NDSU Downtown renamed Renaissance Hall

NDSU Downtown has been renamed Renaissance Hall. The change was approved by the State Board of Higher Education during its meeting on Nov. 6.

“Renaissance Hall is an appropriate and descriptive name for this outstanding facility,” said President Joseph A. Chapman. “The downtown Fargo landmark has truly seen a rebirth, a new beginning, since it became an important part of the NDSU community.”

Tim Flakoll, Tri-College University provost and director of operations for NDSU Downtown, said, “The new name befits the transformation of the building itself, and also the transformation of students who will see growth and an awakening during their academic time in the building.”

Opened to classes in the fall of 2004, the former Northern School Supply building is located at 650 NP Ave. in Fargo. Renaissance Hall is an interdisciplinary, shared facility that has housed the visual arts department, major components of the architecture and landscape architecture department, and the Tri-College University office. It includes studios, classrooms, a wood shop, computer laboratory, gallery and an outdoor sculpture area.

Flakoll said the new name has multiple meanings. He said without being in Fargo’s Renaissance Zone, the building would not have been saved. Flakoll also noted that some of the greatest names from art and architecture come from the Renaissance period, including Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Brunelleschi and Raphael.

He said the building went through a renaissance with extensive remodeling and a change in its use. According to Flakoll, the structure went from being used by manufacturers’ agents and jobbers of agriculture equipment, wagons and buggies to a home for higher learning in architecture, landscape architecture and the arts.

The structure, originally called the Robb-Lawrence Co. warehouse, was constructed in 1903 to plans drawn by William C. Albrant, a former NDSU student. In 1920, Northern School Supply moved into the building, and became a downtown fixture for decades. The company closed its doors in 1997, and the building was purchased by School Specialty Inc. of Appleton, Wis. It was slated for demolition in 2000, but was saved when it was purchased by NDSU alumnus Doug Burgum and gifted to the university in 2001.

Advance FORWARD seeking advocates

FORWARD Advocates is a newly forming group of tenured male faculty who are interested in supporting female faculty members in departments, colleges and the university. The FORWARD Allies and Advocates steering committee is seeking applications for these service positions that will start spring 2009.

Advocates are expected to be active proponents of gender diversity and equality specifically in terms of increasing the number of female faculty, encouraging the hiring of and promotion of female faculty to administrative positions, and ensuring the fair and equitable treatment of women at NDSU within all units.

The steering committee is looking for representation from all colleges, but priority will be given to male applicants who are tenured associate or full professors (non-administrators). Advocates are expected to have an awareness of the dynamics of institutional and structural bias and privilege and be interested in learning cont.
about issues of discrimination and privilege in the workplace. Ten advocates will be selected for one-year, renewable terms. Benefits include networking opportunities and summer salary.

For information and required application materials, go to www.ndsu.edu/forward. For additional information, contact Kevin Brooks at 1-7147 or kevin.brooks@ndsu.edu or Canan Bilen-Green at 1-7040 or canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu.

Father and daughter to receive honorary doctorates

NDSU alumni Maj. Gen. (ret.) Darrol G. Schroeder and his daughter, Maj. Gen. Terry L. Scherling, will receive honorary doctorates during NDSU commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Fargodome.

Schroeder had a decorated 39-year career of combined active duty and National Guard service and has continued with distinguished leadership on both the state and community levels.

A 1952 NDSU graduate who majored in animal science, Schroeder was appointed in 1983 as Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander in Chief, United States Air Forces in Europe. His many prior leadership positions included serving on the Reserve Forces Policy Board, being appointed Assistant to the Commander in Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command; Chief of Staff for Air, Headquarters, North Dakota Air National Guard; Director of Group Operations, Standardization and Evaluation Officer; and flight commander with the 178th Fighter Interceptor Squadron (Happy Hooligans) in Fargo.

During his service career, he flew more than 5,000 hours in fighter aircraft. Schroeder also has been a test pilot, instructor and flight examiner, and the Federal Aviation Administration presented him with the “Master Pilot” award in 2005. In total, he has flown more than 20,000 hours in 130 different types of military and civilian aircraft.

His numerous military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Force Commendation Medal. He also was a partner in the 2,000-acre farming operation and president of Schroeder Aviation Inc. and Davenport Fertilizer and Chemical Co.

