Presidential Search Committee selects candidates for interviews

The NDSU Presidential Search Committee has selected two more candidates – bringing the total to eight candidates – who will come to Fargo for off-campus interviews Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11. The interviews are scheduled at the Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center in Fargo.

The committee, which is working to help select NDSU’s next president, met March 30 to review reference checks on five recently received applications. The two candidates selected to move forward in the process are:

• Gary Miller, provost and vice president for academic affairs and research at Wichita State University; and

• Richard Davenport, president of Minnesota State University, Mankato.

They join the following candidates who were selected by the committee when it met on March 24:

• Thomas Keon, dean of business administration at the University of Central Florida;

• Dean Bresciani, former vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University;

• Priscilla Nelson, professor of civil and environmental engineering and former provost at New Jersey Institute of Technology;

• John Gardner, vice president for economic development and global engagement at Washington State University;

• Benjamin Ogles, dean of arts and sciences at Ohio University; and

• William Ruud, president at Shippensburg University.

“I think it is wonderful list of candidates; they have a great range of experiences. I am excited about the weekend of interviews,” said Steve Swiontek, committee chair. “Some of the candidates have been in North Dakota previously or are familiar with the state. Some have land-grant experience, as well. We have great potential in these eight individuals.”

According to Swiontek, the committee will meet following the last interview on April 11 to determine which candidates will participate in on-campus visits and interviews, tentatively scheduled for April 26 to May 12.

“It will probably be in the range of four to six candidates who will come to the NDSU campus,” Swiontek explained. “They’ll come to campus for approximately two days each, meeting with various constituencies on campus – faculty, staff, administration, students, Development Foundation representatives, alumni and business groups. It will be a very busy visit for them.”

The committee has been charged with providing the State Board of Higher Education at least three unranked candidates for the board’s consideration. Board members are scheduled to interview finalists on May 24.

Online archive preserves North Dakota’s historical content

Significant historical content related to Fargo-Moorhead, and more broadly to North Dakota and Minnesota, is available for research and public use through Digital Horizons, the NDSU Libraries Institute for Regional Studies and University Archives’ online archive of more than 7,000 images and documents.

The goal of Digital Horizons is to encourage the public to share historical resources and to make those resources accessible for researchers, students and the public. “This is the beginning of what the future holds for archives,” says John Bye, institute director and university archivist.

Lawnmower and snow blower clinic set for April 26

A lawnmower and snow blower clinic is set for 4 p.m. in the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering building. Cost is $30 or $40 with delivery service. To make an appointment, call 1-7261.

April Science Café planned for Tuesday, April 13

“Brain Research at NDSU: Where is the Dog and Where are My Hands? is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in Stokers Basement, Hotel Donaldson.

Walk ND Challenge begins

The NDSU Extension Service’s Walk North Dakota Challenge is planned for April 11 to June 5. Go to www.walknd.com for more information.

Transition updates available

For information about the transition to NDSU’s 14th president, go to www.ndsu/news/transition.
Digital Horizons was established in 2007 by a consortium including the Concordia College Library, NDSU Libraries Institute for Regional Studies and University Archives, Prairie Public Broadcasting and the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Contributing organizations include the Concordia College Archives, Fargo Public Library, NDSU Institute for Regional Studies and University Archives, Prairie Public Broadcasting, State Historical Society of North Dakota and Williston State College Foundation. Members have placed more than 20,000 items on Digital Horizons.

The information included in Digital Horizons, which is hosted at NDSU, depicts life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today. NDSU collections include “Dakota Lithographs and Engravings,” “H. L. Bolley Photograph Collection,” “NDSU Captured On Glass,” “Nonpartisan Leader Cartoons” and “Images from the Institute for Regional Studies.” The next collection to be released is propaganda leaflets distributed by the allies during the Korean War. Bye says the institute has perhaps the most complete collection of these leaflets in the U.S.

