

Fargo mayor acknowledges NDSU flood efforts

Fargo mayor Bruce Furness has written letters acknowledging NDSU's assistance during the recent flooding in Fargo-Moorhead, when the Red River crested at 37.18 feet.

NDSU faculty, staff and students volunteered nearly 1,500 hours during the effort, primarily during April 1-3. According to the sign-in sheets at the Memorial Union, more than 370 people assisted with filling and placing sandbags and more than 115 people were involved in coordination efforts.

"The city Commissioners and I want to express our appreciation and that of all Fargo citizens for your outstanding assistance during the recent flooding crisis in Fargo," wrote Furness in letters to Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs, and athletic director Gene Taylor. "Once again our citizens responded quickly and effectively to assist their neighbors. Our community is the beneficiary of the wonderful assistance provided by your organization and we are very grateful for your help."

Candlewood Suites NDSU hotel opens

The new hotel, Candlewood Suites Fargo @ NDSU, is now open in the NDSU Research and Technology Park.

"This has been a great experience for us," said Vickie Swenson, hotel general manager, noting that the hotel's first day of business was April 11. "We have a small team, almost like a small family, that has taken great pride in opening this hotel. And the people on campus have been so excited and accepting."

Owned by Sonmar of Fargo Inc. and managed by Sonmar Management Consultants LLC, the three-floor facility has 72 guest rooms. The \$4 million hotel is an extended-stay hotel, intended primarily for visitors conducting business at the research park or on campus. Amenities include high-speed wireless Internet access, on-site guest laundry facilities, full kitchen and fitness center.

It is expected to also serve as a teaching laboratory for students in NDSU's hospitality and tourism management program. Two students are currently working as front desk personnel, and a recent NDSU graduate is the operations manager.

"This is a good opportunity for our students," said Kara Wolfe, assistant professor and coordinator of the hospitality and tourism management program. "The hotel is a convenient, nearby place for them to work while they are taking classes at NDSU. It's also a chance for them to apply what they learn in the classroom to an on-the-job situation, and working at a new hotel is always fun."

According to Swenson, the hotel plans special rates for NDSU faculty, staff and students. "It's going to be a great partnership, an excellent opportunity," she said.

Summer publication dates set for 'It's Happening'

Regular weekly publication of "It's Happening at State" will end for the semester with the May 10 issue. Summer editions are planned for June 14, July 19, and weekly publication is set to resume Aug. 16. Deadlines for submissions are at noon June 8 and July 13. The deadline for the Aug. 16 issue is noon Aug. 10.

Summer hours to begin May 15

Summer hours for NDSU employees will begin Monday, May 15, and run through Friday, Aug. 11. Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with 30 minutes for lunch. Regular hours will resume Monday, Aug. 14.

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Northern Plains Ethics Institute receives grant

The Northern Plains Ethics Institute (NPEI) at NDSU has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Dakota Medical Foundation to support the Prepare Now for Businesses workshop. The April 18 workshop at the Fargodome was a joint project of the NPEI, Fargo Cass and Clay Public Health, NDSU and other partners.

The event included an overview of what businesses should consider when planning for a variety of emergencies. The half-day workshop hosted about 130 business leaders and other people key to creating business plans to handle health and other emergencies that could affect the area. A central goal was to minimize harm caused by a pandemic by having clear business plans in place to preserve employees' health and distribute goods and services as efficiently as possible.

The NPEI is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire popular democratic participation in social and ethical issues affecting the Northern Plains and beyond. Its programs include public forums on controversial issues such as flu vaccine distribution, the abuse of statistics in public policy and the role of the media in a democracy, in addition to think tanks designed to address environmental, business and other applied issues.

Dakota Medical Foundation, based in Fargo, focuses its efforts on improving access to medical and dental care. Since its inception in 1995, the foundation has invested more than \$25 million in more than 250 non-profit organizations to help them improve health and access to healthcare. For more information, see www.dakmed.org.

Book drive for Gulf Coast region set

NDSU's chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society and the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources have organized a book drive to collect used textbooks for people in the Gulf Coast region affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Books collected will be given to the Better World Books/National Center for Family Literacy Partnership, an organization responding to the educational needs of children and adults whose education was interrupted due to the hurricane, by donating and distributing textbooks to those affected.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to donate new or used textbooks. Books can be placed in the Better World Books collection boxes through May 15 at collection points in Morrill Hall's first-floor student lounge near the bulletin board and the Loftsgard Hall atrium.

