations from Spanish Civil War



Cox

John K. Cox, professor and head of the Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, has translated four poems by the German writer Stefan Heym. The titles of the poems are "In Toledo," "S.S. Captain Kaleike," "The Sacrifice," and "International Brigade."

They were originally published in Moscow in 1937 in a German-language literary monthly, *Das Wort*.

According to Cox, Heym (1913-2001) was a major East German novelist. "He was both a communist and a dissident and often chose hard-hitting historical themes for his works. Heym wrote these particular poems, commemorating the sacrifices of civilians and the contributions of intellectuals to the war against General Franco and his Nazi and fascist backers, in support of the Republican cause in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)," Cox said.

The translations are being published in this autumn's issue (No. 13) of *Hunger Mountain*, the Vermont College Journal of Arts and Letters.

Birmingham receives Distinguished Educator Award

Elizabeth Birmingham, associate professor of English, was awarded the NDSU Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Distinguished Educator Award at the fall Honors Ceremony. The award, determined by the college's advisory board, goes to a faculty member who excels as a teacher, a researcher and service provider.

Birmingham has taught at NDSU for eight years. She also has received the NDSU English department's Teaching Award and the Mart and Lois Vogel Teaching Award. She has taught 15 different courses since she's been at NDSU, including professional writing, linguistics, gender studies and literature classes.

Birmingham also makes significant contributions both within her discipline and in interdisciplinary contexts. Her research on architect Marion Mahony Griffin, a contemporary of Frank Lloyd Wright, has been acknowledged as important in the fields of rhetoric, architectural studies and gender studies. Her work has appeared in peer-reviewed journals such as *JAC: Journal of Composition Theory, Architectural Theory Review, National Women's Studies Association Journal* and *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. She has had 23 publications since her arrival at NDSU in 2000 and has actively presented her research at regional and national conferences.

Birmingham's focus on women in professional settings is reinforced by her work with the FORWARD group. She joined the group in 2003 and became an integral member of the group's grant-writing team. She made significant contributions to the National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant proposal in 2005 and 2008, work that resulted in NDSU being awarded a \$3.7 million "Institutional Transformation Grant" from the National Science Foundation.

During her career at NDSU, she has served on the President's Diversity Council, the General Education Committee, the Arts, Humanities and Social Science Policy and Planning Committee and the Graduate Council.

NDSU athletes earn academic honors



Hille

Four NDSU athletes were named to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District teams. The announcements were made Nov. 6. Players are selected by a vote of the College of Sports Information Directors of America.



Compton

Kristen Hille, outside hitter, was named to the third Academic All-District 7 University Division women's volleyball team. A senior from Sauk Rapids, Minn., she has a 3.90 grade-point average and is majoring in exercise science. She will do an internship this spring and attend graduate school next year for physical therapy.



Heckendorf

Hille is averaging 2.07 kills, 2.81 digs and 2.41 points per set for the Bison, who are 18-3 overall and 12-0 in The Summit League. She is fourth on the team in kills (155), third in digs (211) and second in service aces (15).



Roehl

NDSU defensive end Nick Compton, wide receiver Kole Heckendorf and running back Tyler Roehl have been named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VII football team.

Compton, Heckendorf and Roehl advance to national ballot for the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America team. Last season, Roehl was first-team and Heckendorf was second-team Academic All-American.

Compton, a 6-foot, 252-pound senior from Rosemount, Minn., has a 3.64 grade-point average and is majoring in finance. He has 30 tackles including 10 solos, five tackles for loss and a pair of sacks. The NDSU defense ranks first nationally in pass defense, fifth in total defense and sixth in third-down conversion defense.

Heckendorf, a 6-foot, 2-inch, 188-pound senior from Mosinee, Wis., has a 3.81 grade-point average and is majoring in physical education. He is the program's all-time leader with 170 receptions and 2,579 receiving yards. Heckendorf has caught 33 passes for 591 yards and four touchdowns this season.

Roehl, a 5-foot, 10-inch, 232-pound senior from West Fargo, N.D., has a 3.38 grade-point average and is majoring in physical education. He ranks No. 11 all-time in rushing at NDSU with 2,291 yards and 32 touchdowns on 355 carries. Roehl has rushed for 832 yards and 10 touchdowns on 138 carries this season.

NDSU music students place in Minnesota singing competition

Three NDSU music students recently placed at the Minnesota chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions in St. Cloud, Minn. Beth Hoselton, a sophomore from Fargo, and Chris Hunt, a senior from Cavalier, N.D., took third place in their divisions and Evan Montgomery, a senior from Manvel, N.D., took second. The students study with associate professors Robert Jones and Virginia Sublett.