In the next year, the NDSU Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection will join Digital Horizons. “Joining Digital Horizons allows the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection to partner with others who have a vested interest in the history of North Dakota, the Red River Valley, NDSU and Beyond,” says Jessica Holkup, collections manager.

A digital database will allow the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection to expand their audience, enhance research potential and ensure the mission of NDSU. “A digital database really allows us to meet those needs and greatly expand our Web presence, as well as bring more people to the collection,” she says. “Additionally, the database provides us with an effective and efficient inventory system (used internally). It allows us to maintain digital records and more readily update documentation.”

John Cox, professor and head of the NDSU history, philosophy and religious studies department, is an enthusiastic supporter of Digital Horizons. “In addition to providing researchers and the public with primary documents, it heightens the university profile. Most universities have some sort of signature collection, be it archives or rare books or digitized collections,” he said. “I hope this one will grow, grow, grow, including in new directions.”

Bye says also within the next year, they hope to add documents such as letters and diaries, as well as the audio of oral histories and video clips. “These will be valuable resources for students doing research and writing on local history topics,” he said.

Digitizing resources makes them available to anyone in the world. “Recently, the American Embassy in Slovenia wanted some images from Elaine Lindgren’s Women Homesteaders collection,” Bye said. “We get requests from all over – public broadcasting companies, movie companies, book publishers and Web sites.”

Archivists use large bed format scanners and specialized scanners for resources such as slides and 35 mm negatives. The equipment scans at much higher resolutions to capture all the data on the image. “You can take a negative, zoom in with the equipment and see things you normally wouldn’t see in a print,” Bye said. “We took a negative of a barn with windows. By zooming in and looking through the windows (on the negative) you could see the stanchion in the barn.”

Archivists always are seeking donations for Digital Horizons. Bye says a common concern people have when making donations is their materials will go in a box, sit on a shelf and never see the light of day again. "Digital Horizons is one way of getting the materials accessible so that people, through discovery you might say, might find things they never even thought of looking for.”

Digital Horizons is available at www.digitalhorizonsonline.org. For more information or to make a donation, e-mail ndsu.library.archives@ndsu.edu or call 1-8914.

Cross Ranch Fellowship applications requested

Applications for the Robert H. Levis II Cross Ranch Fellowship are being accepted until April 21. The one-year award of approximately $5,000 will be given to a first- or second-year graduate student on the basis of academic record; commitment to botany, range management or a closely related aspect of natural resources management; and an interview with the faculty selection committee.

The fellowship is supported by an endowment that originated as a donation from Levis to the NDSU Development Foundation. It was later enhanced by a gift from the Gladys Allen Trust of St. Louis, given by Allen in memory of Levis, her late husband.

Located near the Missouri River west of Washburn, N.D., the well-known Cross Ranch was owned by the Levis family and is now managed by The Nature Conservancy as a significant natural area in western North Dakota.

The fellowship can be used as a stipend for the recipient or in support of graduate research expenses. Eligible students should write a letter of application, giving a concise description of their research and how receiving this fellowship would advance their research. A brief letter of support from the student’s research adviser also should be sent to the committee.

Applications, recommendations and a copy of all pertinent transcripts, can be sent to Ted Esslinger, chair of the Cross Ranch Fellowship Selection Committee, NDSU Department of Biological Sciences, Stevens Hall 218.

Athletics announces agreement with RADIO Fargo-Moorhead

NDSU Athletics announced a six-year flagship agreement with RADIO Fargo-Moorhead at a press conference on March 30.

A six-member committee at the university concluded a six-month thorough bid and negotiation process, resulting in selection of RADIO Fargo-Moorhead as the exclusive radio rights holder to NDSU athletic events.

Details of the agreement, which runs through 2016, include the Mighty 790 AM KFGO as the flagship station of Bison Athletics football and men’s and women’s basketball.

The agreement provides exclusivity on RADIO Fargo-Moorhead’s family of stations. This new partnership also brings an in-depth
promotional agreement and purchase of new equipment that will be used only by NDSU.