Textbooks with copyright dates of 2000 and later are the primary focus of the book drive.

For more information, contact Bonnie Cooper, Golden Key adviser, at 1-7771 or Bonnie.Cooper@ndsu.edu.

Germans from Russia oral history project continues

The Germans from Russia Heritage Collection's Dakota Memories Oral History Project will continue this summer. During May, June, July and August, an estimated 50 interviews will be added to the collection.

The project was started in spring 2005 to document and preserve the history and heritage of Germans from Russia on the Northern Plains. During the first field season, project coordinator Jessica Clark and videographer Will Clark collected more than 30 interviews, primarily in south central North Dakota communities of Gackle, Wishek, Streeter, Ashley and Berlin.

The interest in and support of the project has prompted the collection to employ a second crew. Interviewer Sarah Lacher and videographer Craig Johnson are scheduled to conduct interviews in Linton and Strasburg from May 13-19 and in Linton, Strasburg, Hague and Venturia from May 24-31. In July, the Clarks are scheduled to conduct interviews in the Rugby area for one week and in Saskatchewan for three weeks. During August 5-13, Lacher and Johnson are set to conduct more interviews in the Lehr and Kulm areas.

The Dakota Memories Oral History Project is sponsored primarily by the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, NDSU Libraries, Center for Heritage Renewal and Theresa Mack Germans from Russia History Doctoral Fellowship. A grant from the Canadian embassy supports interviews in Saskatchewan. The project has received additional funding from the NDSU Development Foundation, North Dakota Humanities Council, Germans from Russia Cultural Preservation Foundation, Glueckstal Colonies Research Association and private donors.

For more information, contact Jessica Clark at 1-8419 or Jessica.Clark@ndsu.edu, or Michael Miller at 1-8416 or Michael.Miller@ndsu.edu. The project's Web site is www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/history_culture/oral/interviews/project.htm.

Parking permits to go on sale

The sale of 2006-07 parking permits is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Monday, May 8, in Thorson Maintenance Center.

The parking fee for full-time, part-time and shift employees is \$110, with payment options of a one-time payroll deduction on the Sept. 15 paycheck, or 17 bi-monthly deductions of \$6.11 and one payment of \$6.13 beginning with the Sept. 15 paycheck.

Departments have again been asked to designate faculty and staff eligible to purchase a permit, and permits will be released only to those eligible.

For more information, contact the campus parking office at 1-5771 or Joan Chapek, associate director of Facilities Management, at 1-7913.

Annual TRIO celebration honors achievers and friends

High achievers and friends were honored during TRIO Day April 19. The event is held annually to celebrate the educational successes of students who participate in the five TRIO programs at NDSU.

High achievers who received special recognition at the evening banquet included NDSU students Hevy Amedi, a junior, and Nerline Olivier, a senior, who were honored by Upward Bound.

Veteran's Upward Bound honored Dave Seifert, a counselor at South Fargo High School, and George Palo, an engineering student at the University of North Dakota.

MeritCare staff member Jeff Gregory was recognized by the McNair Scholars Program.

NDSU students Peter Zorbei was honored for academic achievement by Student Support Services, and Amber O'Geay was honored by CCAMPIS.

Gary Narum, who recently retired as associate vice president for student affairs, and retired vice president for student affairs George Wallman were recognized as a "friends of TRIO" for their support of the TRIO programs.

The TRIO programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the NDSU Division of Student Affairs. Upward Bound prepares students to do college-level work, and Student Support Services provides tutoring and support services to students once they reach campus. The McNair Scholars Program encourages low-income and minority undergraduates to pursue doctoral degrees and careers in college teaching. CCAMPIS provides educational services to single mothers.

For additional information, contact Kris Mickelson, assistant director of TRIO programs, at 1-6535 or Kristy.Mickelson@ndsu.edu.