“I have known Darrol for 40 years. During this time, he has been a strong military, business and community leader, as well as a staunch NDSU supporter,” wrote Maj. Gen. (ret.) Michael Haugen in a letter of nomination. “Darrol has been a lifelong military and civilian pilot, flying numerous types of aircraft from F-86s to F-16s, and everything in between. His civilian flying experience includes owning, operating and flying a fleet of agricultural aerial application aircraft, as well as owning and managing a fertilizer business.”

Schroeder is active in local and state organizations. He has served on the boards for U.S. Bank of North Dakota, Lear Siegler Management Service Corp. and MeritCare Health Systems. A past member of the North Dakota State Aeronautics Commission, he serves on the nominating committee of the National Aviation Hall of Fame. In 1987, he received the North Dakota National Leadership Award of Excellence and was named the Chamber of Commerce Military Person of the Year.

Scherling, an alumna of NDSU, has enjoyed a distinguished military career. She is the special assistant to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va. Acting on his behalf, she directs Army and Air resources, plans and programs for more than 460,000 personnel in 54 states and territories, with an annual budget in excess of $22 billion.

Scherling previously served as director, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau, responsible for coordination and communication of all National Guard support for domestic military operations with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, combatant commands and interagency and intergovernmental partners.

“We are pleased that Terry is an alumna of our college,” Virginia Clark Johnson, dean of the College of Human Development and Education, wrote in a letter of nomination. “She has had an outstanding career, and her work has been valuable for our country.”

Scherling majored in physical education and was commissioned in 1975. A career logistician, she has served as chief, Supply Division, Air National Guard; United States Property and Fiscal Officer; and Chief Support Officer for the Air National Guard. Following Sept. 11, 2001, she led the standup of the Directorate of Homeland Security, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters United States Air Force, providing total force support to operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

A few of her many honors include the Defense Superior Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal and Air Force Achievement Medal.

In a letter of support, classmate and longtime friend Jonal Uglem wrote, “Her career has long brought honor to her family, friends, community, state and country. NDSU should recognize this most accomplished woman for her far reaching achievements.”

Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library moving to Klai Hall

The NDSU Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library will move to Klai Hall on Dec. 1-2. The branch library will be located on the third floor of Klai Hall, 711 2nd Ave N. (west of the Post Office).

The general public, students, staff and faculty who are not in the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture will have access to the library from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Patrons with NDSU Libraries privileges may request materials from branch libraries via the online catalog and choose to pick them up at the NDSU Main Library or other NDSU branch library locations.

For information, contact Jenny Grasto at jenny.grasto@ndsu.edu or 1-8616.
Landscape architecture students initiate friendly wager with professors

At the end of this semester, third-year landscape architecture students will deliver a final presentation. Not only will the 21 students be graded on delivering a successful presentation, they face an added challenge for this project.

To challenge themselves, the students initiated a friendly wager with their professors. Should they deliver their final presentations with no filler words, the faculty has agreed to pay for the students to enjoy a three-course meal prepared by local chef Doug Alexandre. If the students do not succeed, they will prepare a potluck meal for themselves and the faculty.

Alexandre has professional experience in New Zealand, San Francisco and New Mexico.

The students will give presentations on Wednesday, Dec. 3, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Ehly Hall in the gallery space on the first floor. Presentations will last all afternoon. Each student will have five to seven minutes to present their contribution to “Symphonic Alley,” a soundscape project they constructed in the alleyway parallel to Broadway behind the 200 to 400 block of the Fargo Theatre. They presented it to the Fargo-Moorhead community on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Stevie Famulari, assistant professor of landscape architecture, said the students will talk about the outcome of “Symphonic Alley.” They will present the construction documents, the public relations that went around it and the materials of the site.

“That’s five minutes without an um, a, ah, er, maybe, ah, what-chamacallit, actually, just ...” Famulari, said. “They have a list.”

Famulari believes that presentation is half the battle. “They could have content galore and present it terribly. They could have bad graphics and great ideas. They need to be able to present to a client,” Famulari said. “Part of their requirement for studio is to present. They present about once every two weeks.”

After the first presentation of the semester, Famulari created a list of each student’s filler words. Every student was given a list of filler words they used most frequently. The students asked Famulari what would happen if they didn’t use any filler words and the wager was initiated.

Faculty members from the entire NDSU campus have been invited to judge the presentations. If three faculty are in agreement about hearing a filler word, the challenge is over. Famulari says the faculty are going to be strict with their judging. “If you don’t expect 110 percent, you are not going to get it. I expect no filler words. None,” she said.

Famulari says students already are presenting better. She has heard comments on their presenting skills from other professors. “It benefits the students by giving them skills to be able to go to a client, a job and present their concepts without hesitation.”