NDSU will have multiple signals available with 740 The FAN as the primary backup when games overlap, such as start times in basketball. The FAN also may be used to broadcast other sports such as volleyball, wrestling, baseball and softball.

Coverage in this agreement does not change the dynamics of the established Bison Radio Network or its distribution by Wallace Radio Syndication.

NDSU also announced a six-year agreement with Clear Channel Bismarck for football and a select number of basketball games. The Bison Radio Network has 13 affiliates in North Dakota and Minnesota.

The on-air talent roster on Bison football game day will remain the same. Veteran play-by-play announcer Scott Miller has accepted a position with RADIO Fargo-Moorhead.

Bison Athletic Hall of Famer and former Buffalo Bills star Phil Hansen also will return as color analyst for football broadcasts, and Jeremy Jorgenson will work the sidelines. Miller and Jorgenson will cover men’s and women’s basketball.

TRIO programs collaborate on Summer STEM Program

Upward Bound and Veterans Upward Bound, both NDSU TRIO programs, will join forces for this summer’s third Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program.

The projects typically last one to two weeks and range from science-specific topics such as “Teaching Fish How to Change Directions and Training Them To Go Through Mazes” and “Dyeing Cells,” to health-conscious topics such as “Which Fast Food Restaurant Hamburger Has the Most Fat?”

Veterans Upward Bound asked a meteorologist to speak at their summer program a few years ago and Upward Bound students were invited to participate. Kris Mickelson, director of Upward Bound, and Bruce Steele, director of Veterans Upward Bound, noticed a natural bond occurring among the Veterans Upward Bound and Upward Bound students and realized their summer programs had components that could benefit one another.

When Veterans Upward Bound participants complete a project, they teach the same project to Upward Bound students with the goal of reinforcing the concept of collaboration. Veterans Upward Bound participants forming a mentoring relationship with Upward Bound students is an added bonus.

NDSU faculty from biology and chemistry departments provide laboratory space and equipment for the projects.

Contact Mickelson at kristy.mickelson@ndsu.edu or 1-6535 or Steele at bruce.steele@ndsu.edu or 1-8543 for more information.

DIVERSITY

North Dakota University System plans diversity conference

Members of the NDSU community are invited to attend the 2010 North Dakota University System Diversity Conference on Thursday, April 22, at the Best Western Doublewood Inn Hotel in Bismarck, N.D. The host for the conference is Bismarck State College Embracing Diversity Committee.

Winona LaDuke will be the keynote speaker along with several others who will share their knowledge concerning diversity and human relations.

Conference organizers are seeking trade fair booths from interested Tribal colleges, American Indian student programs and clubs, multicultural programs, and international and diversity programs at state, tribal and private colleges to showcase their support efforts on their campuses.

To sign up for a booth at the conference, send an e-mail to Erik Cutler, director of the North Dakota College Access Challenge Program, at erik.cutler@ndus.edu.

The conference is free and open to the public. Online registration is required by April 19 at http://bismarckstate.edu/ceti/diversity.

RESEARCH

Leap Lab Renovation Grants available from FORWARD

FORWARD is accepting requests for proposals for Leap Lab Renovation Grants intended to help female Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) faculty improve lab infrastructure as a means to advance their research programs. Funds are available for lab renovation only, not for equipment or instrumentation.

Proposals are due April 23 and funds must be spent by Aug. 31. The Leap Lab Renovation Grants are supported by the FORWARD National Science Foundation grant; Office of the Vice President for Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer; and Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Total available funds are $80,000.

This grant opportunity is unique and does not replace Leap Grants, which are due May 17.

NDSU women faculty in STEM disciplines at assistant, associate and not-yet-tenured professor ranks may apply. Priority will be given to assistant professors who recently received a third-year review and to associate professors who have a minimum of two years before they intend to apply for promotion to full professor.