People

History graduate students present at national social science meeting

History doctoral students Jessica Clark and Suzanne Kelley presented papers at the Western Social Science Association's annual meeting held April 19-22 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Clark presented "May I Take One Elephant Step? German-Russian Childhood Fun." The paper, presented in the meeting's history section, was based on her work with the Dakota Memories oral history project of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection.

Kelley was co-presenter of "Keeping History in Stitches: High Country History in the Tarras Church Kneelers." The paper, presented in the New Zealand and Australian studies section, was based on interviews she collected in New Zealand.

Council to head NDSU Libraries



Council

Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, has announced the appointment of James Council, professor of psychology, as the interim dean of libraries. The appointment began May 1.

"Dr. Council has shown strong leadership as the president of the University Senate this year. He's done well in mediation and dealing with personnel, in addition to being a former chair of the Department of Psychology," Schnell said, noting that a national search will soon begin to fill the position permanently. "He has shown a strong interest in the NDSU Libraries, so I felt he would be a good fit for the leadership position."

Council succeeds Pamela Drayson, who leaves NDSU to be the chief librarian at Canada's newest university, the University of Ontario Institute for Technology, Toronto.

Council, who joined NDSU in 1985, earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Maryland and his doctorate in psychology at the University of Connecticut. He also had a research fellowship in psychiatry and human behavior at Brown University.

He was chair of the NDSU psychology department from 1998-2004. In addition to leadership positions with University Senate, Council has been a member the Program Review Committee, Policy Coordinating Committee Institutional Review Board, Student Conflict Arbitration Board and Distance Education Council.

Among Council's honors are the 2000 College of Science and Mathematics Award for Excellence in Service and the 1994 College of Science and Mathematics Award for Excellence in Research. He was president of the American Psychological Association's Division 30, Society of Psychological Hypnosis in 1996-97. He also is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis.

Cereal and food science students receive scholarship, awards

Cereal and food sciences graduate student Shaohong Yuan has been awarded a graduate scholarship from the Minnesota Institute of Food Technologists. Sam Chang, professor of cereal and food sciences, is Yuan's adviser.

Scholarship awardees were selected based on their outstanding academic and research record and involvement in extracurricular activity. Applications were received from students at NDSU, University of Minnesota, South Dakota State University, University of Wisconsin-River Falls and University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Yuan, who maintains a 4.0 grade point average, plans to present a paper on soymilk flavor and tofu quality at the national Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) meeting scheduled for June in Orlando, Fla.

In addition, three travel awards to attend the IFT meeting were given to students Humin Zhang, Ying Ying Xu and Tammy Song.

Slobin to be inducted into Tapestry of Diverse Talents



Slobin

Kathleen Slobin, professor and chair of sociology and anthropology, has been selected for induction into the Tapestry of Diverse Talents. The ceremony is scheduled for noon Friday, May 5, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room.

The Tapestry of Diverse Talents is a program that recognizes and supports efforts by NDSU community members to promote multiculturalism both here and throughout the region.

Slobin is being recognized for her commitment to promoting and supporting women faculty and students at NDSU. She founded WISMET and Student WISMET, organizations for women in the professional fields of science, mathematics, engineering and technology. She has been instrumental in efforts to advance women's roles at NDSU through research support and grant writing. She also is the former director of Women's Studies.

For more information about the induction ceremony, contact the Student Activities Office at 1-7787.

Chang, state soybean trade team visit South Asia

Sam K. C. Chang, professor of cereal and food sciences, recently visited soy food industries in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand as part of a team to promote North Dakota food soybean trade for making soymilk and tofu.

The team, organized by the North Dakota Trade Office and American Soybean Association regional office in Singapore, toured eight South Asian companies and included food soybean farmers and traders, Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple and Senate Majority Leader Bob Stenehjem.

"South Asia is increasing its consumption of soy foods, particularly soymilk," said Chang, who also delivered two lectures during the trip. "Some of the South Asian companies are exporting soy food products to other countries, including the United States."

Chang, who is an expert on food soybean, has helped many soybean companies and breeders in the Northern Plains select high quality soybean for food uses. He is developing food soybean quality brochures for the American Soybean Association for distribution to buyers in South Asia, and will offer short courses or seminars on soybean quality to South Asian purchasing agents.

According to Chang, North Dakota companies are conducting follow-up efforts by sending samples and bean chemical composition and processing characteristics to potential buyers.