Statewide Staff Senate moves forward

Initial steps have been taken to form a North Dakota University System Staff Senate. The action came during the first annual Staff Leadership Conference held at the University of North Dakota on Nov. 14.

Campus staff representatives from across the state elected officers for the new group. They include president Janice Hoffarth of UND, vice president Janine Trowbridge from NDSU’s Office of TRIO Programs, secretary Mary Morrell of Bismarck State College and communication director Cindy Kerick from Lake Region State College. They will hold office until July 1, 2009.

Vance Olson, NDSU Staff Senate president, was named to the committee that will develop the organization’s bylaws. Other NDSU personnel attending the conference were Barb Geeslin, interim NDSU Staff Senate vice president, and Steve Bergeson, former NDSU Staff Senate president.

During the conference, participants heard comments from Chancellor Bill Goetz, UND president Robert Kelley, and Robert Boyd, UND vice president for student and outreach services.

The statewide group plans to have annual meetings in June, and hold quarterly meetings either through the Interactive Video Network or by conference call.

LeaderQuest participants sought

NDSU faculty and staff are asked to encourage students looking to develop their leadership potential to join LeaderQuest 2009, a semester-long experiential leadership program offered through the Student Activities Office in the Memorial Union.

Students will develop confidence and communication skills, lead a team, plan a campus event, participate in interactive workshops, attend an off-campus retreat and develop a mentor relationship. The group will meet Wednesdays, Jan. 21 through April 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union.

For information, contact Amy Graff, associate director for the Memorial Union Student Activities Office, at amy.graff@ ndsu.edu or Carrie Benke, graduate assistant for leadership programs, at carrie.benke@ndsu.edu. Applications are available at http://mu.ndsu.edu/leadership_programs/leaderquest.
Pearson honored for work in the communication discipline

Judy Pearson, associate dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, is the 2008 recipient of the Samuel L. Becker Distinguished Service Award. She was honored at the annual National Communication Association Convention in San Diego. More than 5,500 communicators attended the conference.

“I am humbled by this honor. Service to NCA and the discipline has been pure pleasure,” said Pearson.

As past president of the association, Pearson has devoted several years to the communication discipline, serving as the Instructional Development unit chair and as a member of the Educational Policies Board. She also has more than 30 books, 60 articles and 300 professional presentations to her name.

The Samuel L. Becker Award is presented annually to a National Communication Association member who has given outstanding cumulative research, teaching and service to both the association and the profession. A selection committee comprised of college professors from around the country reviewed the nominees for this award.

Founded in 1914, the National Communication Association is the oldest and largest national organization promoting effective and ethical communication. The association supports the communication research, teaching, public service and practice of a diverse community of scholars, educators, administrators, students, practitioners and publics.

The association is a non-profit organization of more than 7,700 members who work and live in every state and more than 20 foreign countries. The association sponsors an annual convention, conferences, publishes academic journals and the Web magazine, Communication Currents. For more information, visit www.natcom.org.

Hinsz and colleagues to receive Golden Anniversary Monograph Award

Verlin B. Hinsz, professor of psychology, and several colleagues received the 2008 Golden Anniversary Monograph Award from the National Communication Association at their annual convention held in San Diego.

The group was honored for a paper titled “Effects of the Information Environment on Group Discussions and Decisions in the Hidden-Profile Paradigm.” The paper was published in the March 2007 issue of Communication Monographs. Up to three awards are presented annually by the association to the most outstanding scholarly monograph published during the previous calendar year. Award recipients may come from any area in communication arts and sciences.

Bison Microventure team takes field trip

The Bison Microventure innovation team recently completed a research field trip to Minneapolis. Eight students and four team mentors visited the Medical Device Manufacturing Exhibition at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Oct. 22-23. On Oct. 24, the team toured the corporate headquarters and pacemaker manufacturing facilities at Medtronic and research laboratories at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry.

Participating students included Laura Axvig, a junior majoring in microbiology; Kathryn Jackson, a sophomore majoring in zoology; David Stenseth, a senior majoring in manufacturing engineering; juniors Matthew Lanoue and Jared Graetz, who are majoring in manufacturing engineering; Benjamin Pangerl, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering; and manufacturing engineering graduate students Mayank Verma and Nimish Dharmahdikari. Mentors are David Wells, professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering; John Bagu, director of the Optical Spectroscopy Laboratory, and research technicians Armon Myrick and Lewis Dailey.