For more information, go to www.ndsu.edu/forward.
NDSU faculty showcase work

Kelly Sassi, assistant professor of English, presented a paper at a feminism and rhetorics conference in Lansing, Mich., with Amy Rupiper-Taggart, assistant professor of English, and graduate student Rebecca Mellem and Katie Gunter. Sassi also presented at the National Association of Multicultural Education in Denver with Denise Lajimodiere, assistant professor in the School of Education; Kim Overton, assistant professor of practice; and graduate student Katherine Bertolini. Sassi also was a presenter at the Dakota Language Conference in Rapid City, S.D., along with Clifford Canku, associate professor of English, and Bruce Maylath, professor of English. She also presented at the National Council for Teachers of English Conference in Philadelphia. While attending the National Council for Teachers of English conference, Sassi received training to be a policy advocate for National Council for Teachers of English in North Dakota.


Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has received a $675,000 appropriation from Congress to partner with Joel Hektner, associate professor of human development and family science, to implement the Early Risers Skills for Success program in four cities in North Dakota. He has a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to implement and evaluate early risers in Fargo schools. The new partnership provides an opportunity to collect more data on the effectiveness of the program at promoting positive social and emotional development in early elementary years.

Donna Terbizan, professor of health, nutrition and exercise science, attended The National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education National Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., in January. She presented “Exercise Science – Success Through Accreditation,” which outlined the success that the NDSU Exercise Science program has seen as it worked through endorsement to accreditation.

Gerald Ketterling, assistant professor in the School of Education, received a scholarship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science for a workshop in Denver, titled “Using Atlas of Science Literacy.” He participated in writing proficiency level descriptors for the North Dakota Alternate Assessment 2 in math, science and reading coordinated by State Department of Public Instruction and the National Center for Assessment.

Nordstrom-Stastny receives best proposal award

Sherri Nordstrom-Stastny, assistant professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science, received the Best Proposal Award at the annual Foodservice Educators Learning Community summit, Feb. 25-27 in Charleston, S.C.

Nordstrom-Stastny won the award for a refereed standup presentation titled “Teaching Math Online.” She developed an online curriculum for a food management course. Course objectives were to meet current learning objectives without meeting face-to-face.

Assessments were compared from 2007 and 2008 means scores to 2009 scores for same worksheets and tests using same rubric. Nordstrom-Stastny found no significant changes in learning.

Padmanabhan and Johnson publish article in Catena

G. Padmanabhan, professor of civil engineering, and Brent Johnson, graduate student in civil engineering, have written an article titled “Regression Estimates of Design Flows for Ungaged Sites Using Bankfull Geometry and Flashiness” that will appear in the international journal Catena. Padmanabhan is Johnson’s adviser.

In their study, Johnson and Padmanabhan used bankfull geometry data at 22 U.S. Geological Survey stream flow-gaging sites in the Red River Basin of Minnesota and North Dakota for developing regression estimates of flows of different return periods.

According to the authors, the bankfull geometry data produced slightly better regression equations than the basin characteristics data. The bankfull geometry regressions will be useful to predict design flows and to compare with flow estimates developed by traditional methods for ungaged sites in the Red River Basin.
NDSU students participate in birdhouse competition

NDSU beginning architecture students participated in a birdhouse design and construction competition. Their final projects were featured at the Plains Art Museum from March 25-28.

According to Joan Vorderbruggen, assistant professor of architecture, 36 students were asked to design a birdhouse for a certain type of bird, bat or owl, through interpretation of a particular architect’s design philosophy. Students explored favored environment, immediate nesting habitat, size, number of family members and patterns of use. “They are all the issues students need to know for any client they design a dwelling for,” Vorderbruggen explained.

Entries included a graphic component with a brief history of the architect and major design influences or philosophies the architect addresses, as well as specific information about the bird and the student’s design process.

During the exhibit, the general public voted for “People’s Choice for Best Overall Design.”

A bird expert, architect and local artist or craftsman also judged the projects. Awards were given for “Best Translation of the Pritzker Architect’s Design Philosophy” and “House Best Suited for Bird Species.”