The National Association of Teachers of Singing is a professional organization for collegiate and private studio voice instructors. Founded in 1944, it is the largest association of teachers of singing in the world.

Moore coaches 40th livestock team



Moore

Bert Moore, associate professor of animal sciences, is coaching his 40th livestock judging team at NDSU. The team's final contest is at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

According to David Buchanan, professor and head of animal sciences, the time commitment and dedication involved with coaching even one judging team is considerable. "To do this over a period of 40 years is amazing," he said. "The hundreds of students who have traveled with Dr. Moore serve in widely diverse professions and many of them are in significant positions of leadership."

Livestock judging teaches the evaluation of animals. Decision making, public speaking, critical thinking and observing also are important skills fostered by this experience. In addition, students get to see a wide variety of livestock operations where they hear from owners and managers who share the wisdom of years of experience in the industry.

Johnson completes mediation training



Johnson

Rick Johnson, NDSU general counsel, recently completed 40 hours of civil and employment mediation training, which was presented by the University of North Dakota Conflict Resolution Center. Persons who complete the seminar are eligible for the North Dakota and Minnesota Supreme Court Neutral Roster. The state court administrator maintains and monitors a roster

of neutrals for topics such as civil arbitration, civil mediation and domestic relations/contested child proceedings mediation.

Johnson has been employed by NDSU since 1989. He previously was the chief counsel for the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education for seven years and was a former assistant attorney general for the State of North Dakota. He has experience in private practice and has specialized in higher education law since 1982.

The general counsel is the university's attorney and is responsible for providing and coordinating all legal advice and representation to NDSU, the president of NDSU, and NDSU officials, employees and related entities.

Radio program features NDSU research



Gill-Robinson

Heather Gill-Robinson, assistant professor of sociology, anthropology and emergency management, was on the radio show, "Weekend Edition," on Nov. 15. "Weekend Edition" is aired on KFGO radio and features research activities from universities around the region on Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Gill-Robinson specializes in research on 2,000-year-old peat bog mummies in Europe, preserved with amazing detail from the Iron Age.

"Weekend Edition" on 790 AM previously featured an overview of research activities with Philip Boudjouk, NDSU vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer.



Boudjouk

Five elected to Alumni Association board of directors



Berg

The NDSU Alumni Association announced the election of new board members. The 32-member board sets policy for the association, which represents more than 70,000 living alumni and friends. They also work closely with university leadership to assist in attaining institutional goals.



Favor

David Berg is the chief executive officer for Crystal Sugar Co. in Moorhead, Minn. Prior to joining Crystal Sugar he was a commodity market analyst and ingredient buyer for General Mills Inc. Berg earned his bachelor's degree in mass communication in 1978 from Moorhead State University. In 1982 he earned a master's degree in agricultural economics from NDSU. Berg and his wife, Becky, have two sons and one daughter. They live in Fargo.



Handy

Michael Favor is the principal at Robbinsdale Cooper High School in New Hope, Minn. Favor graduated from NDSU in 1991 with a degree in university studies. He continued his education at Hamline University and earned a master's degree in education. His sixth-year license and certification and superintendant license were completed at St. Cloud State University.



Honeyman

Favor began his career in education as co-director of Saint Joseph's Home for Children and then moved to Saint Louis Park High School. He served on the City of Minneapolis Violence Prevention Steering Committee, the Patchwork Quilt Board, the P-16 Partnership's Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Working Group and the Intercultural Advisory Committee with the University of Minnesota. Favor has dedicated his career to ensuring the equity of all people. He lives in New Hope, Minn., and has two daughters.



Meagher

Scott Handy graduated in 1980 from NDSU with a major in agricultural systems management and minor in agronomy. He is president and chief executive officer of Cass County Electric Cooperative Inc. and serves on many community boards including chairman of the board, Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corp.'s Growth Initiative Fund; director, Quentin N. Burdick Center for Cooperatives; past chairman of the board, Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead; Valley City State University Foundation Board; Cass County Community of Care steering committee; and North Dakota Alliance for Renewable Energy Board.

He is a native of the Fosston, Minn., area and lives in rural Fargo with his wife, Mary. They have two grown married daughters and one granddaughter.