The team combines learning with new product and process development. Students are pursuing academic learning objectives through the project to develop a hydrophilic ceramic dental implant. The objectives are to develop skills and competencies for translating laboratory research into commercial reality, skills for creating and maintaining intellectual property, and understanding of the technologies of micromanufacturing and medical and dental implants. Students are conducting a literature and patent study, designing the products and manufacturing processes, designing and building experimental apparatus and conducting the laboratory research.

The field trip, sponsored through a grant from the national Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance, is one of several planned excursions to explore ideas and discuss issues with professionals in biotechnology industries. For more information, contact Wells at 1-7283 or david.l.wells@ndsu.edu.

Gold to attend ‘Growing Power!’

Abby Gold, nutrition and wellness specialist, has received a professional development grant from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program to attend two “Growing Power!” workshops in Milwaukee. The $1,800 grant will provide support as she attends the workshops Jan. 10-11 and Feb. 21-22.

“Growing Power!” is a national nonprofit organization and land trust that works to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food for people in all communities. It implements its mission by providing hands-on training, demonstrations and technical assistance to help people grow, process, market and distribute food in a sustainable way.

Gold said she will apply the information she gains in Milwaukee to building community and educational programs around local foods, environmental nutrition, food preservation and food sovereignty.

A nutrition and wellness specialist for both NDSU and University of Minnesota Extension Services, Gold focuses part of her work on building local food systems.
Miller named president elect of National Association of College Stores

Carol Miller, director of the NDSU Bookstore, has been named president-elect of the National Association of College Stores. She will serve a three-year term as president-elect, president and former president.

The National Association of College Stores is the trade association representing the nearly $11 billion higher education retail industry. The association is the leading resource and advocate for the industry while ensuring the vitality of higher education retailers through education and research, provision of programs and services, and development of strategic partnerships that enable members to serve their customers. Members include more than 3,100 college stores and 1,000 associate members who supply products and services to college stores.

Miller is finishing her third year on the association’s board of trustees and is looking forward to presidential duties that include being the spokesperson for the organization, meeting with industry leaders, presiding over board meetings and providing leadership for the industry.

“I’m ecstatic,” she said. “I think that this would be an opportunity of a lifetime. I think it’s going to be a very high visibility position for both our bookstore and NDSU.”

Miller will be the first president of the association from North Dakota.

“For me, it’s a validation that people think we’re doing good things here and that they see there are things that we’re doing that make us leaders of the industry,” Miller said.

Miller began her career as a senior sales clerk, then store manager for B. Dalton Bookseller from 1982-90. Miller got back into the bookselling business when she took over as assistant director/bookstore department manager at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from 1992-99. She has been director of the NDSU Bookstore since 1999. Miller earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

NDSU Alumni Association announces 2008-09 officers

The NDSU Alumni Association board has 32 members who set 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.

Cyd Stoelting Runsvold, BS ‘77, Fargo, pharmacist and part owner of Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, was named chair of the board.

Barry Batcheller, BS ‘77, Fargo, president and CEO, Appareo Systems LLC, was named president.

Mike Krueger, BS ’71, Fargo, president of The Money Farm, was named vice president.

Marcia Estee Strehlow, BS ’78, Fargo, part owner of Strehlow Construction, was named secretary/treasurer.

Brachman and Mitra publish books

Jarret Brachman and Subhro Mitra, researchers with the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at NDSU, recently had their first books published.

Brachman’s book, “Global Jihadism,” explores the core doctrine and strategy of today’s global Jihadist movement. The book is divided into two sections with the first section focusing on the ideas that groups, such as Al Qaeda, are built on. The second looks at the thinking and activities of Al Qaeda’s propaganda. Brachman’s book was published in September.

Brachman joined the institute in August as an associate research fellow. During upcoming semesters, Brachman will teach a variety of courses in the transportation and security fields for the Master of Managerial Logistics in the Master of Military Logistics Program. Before coming to NDSU, Brachman was the first director of research at West Point’s Combating Terrorism Center. He has directed a number of projects for the Department of Defense and he routinely lectures to military, law enforcement and intelligence audiences.

Mitra’s book, “Statewide Freight Flow Model to Assess Spring Load Restrictions,” presents a unique application of statewide freight planning. Mitra’s model is used to analyze the effects spring load restrictions have on freight flows. Mitra’s book was published in October.

Mitra also is an associate research fellow at the institute. He has held that position since 2003. Before that, he was a graduate research assistant with the institute. Mitra’s work focuses on the development of statewide freight modeling and optimizing logistics networks for the agricultural industry and capacity assessments for the railroad network.