Froelich receives FORWARD Leadership Development Award

Karen Froelich, associate professor in the Department of Management and Marketing and director of the master of business administration program in the College of Business, was awarded a FORWARD Leadership Development Grant. Froelich will use the leadership development award to support her participation in a series of conferences sponsored by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier accrediting agency for business schools worldwide.

The conferences, designed for academic leaders in business education, will take place during 2011-12 and will address a range of significant trends and developments in business education. In addition, attendance at these series of conferences will develop valuable interpersonal networks among business education colleagues and leaders that will benefit the NDSU College of Business.

The Leadership Development component of the FORWARD project promotes the advancement of talented, tenured women faculty by providing financial support to attend leadership training. The program is open to tenured women faculty at the rank of associate professor or professor.

Food technologist joins Northern Crops Institute staff

Rachel Brudvik joined the Northern Crops Institute staff in February as a food technologist. She will perform laboratory analyses on northern-grown crops, assist with pilot-scale processing and participate in demonstrations and training for domestic and international short course participants and trade teams.

“We welcome Rachel into her new position at Northern Crops Institute and look forward to working with her. Rachel will focus primarily on wheat and other cereal grains. However, she will work with all crops as an important addition to our technical team,” said institute director Brian Sorenson.

Brudvik, a Fargo native, earned a bachelor’s degree in food science at NDSU. She worked with canola and canola biodiesel as a research specialist from 2008-10 for the NDSU Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and was a student lab assistant for three years in the NDSU Department of Cereal and Food Science.

NDSU students named finalists of the Pave the Way challenge

NDSU senior interior design students Ashley Hansen and Amanda Weigelt were among 12 finalists competing in the Pave the Way 3D Design Challenge for college students in store design, interior design, visual merchandising and industrial design programs. Hansen was awarded third place and $1,000 for her Fendi Eyewear Display. Weigelt received an honorable mention and $500 for her Oakley Eyewear Display.

The competition offers students a chance to see their designs come to life, gain exposure at a major industry trade show and win cash awards. The student awards were announced at the A.R.E. Design Awards on March 10 at GlobalShop in Las Vegas.

Sung gives March performances

Benjamin Sung, strings instructor, gave several performances in March.

“Painting in Sound: A look at Abstract Expressionism through Arnold Schoenberg’s Verklaerte Nacht and Steve Reich’s Different Trains” was held March 4 at Minnesota State University Moorhead’s Gaede Stage and March 10 at the Stephen B. Humphrey Auditorium at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn. The lecture/recital examined the artistic relationship between German expressionism and abstract expressionism as embodied in the musical works of Schoenberg and Reich. Sung acted as presenter in addition to performing the pieces with an ensemble.

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Sung was the featured violin soloist with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra during their Masterworks concert March 13-14 at NDSU’s Festival Concert Hall. They performed “Sinfonia No. 9 in b minor” by Mendelssohn, “Pulcinella Suite” by Stravinsky and Sung was the soloist for Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons.” Sung also conducted a weekend chamber music residency in Rosemary Beach, Fla., with the Arsenal Trio, of which he is a member. The residency took place March 19-20 and featured educational concerts for schools and the public. The Arsenal Trio, which also includes NDSU piano instructor Jihye Chang, performed pieces by Tchaikovsky, Hummel and Schoenfeld.

Music faculty participate in North Dakota in conference

NDSU Music faculty and ensembles participated in the North Dakota Music Educators Association Conference in Bismarck, N.D., March 28-30.

The Statesmen, a male choir open to all NDSU students, were invited to perform during the convention at the Bismarck Civic Center. Conducted by Michael Weber, associate professor, the choir performed pieces by Aaron Copland, Leland Sateren, Gwynth Walker and The Mainstreeters.

Matthew Patnode, associate professor, and the NDSU Saxophone Quartet led a clinic focusing on the use of saxophone quartets in a high school setting to enhance the music educator’s band program. Topics included set-up of the ensemble, tuning and fingering considerations. The NDSU Saxophone Quartet includes graduate student Kohei Kameda and undergraduate students Carolyn Braus, Andrew Budke and Richard Prigge.