Joel Honeyman earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in agricultural economics in 1996, both from NDSU. Honeyman is vice president of North American sales for Bobcat Co. He and his wife, Dr. Stephanie Dahl, a 1995 NDSU graduate, and their two sons live in Fargo.

Kathy Kappel Meagher, a 1981 graduate of NDSU, is president and chief executive officer of Special Olympics North Dakota. Her roles with Special Olympics International

and Special Olympics North America included serving as management director for the Team USA committee and North Central Regional Representative on the United States Leadership Council. She has held several officer positions on the board for the Charitable Gaming Association of North Dakota and is chair of the North Dakota Attorney General's Gaming Advisory Board. Meagher and her husband, Jerry, have two children and live in Grand Forks, N.D.

Members of veterinary technology perform wolf surgeries at Red River Zoo



Students clip Orion's nails and measure his teeth just after his surgery.

On Nov. 8, 35 veterinary technology program students, staff and faculty joined forces to neuter Orion, Moose, Mozart and Sirius, four male gray wolves at the Red River Zoo. Veterinary technologist Amy Ellwein planned the logistics for the day and coordinated the initial anesthetic drug injections and eventual recovery of the animals at the zoo. Veterinary technologist Teresa Sonsthagen supervised the anesthetic, surgical and sample collection activities at Robinson Hall. Tom Colville, director of the veterinary technology program performed the surgeries.

The veterinary technology program has worked with the Red River Zoo for several years, but the wolf neuters and a gray fox spay done on Oct. 22, were the first surgeries performed for the zoo.

CNSE research engineer presents paper at International Symposium



Scholz

Bernd Scholz, NDSU Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) research engineer, presented a research paper at the 2008 International Microelectronics and Packaging Society 41st International Symposium on Microelectronics, Nov. 2-6, in Providence, R.I.

The paper, "Enabling of Off-the-Shelf IC for Parallel Stochastic Self-Assembly," was presented to an audience of about 500 symposium participants.

The paper discussed research being conducted at CNSE in the area of advanced microelectronics packaging process. "Packaging" refers to the full enclosure and electrical interconnection from a small silicon chip to a part, which can be implemented into a portable electronic device like a hearing aid or cell phone.

Peterson and Vangsness receive awards from national organization



Vangsness and Peterson

Two Office of Orientation and Student Success staff members received awards from Region IV-West of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The awards were presented at the regional conference in Tulsa, Okla., on Nov. 5.

Casey Peterson, associate director for learning services and athletic academics, received the Innovative Program Award for his leadership of the Academic Collegiate Enhancement (ACE) program. The award is presented to a professional and respective institution that has developed and implemented a program, which results in improved educational activities, services or management for an individual campus community or group of campus communities.

The ACE program is a free academic support program available to all enrolled undergraduate students at NDSU. It provides free drop-in tutoring in more than 80 courses, individual and group study space, facilitated study groups, academic skill resources and help with time management.

Under Peterson's leadership, in just four years ACE has more than doubled the number of student contacts from 10,116 to 21,116. "The ACE program is an example of student affairs working together with other campus entities to enhance student learning," Laura Oster-Aaland, director of Orientation and Student Success, said. "Its growth and success is no doubt attributed to Casey's ability to collaborate effectively for the benefit of students."

Jane Vangsness, alcohol and other drug prevention coordinator, received the new professional rising star award. "Jane has developed a deep respect among staff, administrators and students as a young professional who is dedicated to educating students on low-risk behaviors associated with alcohol and other drugs. She positively role models a healthy work-life balance to the students she supervises," Josh Boschee, former Greek Life coordinator at NDSU and nominator of the award, said.

"Jane excels at this work, utilizing public relations and mass media knowledge to deliver health promotion messages. She has a bright future in student affairs," Oster-Aaland stated.

Environmental engineering design team places at national competition

The NDSU environmental engineering design team took second place at the 2008 Water Environment Federation Student Design Competition. This is the fourth consecutive year the NDSU design team has placed in the top three at the national level.

The competition took place Oct. 19 during the Water Environment Federation's 81st annual technical exhibition and conference in Chicago.

NDSU's project, titled "Sustainable Design: Upgrading the Grand Forks WWTF," included a written report and a 20-minute presentation judged by a panel of professional engineers. The NDSU design team was presented with certificates and was awarded \$2,000.

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According to Wei Lin, team adviser and associate professor of civil engineering, the student design competition is only a small part of the conference. "Technical sessions, vendor's exhibition, workshops and network events allowed students to interact and learn with professional engineers," Lin said. "The other activities that students can participate in allow them to not only meet professionals, but develop relationships that will last well into their careers."