Both books can be purchased on Amazon.com.

International Programs contributes to success of regional conference

The NDSU Office of International Programs led the coordination effort among area universities and hosted the NAFSA: Association of International Educators’ Region IV Conference held Oct. 25-28 in Fargo. NAFSA, formerly the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers, is now referred to as the Association of International Educators.

With near record conference attendance of 300 persons from a five-state area, professionals involved in various aspects of international education received professional development training, attended pertinent sessions, received immigration related regulatory updates from government agencies and took advantage of numerous networking opportunities.

The entire staff of the Office of International Programs contributed to the success of the conference. Significant contributions included Deborah Maertens, assistant director of faculty immigration, who was the local arrangements chair, and Alicia Kauffman, senior international student adviser, who served as the conference registrar.

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Lisa Hauck, director of the Office of International Programs, along with Heather Ranke of the U.S. Commercial Service, presented a session to conference attendees explaining ways to compete globally in the international education market by collaborating with established local consortia already involved in international activities such as regional international businesses and foreign trade missions. Sara Johnson, a student adviser in the Office of International Programs, offered a session on hosting an effective study abroad fair as a means of encouraging education abroad among U.S. students.

A highlight of the conference was a plenary luncheon featuring a panel discussion between eight area university presidents, including NDSU President Joseph Chapman. The moderator was Joy Stevenson, Association of International Educators’ national vice president for member relations. The presidential panel addressed issues critical to international educators including the relationship between education needs of the Upper Midwest and global workforce development trends, the current financial crisis and its affect on budgets dedicated to international education, and advice for conference attendees on how to effectively advocate for international education on their campuses. The university presidents emphasized the importance of internationalizing area campuses and curricula in the current age of globalization and ever deepening international integration.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators is the leading professional organization promoting exchange of students and scholars to and from the United States. NAFSA Region IV is served by a team of key leaders providing direction and guidance for the regional association, which is comprised of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri.

Hauck serves on the leadership team as the education abroad representative. She organizes activities of education abroad professionals in the region and apprises them of timely developments in the field. Maertens holds the Region IV Team position of public policy representive. She coordinates public policy and advocacy efforts in the region to ensure both state and national legislators remain informed on issues of relevance to international education.

Cup of Joe and More awards prizes

Cup of Joe and More held a drawing on Nov. 12 to award prizes to customers. Approximately 250 people signed up for the drawing, in which eight gift cards to Cup of Joe and More were given as prizes. The winners and the amounts of their gift cards are:

- Jean Trautmann: $100
- Richard Ness: $75
- Niccole Schaible: $50
- Carla Wells: $20
- Mary Jo Bohls: $20
- Nyra Thornton: $20
- Andrea Abrahamson: $20
- Brad Mohs: $20

EVENTS

Advance FORWARD to host open forum

NDSU Advance FORWARD will host an open forum on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union Rose room. The purpose of the forum is to introduce the main elements of the recently awarded $3.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

A presentation and question/answer session will begin at 3:30 p.m., with a reception to follow. All interested members of the NDSU community are invited to attend.

Contact Ann Burnett at 1-7290 or ann.burnett@ndsu.edu or Canan Bilen-Green at 1-7040 or canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu for more information.

Memorial Union Gallery honors veterans

To help represent the significance of World War I and World War II and to honor those who served, the NDSU Memorial Union Art Gallery is displaying a poster exhibit and several smaller displays relating to that time. The exhibit will be displayed in the gallery until Nov. 29.

The exhibit includes 22 framed posters from the “World War I Liberty Loan Posters” exhibit and 33 framed posters from the “World War II Posters” exhibit. Both are traveling exhibits from the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

“The images are straightforward appeals of Americans at home for empathy and active support of the war efforts. The artists were well known, and their work was familiar, seen daily on covers of popular magazines of the day,” said Esther Hockett, visual arts coordinator of the Memorial Union Gallery.

Additional posters from archives and framed front-page excerpts from the Fargo Forum that announced the end of the war also are on display.

The Liberty Loan Posters on display were part of the campaign to finance America’s efforts in World War I. The posters from World War II portray the glories of war and miseries of those fighting and those who were victims.

A service flag from World War I and an embroidery piece from World War II, crafted by Marlys Hurt in 1946, are on loan from the Cass County Historical Society and Bonanzaville U.S.A.