Siverson receives emerging artist award

Dan Siverson, visual arts technician, received the Jerome Foundation Emerging Artist Award for a summer artist residency in the pottery program at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. The foundation gives three awards each year to artists living in Minnesota or New York.

Siverson has exhibited ceramics in museums and galleries in Duluth, Minn.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Hudson, Wis., as well as the Rourke Gallery, Moorhead, Minn., and at NDSU. He is a recipient of the Grotto Foundation Apprenticeship Grant and is a graduate of Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Nursing faculty receive awards

Norma Kiser-Larson, assistant professor of nursing, was named the Florence Reed Owens Award recipient during the YWCA Cass Clay 2006 Woman of the Year awards banquet held April 24. The award is given to a woman who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to equality, empowering women and girls, and/or eliminating racism, and who exemplifies integrity and displays compassion for humanity. YWCA Women of the Year awards honor women whose lives, talents and passions shape the Cass-Clay community.

Carla Gross, associate professor of nursing, recently was named the North Dakota Nurses Association District IV nurse of the year. The award is given to a nurse who achieves excellence in practice, and promotes the district nurses association purpose of fostering high standards in nursing, stimulating the professional development of nurses, advancing the welfare of the nursing profession and working to improve health care services.

Karla Haug, assistant professor of nursing, received the outstanding new member award from the district association. The award is given to a member who exhibits the ability to take a leadership role in carrying out the association's mission and purpose.

Gross and Haug will be recognized at the association's awards reception scheduled for May 4 in Fargo.

In addition, Mary Margaret Mooney, chair of nursing, presented "Doctor of Nursing Practice: Where Did It Come From? Where Is It Going?" at the North Dakota Nurses Association southwest regional assembly held April 20 in Bismarck. She also was a panel presenter at the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty convention held April 22 in Orlando, Fla.

Bison join wrestling conference

Eight intercollegiate institutions, including NDSU, have announced the formation of the Western Wrestling Conference (WWC). The NCAA Division I wrestling-only alliance will begin competition in the 2006-07 season.

Along with the Bison, charter members of the conference will include the United States Air Force Academy, Fresno State University, the University of Northern Colorado, the University of Northern Iowa, South Dakota State University, Utah Valley State College and the University of Wyoming.

"We are very excited to finalize this conference for our wrestling program," said NDSU athletic director Gene Taylor. "It will be very beneficial to our wrestlers for individual recognition and the opportunity to qualify for the NCAA championships."

Events

NDSU Opera Theatre presents comic opera performances

The NDSU Opera Theatre is scheduled to present "An Evening of Comic Opera" featuring Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury," and "Gianni Schicchi," by Giacomo Puccini at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, in Festival Concert Hall. Both one-act operas are sung in English.

"Trial by Jury" lampoons contemporary society, as a jilted bride sues for breach of promise of marriage because the young man has found a new love. While the judge and jury are taken with the bride, the ladies in the gallery are enamored with the young man. By behaving as if everything were perfectly reasonable, the characters in this satire of the legal system reveal truths about common foibles and follies of men, women, society and universal situations.

Chaos ensues in "Gianni Schicchi" after an extremely wealthy man dies and the family searches frantically for the will. After realizing he left his possessions to the local monastery, the family encourages Schicchi to impersonate the dead man long enough to change the will. In the end, Schicchi agrees, but with consequences not foreseen by the greedy family.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students/seniors and are available at the door.

Radiation safety course scheduled.

The course "Laboratory Use of Radioactive Material" is scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, in the Memorial Union Prairie Room.

The course is designed for new or potential users of radioactive materials in laboratory or field applications. It also serves as a refresher course for anyone currently using radioactive materials. Topics include basic theory of radioactivity; biological interactions with radiation; radiation protection; minimizing exposure level; rules and regulations; and safe handling, decontamination and laboratory procedures. The instructor is Gary Stolzenberg, lecturer in chemical and molecular biology.

Successful course completion is required in order to use radioactive materials on campus, and completion will be verified by receiving a passing quiz score.

Course fee is \$25 for NDSU and cooperative agreement institutions, and \$50 for all others. The session includes one hour for lunch, but lunch is not included in the course fee. Participants should bring a scientific calculator.