Warren Olfert, associate professor, presented a session titled “Rehearsing with the End in Mind” and discussed concert band rehearsal techniques from preparation to the final performance.

NDSU snowmobile team named ‘Rookie of the Challenge’

NDSU received the Rookie of the Challenge Award and finished sixth place overall during the 2010 Society of Automotive Engineers’ Clean Snowmobile Challenge held March 15-20 at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich.

NDSU, one of only three entries to complete the Endurance Run portion of the contest, was competing in the event for the first time.

NDSU’s snowmobile was the product of a senior design project for mechanical engineering majors Keith Leier, Rugby, N.D.; Steven Schmidt, Mohall, N.D.; and Michael Fegley, Berthold, N.D. Nine fellow members of the campus Society of Automotive Engineers chapter assisted them, and their driver was junior Derek Pokrzewinski, a civil engineering major from Lankin, N.D.

“We went to the competition with the goal of developing a durable snowmobile that could compete with the other teams, and we were able to do just that. Not only did we accomplish our pre-competition goals, we definitely opened some eyes and proved that NDSU’s Clean Snowmobile Team is a force to be reckoned with,” Leier said.

The competition requires engineering students to re-engineer a stock snowmobile with the goal to reduce emissions and noise while maintaining or boosting performance.

The University of Wisconsin at Madison won the 19-squad event.

Next Walk ND Challenge begins April 11

The NDSU Extension Service’s Walk North Dakota Challenge starts on April 11 and concludes June 5. The program challenges participants to walk 200 miles during the eight-week period. Participants can reach their goal by walking 10,000 steps a day at least five days a week.

“We encourage you to walk as many steps as you feel comfortable walking and keep trying to walk a little more each week,” says Linda Hauge, Walk North Dakota coordinator.

Participants with a pedometer should put it on first thing in the morning and record the number of steps taken at the end of the day. Participants without a pedometer should record one mile or 2,000 steps for every 20 minutes walked.

The steps are reported every two weeks online at www.walknd.com or on a mail-in postcard. If reported online, an e-mail message will be sent to remind participants when to report.

Participants can join as individuals or as part of a group. Groups that have not previously participated should send an e-mail to info@walknd.com. Participants do not have to live in North Dakota to participate.

The registration fee is $10 per person for anyone 19 and older or $5 for youth ages 18 and younger. 4-H Club members can participate free of charge. To register, visit www.walknd.com. For more information, contact Hauge at 1-7964 or info@walknd.com.

Nearly 3,900 people have accepted the challenge since the program began in May 2004. They have logged more than 1.5 billion steps, which is the equivalent of more than 756,000 miles.
April Science Café examines ‘Brain Research at NDSU’

We see, hear and feel effortlessly, but it is not clear how our brain orchestrates all these inputs and combines them into objects. Wolfgang Teder, associate professor of psychology, will discuss this topic during the April Science Café: “Brain Research at NDSU: Where is the Dog and Where are My Hands?” The event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Stokers Basement, Hotel Donaldson. It is free and open to the public.

“It seems to matter what we expect, what we attend to and what we decide to ignore. It also seems to matter where our hands are in space. Attention to the outside world is a mysterious and tricky phenomenon,” Teder says. “Even if we want to attend to something, we can (and will) be distracted by something unforeseen. We all turn down the volume of the radio as we drive around in a new city looking for a specific street address. In this case, the radio disturbs our visual search. On the other hand, aircraft controllers benefit from hearing a tone from the correct side shortly before a new aircraft enters the radar display. The nature of these so-called ‘links’ between the senses is still a largely uncharted area.”

Attendees must be 21 or older or accompanied a parent or guardian. For more information, contact Keri Drinka at 1-6131 or keri.drinka@ndsu.edu.