Three dresses, representing the fashion throughout the World War eras, are on loan from the NDSU Department of Apparel, Design and Hospitality Management. They include a 1916 engagement dress worn by Jessie Webb to celebrate her engagement to Samuel Corwin, donated by Jessie Webb Corwin; a 1940s skirt suit, common because of wartime shortages, donated by Edigna Van Houtte; and another 1940s dress, with a fitted hourglass silhouette, which is an example of how the amount of fabric was restricted for use in clothing (donor unknown).

Also on display is a World War II Navy uniform, which was worn by Orville Hanson. Oliver’s granddaughter, Briana Hanson, an NDSU junior majoring in communication, donated the uniform.
NDSU Art Cinema Series presents ‘The Black Dahlia’

The NDSU Art Cinema Series continues Monday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Fargo Theatre with the showing of “The Black Dahlia.” Tickets are $5 each.

The Black Dahlia is loosely based on the 1947 murder of Elizabeth Short, whose body was arranged as if it were a painting by the Surrealist artist and photographer Man Ray. The movie is classic film noir that stars Steve Eastin, Aaron Eckhart, Josh Hartnett, Scarlett Johansson and Hilary Swank.

The NDSU Art Cinema Series is a partnership of the NDSU Division of Fine Arts and the Fargo Theatre. The series features an intelligent and unique film once a month at the Fargo Theatre.

For more information, go to www.ndsu.edu/finearts.

NDSU schedules beef producers’ meeting in Dickinson

The NDSU Extension Service is sponsoring a cow-calf seminar that will focus on the low-stress handling of cattle and dealing with dystocia (difficult calving). The program will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Dickinson State University Agricultural Building. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Robert Mortimer, an expert in bovine reproduction and obstetrics from Colorado State University, will discuss how to handle various calving difficulties to add profitability to the cattle operation.

Curt Pate, a well-known stockmanship instructor and livestock-handling adviser from Newell, S.D., will talk about low-stress handling of cattle and how this method leads to increased economic and personal benefits. The Dickinson Research Extension Center will provide cattle for a live demonstration of Pate’s methods.

Tim Petry, NDSU Extension livestock economist, will discuss the market outlook for beef cattle so producers can make better market decisions. Greg Lardy, NDSU Extension beef cattle specialist, will give an update on the NDSU Beef Systems Center of Excellence.

Eric Berg, NDSU Extension meat specialist, will discuss the new beef value cuts and how to add value to the carcass through identifying underutilized cuts of beef that possess high palatability scores. Participants will be trained in beef sensory analysis and have the opportunity to taste and score meat from the new beef value cuts.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 2. The cost is $40 per person if received by that date. Registration after that or at the door is $50. Checks should be payable to the Stork-Billings County Extension Service. To register, contact Kurt Froelich at (701) 456-7665 or by e-mail at kurt.froelich@ndsu.edu.

Event sponsors are the NDSU Extension Service, Dickinson State University, Pfizer Animal Health and Adams, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Stark-Billings and Slope County Extension Service offices.

Row and cover crops to be featured during Crops Day

The NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center will conduct its annual Crops Day on Tuesday, Dec. 16. According to Greg Endres, NDSU Extension Service area agronomist, the educational event will provide production research and recommendations for soybeans, corn and dry beans, plus a review of regional cover crop work and opportunities.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the fee is $10 per person.

Speakers include Endres; Blaine Schatz, Carrington Research Extension Center director and research agronomist; Joel Ransom, NDSU Extension agronomist; Juan Osorno, NDSU dry bean breeder; Brian Jenks, NDSU Extension weed scientist; Dave Franzen, NDSU Extension soils specialist; and Steve Metzger, Farm Business Management Program area coordinator.

A number of speakers, including farmers and NDSU and Natural Resources Conservation Service agronomists, also will share information on the potential benefits and challenges of using cover crops primarily to enhance soil productivity and reduce commercial fertilizer costs.

Contact the Carrington Research Extension Center at (701) 652-2951 or visit www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/carrington for more information.

Policy Updates

The following policies have recently been added or revised. To see the complete policy, go to www.ndsu.nodak.edu/policy.

Policy 326: Academic Misconduct

Streamlines the complaint and hearing process and defines who is subject to that process.

Policy 718: Public/Open/Restricted Records

NDSU language has been added for the handling of restricted, personally identifiable information, such as Social Security numbers and credit and debit card numbers (see Item 7). The name of the policy has been updated to reflect the addition.

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.

Child Care Assistant/#00018832
Wellness Center
80 percent full-time employment
40 hours per week during the academic year
20 hours per week during the summer session
$19,000+/year
Dec. 1

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

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

To view the calendar, go to www.ndsu.edu/news.

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