Prior registration is required. To register, contact *stephanie.wegner@ndsu.edu* or call 1-7759.

ROTC commissioning ceremony set

The NDSU Army ROTC has scheduled its spring commissioning ceremony for 1 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the Alumni Center Atrium. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Maj. Guy Titsworth at 1-9577 or *guy.titsworth@ndsu.edu*.

'Calling Fargo Home' presentation set

A research presentation, "Calling Fargo Home—The Realities of Life for African Women Refugees in the Fargo-Moorhead Community," is scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, May 8, in the Alumni Center Klefstad Room. The event is sponsored by NDSU's Department of Communication; College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; and the African Women's Health Initiative.

The presentation culminates a collaborative project looking at the African woman refugee population in the Fargo-Moorhead area, their challenges and the proposals from the research to assist in their success within our community.

Shorts and Reminders

Union Food Court

Due to the construction in the Memorial Union Dining Center, there will be no Union Food Court posting for May 3-12.

Positions Available

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

Technical Information Assistant/#00019052
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE)
\$29,000+/year
May 10

Account Technician/#00021185
Business Office
\$21,500+/year
May 5

Mass Cataloger/#00021349
NDSU Libraries
\$18,000+/year
May 4

Equipment Operator-Sanitation Truck/#00020761
Facilities Management
\$22,000+/year
May 10

Press Operator/#00021120
Agriculture Communication
\$25,000+/year
May 10

Custodian/#00019207
M-F; 5 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Facilities Management
\$17,422+/year
Open until filled

Coffee Barista/#00019373
12 months; 40 hours/week
M-F; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Dining Services-Memorial Union
\$8+/hour
Open until filled

Staff Pharmacist/#00019826
Family HealthCare Pharmacy
Salary commensurate with education and experience
May 4

EduTech Web Development Specialist/#00018676
 Information Technology Services (EduTech)
 Valley City, N.D.
 \$36,000+/year
 May 9

Benefits Specialist/#00020951
 Office of Human Resources/Payroll
 \$28,000+/year
 May 11

Associate Director Facilities Operations/#00018793
 Facilities Management
 \$54,000+/year
 May 15

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

Application Development Specialist
 Two positions available
 Information Technology Services
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Open until filled

Research Engineer/#00021664
 Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Open until filled

Laboratory Technician
 Coatings and Polymeric Materials
 \$30,000+/year
 Open until filled

Senior Project Manager
 Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE)
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Open until filled

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

Calendar

May

- Through May 4 Jonas Heyl, baccalaureate exhibition, NDSU Downtown Gallery
- Through May 5 Steven Seward, baccalaureate exhibition, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery
- 3 Staff Senate—staff development workshop, Michael Harwood, director of Residence Life, “The Art of Working Together,” 10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 3 Baseball vs. University of Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 5 Last day of classes
- 5 Visual arts—ceramic and print sale, noon-5 p.m., NDSU Downtown
- 5 Plant pathology—Maria Nihlgard, Sygenta Seeds, Sweden, “Plant Pathology Research at Hilleshog/Syngenta,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 5 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, 7 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 5 Animal and range sciences—Nicholas Ralston, University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center, “Changing Paradigms of Selenium’s Role in Counteracting Mercury Toxicity,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 5 NDSU Opera Theater presents an evening of comic opera featuring “Trial by Jury,” by Gilbert and Sullivan, and “Gianni Schicchi,” by Giacomo Puccini, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.
- 6 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, noon and 3 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 6 Softball vs. University of Mary, noon and 2 p.m., Eellig Sports Complex
- 6 Musical Theater Troupe spring showcase, 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Free.
- 7 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, 1 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 8-13 Sarah VanTrump, baccalaureate exhibition, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 10.
- 8 Physics/civil engineering—Kalina Hristova, Johns Hopkins University, “Structural and Thermodynamic Characterization of Proteins in Biological Membranes,” 4 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 9-23 Cherie Thurlow, baccalaureate exhibition, NDSU Downtown Gallery. Reception 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16.

- 9 Baseball vs. Creighton University, 1 p.m. and
3 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 12 ROTC spring commissioning, 1 p.m., Alumni Center
- 12 Commencement, 5 p.m., Fargodome

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