Lawnmower, snow blower clinic set

The Agricultural Systems Management Club and the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers have scheduled a lawnmower and snow blower clinic on Monday, April 26, at 4 p.m. in the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering building. A tune-up, oil change, spark plug change, air filter cleaning, gearbox oil check, blade sharpening and wash are included in the $30 fee. Pick-up and delivery service is available within Fargo, Moorhead and West Fargo city limits for an additional $10. To schedule an appointment, call the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering office at 1-7261.

Farewell event planned for Halbur

The NDSU College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences is planning a farewell reception for Kimberly Halbur, associate dean for student affairs, on Wednesday, April 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., in Sudro Hall, room 20.

Halbur has been named associate dean for diversity affairs and associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral health in the School of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia. She will begin her new position in June.

Halbur joined NDSU in 2004 and served in both administrative and faculty roles. She has overseen and created student affairs programs and published two textbooks, including the first cultural competence textbook in the field of pharmacy practice.

Local author to appear at NDSU Bookstore at Cityscapes

Author W. Scott Olsen will sign copies of his latest book, “Never Land: Adventures, Wonder and One World Record in a Very Small Plane,” on Tuesday, April 13, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the NDSU Bookstore at Cityscapes.

Olsen says there are two reasons for flying: to get somewhere and to express a deep curiosity and longing for infinity, grace and clarity. The book examines these reasons, combining accounts of touring in the air, history of flight, sensations of flying and technical acts and facts of navigating, piloting, lifting off and landing.

The book chronicles Olsen’s experiences going from beginner to seasoned pilot. Whether reflecting on airmail delivery, plotting routes from above, interviewing veterans, learning aerobatic moves or encountering history in the making, Olsen attempts to make the feel of flying a reality for earthbound readers.

Olsen is a professor of English at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. He is editor in chief of the literary journal, Ascent; author of several books including "At Speed: Traveling the Long Road between Two Points" and "Hard Air: Adventures from the Edge of Flying;" and editor of many anthologies.

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**Senior Collection Development Librarian/#00019212**
Library
$60,000+/year
April 9

**Educational Services Librarian/#00020636**
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$42,000+/year
April 23

**Research Specialist/#00025349**
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$35,000+/year
April 7

**Grant Coordinator/#00020903**
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Salary commensurate with experience
April 12

**Custodian (two positions)**
Residence Life
$19,760+/year
Open until filled

**Milling Specialist**
Northern Crops Institute
$55,000+ dependent on experience
Open until filled

**Systems Engineer/#3**
Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
Open until filled
CALENDAR

APRIL

7 Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach – Anti-Racism Level 1 Workshop, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call the Equity and Diversity Center at 1-5728 to sign up and get the room assignment.

7 International Week – Passport Drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose room

7 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag – “Marriages in India: Love Marriage vs. Arranged Marriage,” Saurav Kumar and Deepak Yadav, NDSU graduate students, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. Co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs.

7 Environmental and Conservation Sciences Green Bag – “Special ECS Seminar,” Ramaraj Boopathy, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

7 NDSU Research and Technology Park presentation – Tony Grindberg, executive director, 4 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

7 International Week – Movie of the Week, “Paris Je T’aime,” 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

7 Saxophone Chamber Night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

8 Chemistry and Molecular Biology – “Semiconducting Polymers for Organic Photovoltaics,” Mihaela C. Stefan, Department of Chemistry, University of Texas at Dallas, 4 p.m., Dunbar 152

8 Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach – Getting to Know Your Tribal Partners, “Spirit Lake Sioux Nation: ‘Ethics,’” Erich Longie, 6 p.m., Memorial Union Mandan room. A reception is planned for 4:30 p.m. in the Equity and Diversity Center.

8 Student Recital – Nathan Berg, tenor, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

8 Curtis A. Amlund Lecture Series – “Indian Gaming and American Politics: What a Story!” Steven Andrew Light, University of North Dakota professor of political science and public administration, 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union Room of Nations. Sponsored by the NDSU Department of Political Science.

8-22 Renaissance Gallery – James Rosenquist Artist in Residence Exhibit featuring Michael Namkung. Reception planned for April 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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