Team members include Z. Boone Maruska, Christopher Hill, Corey Bjornberg, Mike Vipond, Patrick Dunlap, Paul Vukonich, Scott Kolbinger, Leif Sande, Kyle Fitterer, Eric Gunderson, Kristin Moorhouse, Dan Portlock and Dustin Dale. Eakalak Khan, assistant professor of civil engineering, also was co-adviser to the team. The student organization has received strong support from engineers in the region and from the North Dakota Water Environment Association, the North Dakota American Water Works Association and the North Dakota American Public Works Association.

NDSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi initiates 89 new members

One of the nation's oldest chapters of Phi Kappa Phi, established in 1913 at NDSU, initiated 89 new members at its fall ceremony on Nov. 14 at the Alumni Center.

Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society, recognizes the top students at the university. In addition to recognition for superior academic performance, members may apply for a variety of scholarships, fellowships, study abroad awards and internship grants. The NDSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi offers several local scholarships, including the Carolyn Nelson Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship/John Callenbach Memorial Scholarship and the Mathilda B. Thompson Scholarship.

Linda Helstern, assistant professor of English and NDSU chapter president, will preside over the ceremony. Other participants in the ceremony include Robert Littlefield, professor of communication; Douglas Freeman, professor and department head of veterinary and microbiological sciences; Greg Lardy, associate professor of animal sciences; and student vice presidents Ebony Anderson and Pragyana Burlakoti.

Initiates will receive their certificates and membership materials from deans from the following: Graduate School; College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; College of Business; College of Engineering and Architecture; College of Human Development and Education; College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences; and College of Science and Mathematics.

The featured speaker for the event is Lawrence P. Reynolds, NDSU Distinguished Professor of animal sciences. The topic of his address is "Developmental Origins of Health and Disease in Humans and Farm Animals: Long-Term Implications and Potential Solutions."

For more information about Phi Kappa Phi at NDSU, go to www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/pkp.

EVENTS

Gold Star Marching Band to appear with Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome

The NDSU Gold Star Marching Band will perform with local band Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome for the halftime show during the NDSU vs. South Dakota State University game on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Fargodome. Together the bands will perform music by Blood, Sweat and Tears; Aretha Franklin; Tower of Power; and Gloria Gaynor.

Several NDSU music faculty and students are members of Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome, including Matthew Patnode, associate professor; adjunct faculty members Jon Rudolph and Doug Neill; and students Josh Argall, Jesse Braunagel and Al Berg. Sigurd Johnson is the new director of the Gold Star Marching Band.

YMCA of NDSU to hold Transgender Day Brown Bag Seminar

In honor of the Transgender Day of Remembrance on Thursday, Nov. 20, the YMCA of NDSU will hold a Brown Bag Seminar titled "What Does it Mean to be Trans? Gender Identity as a Form of Diversity," on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at noon in the Memorial Union Arikara room.

The presentation will explain gender identity and how we can be allies for transgender people.

Vollan to speak at colloquium

The faculty in the Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies will host the third colloquium of the academic year on Friday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie room. Charles Vollan of South Dakota State University will present the perils and promise of urban western American history through his study of early Cheyenne, Wyo.

Vollan wrote his doctoral dissertation about the creation of Cheyenne in the midst of vice and violence. The community was known as a "Hell on Wheels" town because of its role as a construction base on the Union Pacific Railroad from 1867 to 1869. Cheyenne was then an unhappy part of Dakota Territory.

As Cheyenne's city attorney, Thomas Street described the situation: "There can be no doubt that the jurisprudence of Dakota, as far as the wants and requirements of our 'Magic' railroad country is concerned, is woefully and lamentably insufficient. What may be very wholesome law among the Norwegians at Yankton is far from meeting the lightning-like necessities of a people whose every movement is made at the rate of '25 miles an hour.'"

Vollan earned his bachelor's degree from Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, and his master's degree from Tulsa University in Tulsa, Okla. While at Tulsa, he worked under James A. Ronda, considered one of the leading Lewis and Clark scholars. Vollan earned his doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, under Gary Moulton, who also is considered one of the greatest of Lewis and Clark scholars.

NDSU to host second Dance Marathon

NDSU students will host NDSU Dance Marathon '08, on Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. in Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse. This is NDSU's second annual dance marathon celebrating the children of the Children's Miracle Network at MeritCare Children's Hospital.

During the 12-hour event, registered dancers will enjoy live entertainment including Mojo's DJ Service, three live bands, student performing groups and other styles of dance including swing, hip-hop and line dancing. There will be free food, morale-boosting activities and games including Sumo Wrestling by Games Galore. Registered NDSU participants also will enjoy a variety of carnival games, hosted by student organizations, including a date auction, door prizes and fundraising.

NDSU dancers also will compete against a rivaling dance marathon occurring at the University of North Dakota in February. This year's goal is to raise \$15,000. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

For close to a century, the MeritCare Children's Hospital has provided quality health care through a balance of medical expertise, advanced technology and compassionate care. Families of the MeritCare Children's Hospital will join in the festivities of the night by dancing along and sharing their stories with the public.

"Dance Marathon '08 is anticipated to be a large, even huge, event. The students involved with this campus wide event for the MeritCare Children's Hospital can't wait for DM '08. It's so much fun for both the NDSU kids and the Children's Hospital kids," Michelle Piekarski, dance marathon co-director, said.

Contact Jonathan Foss, co-director of Dance Marathon '08, at (701) 388-7914, jonathan.foss@ndsu.edu or go to www.ndsudm.org for more information.

Safety course scheduled

A lab and chemical safety course will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie room.

The course is required for new laboratory workers and serves as a refresher course for people currently working in laboratories.

Topics include knowledge of chemicals, personal protection, fire safety, electrical safety, hazard communication standards, physical and chemical hazards, chemical spills and waste handling.

There is no fee for the lab and chemical safety course. Instructor for the course is Ted Jirik. Class size is limited to 15 people. In the event no one registers, the class will be canceled. Registration is required and students must attend the entire session.

Contact Stephanie Wegner at stephanie.wegner@ndsu.edu or call 1-7759, for more information or to register for the lab and chemical safety course.

Open house to be held at SGC Building

The Offices of Human Resources/Payroll, Budget, Distance and Continuing Education and R.S.V.P. are hosting an open house on Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the SGC Building at 1919 N. University Drive. There will be tours of the new facility and refreshments will be served.

People who want to attend can use the shuttle that runs from campus. The shuttle route runs on 15-minute circulations until 4:27 p.m.

Departure times (schedule is in minutes after the hour):

Memorial Union :12, :27, :42, :57

Reed/Johnson :15, :30, :45, :00

Days Inn :18, :33, :48, :03

Skills and Technology
Training Center :19, :34, :49, :04

SGC Building :20, :35, :50, :05

NDSU visual arts to host Kakutani

The NDSU Department of Visual Arts will host an artist residency featuring Mitsuo Kakutani, Nov. 18-26. While at NDSU, ceramic artist Kakutani will work with students and also create his own work.

Originally from Hyogo, Japan, Kakutani's artwork is in the permanent collections of several museums, including the Guggenheim Museum in New York and the Haifa Museum in Israel in addition to museums throughout the United States. He has been the featured artist for several exhibitions in Japan, Florida, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin. Kakutani also has taught at several universities in the United States and Japan.

Kakutani's artistic interests include anagama firing (a Japanese style tunnel kiln), tanegashima firing and experimenting with woodfire on glaze and clay.

For more information, contact Dan Siverson at 1-8849.

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 Web site at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

AM Cook/#00021862
Dining Services – Memorial Union
12 months, Monday through Friday,
6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., occasional weekends
\$10.50+/hour
Nov. 26

Catering/Swing Cook/#00025303
Dining Services – Memorial Union
12 months, Monday through Friday with weekend rotations
Hours will vary due to business volume
\$11+/per hour
Open until filled

Account Tech – Cashier/#00021185
Customer Account Services
\$24,000+/year
Nov. 25

Assistant Director of Study Abroad
International Programs
\$36,000+/year
Dec. 1

Director of Residence Life/#00019630
Residence Life
Salary commensurate with experience
Dec. 3

Intensive English Language Program Coordinator/#00025459
International Programs
\$38,000+/year
Dec. 8

Forest Health Specialist /#00019964
North Dakota Forest Service
Salary commensurate with experience
Dec. 31

Digital Initiatives Librarian/#00019393
Library
\$40,000+/year
Open until filled

Serials Librarian/#00019211
Library
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Information Specialist/#00025418
Enrollment Management
\$38,000+/year
Open until filled

Program Manager/#00020888
Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Web Specialist
Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute
\$32,000+/year
Open until filled

Programmer Analyst
NDUS ConnectND
Fargo
\$50,000+/year
Open until filled

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