President Bresciani to present State of University Address

NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani is scheduled to present the annual State of the University address on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. in Festival Concert Hall in Reineke Fine Arts Center.

Bresciani will present his second State of the University Address during his administration.

He was named NDSU’s 14th president on May 24, 2010, by the State Board of Higher Education.

The speech also will be available as a script, live webcast and archived at www.ndsu.edu/president/speeches.

Committee named for information technology vice president search

NDSU Provost J. Bruce Rafert has announced the membership of the search committee for the next Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Information Technology. The selection will succeed Bonnie Neas, who has announced her planned retirement.

“This is a critically important search,” Rafert said in a letter to committee members. “Ideally, I would like to have the vice president identified so she or he can assume office on or before July 1, 2012.”

Kevin McCaul, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, is set to chair the 13-member committee.

“We are moving ahead fairly rapidly to try and attract nationally-competitive applicants,” McCaul said. “The search committee believes we are in an excellent position given the last decade of successes at the university and, more generally, the financial health of North Dakota. We plan to recruit diligently for the next six to seven weeks, to interview a group of candidates before Thanksgiving and to bring back three or four of the best applicants for lengthier on-campus interviews before Christmas. We hope that the new year will bring NDSU and information technology a strong vice president and chief information officer.”

Committee members include Jean Ostrom-Blonigen, assistant vice president for Information Technology Services; Galen Mayfield, executive director for Enterprise Computing and Application Development; Vance Gerchak, director of Telecommunications and Emergency Support Technologies; Chris Nelson, Student Government information technology commissioner; Kalpana Katti, University Distinguished Professor of civil engineering; Tom Stone Carlson, associate professor of human development and family science; Richard Rathge, professor of sociology and agribusiness and applied economics; Holly Bastow-Shoop, professor of apparel, design and hospitality management; Wendy Clarin, manager of Bison Connection and Bison Card; Randall Thursby, North Dakota University System CIO; Cheri Schoenfish, director of human resources for Microsoft; and Lisa Feldner, CIO of the North Dakota Information Technology Department in Bismarck, N.D.

Rafert has asked Garry Owens of the consulting firm AGB Search to provide assistance in the search effort.

Neas has served as vice president for information technology since 2007, when the position was first established. She joined NDSU in 1984 as manager of User Services at NDSU’s Computer Center.

Take Back the Night rally and march scheduled

A Take Back the Night event is scheduled for the first time on the NDSU campus. The rally, march through campus and candlelight vigil are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., starting in Festival Concert Hall. All NDSU faculty, students and staff are invited to participate. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/student_life/departments_and_programs/sexual_assault_prevention.
NDSU’s ‘Good Neighbor’ campaign scheduled

North Dakota State University’s fourth annual “Good Neighbor” campaign is set for Tuesday, Sept. 20. The project is a collaboration between NDSU Student Government, the Office of Orientation and Student Success, Greek Life and the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association.

During the Good Neighbor program, informational door hangers are distributed to residents in the Roosevelt neighborhood. The material includes tips on respecting and communicating with neighbors, knowing the law, maintaining physical property and important telephone numbers.

“This event is simply about getting to know your neighbors,” said Tyler Leverington, Student Government’s executive commissioner of governmental relations and student affairs. “We understand that by building relationships with our neighbors, we can work to build a better community. By getting to know our neighbors, we can also help to resolve issues before larger problems arise.”

Students and Roosevelt Neighborhood Association members will gather in the Student Activities office (located in the Memorial Union on NDSU’s main campus) at 6 p.m. for a brief kick-off event before heading out to visit up to 2,000 of the neighborhood’s residents.

Contact Aimee Sugden at aimee.sugden@my.ndsu.edu or 701-214-9152 for more information.

BIN to televise Fine Arts events

The Bison Information Network (BIN) has announced it will televise nine NDSU Division of Fine Arts events during the academic year.

The NDSU student television organization will use its new $36,000 broadcast remote system to televise five events during the fall semester and four more in the spring semester. All Fine Arts events will be seen on a tape delay basis on BIN’s on-campus channel SU TV Channel 84.

Among the televised fall events are the Oct. 21 theatre production of “The Wild Party” and the Dec. 11 Messiah concert. The spring semester will include telecasts of the Feb. 11 Jazz Festival and NDSU Opera Theatre’s production of The Mikado on May 4.

John Miller, NDSU Division of Fine Arts director, said, “What a great initiative, and an opportunity for campus cooperation. We’re delighted to work with the BIN on this project.”

Andrew Young, BIN general manager, said, “The BIN has taken the next big step to offering real experience to students at NDSU in the television field with this remote system. I’m excited to see the system implemented and students gaining real and hands-on experience. Our remote system is opening many doors of opportunity for BIN and the university.”

Contact Young at andrew.j.young@my.ndsu.edu or 701-426-9782, or Miller at ej.miller@ndsu.edu or 1-7933 for more information.

‘Bring Back the Magic’ telethon assists Minot area flood recovery

NDSU’s radio station, KDSU 91.9, was a participant in the Prairie Public Broadcasting network’s Sept. 12 airing of the “Bring Back the Magic” telethon for the Minot Area Community Foundation. The effort raised $1.9 million to help people affected by flooding in the Minot, N.D., area. Television stations, radio outlets and cable operations across the state carried the event.

NDSU is the license holder for KDSU radio (91.9 FM), which is a station in the Prairie Public Broadcasting statewide network. NDSU requested and received a waiver from the Federal Communications Commission to air the program.

The broadcast originated from Ann Nicole Nelson Hall in Old Main on the Minot State University campus. In a news release before the event, Ken Kitzman, president of the Minot Area Community Foundation, said, “I have no doubt that the telethon will reach its goals. The focus and generosity of the organizers makes it a sure fire success. And once again, we are humbled in Minot by the time and effort and care so many people continue to show as we work to recover from flooding.”

Proceeds from the telethon go to the Minot Area Recovery Fund established by the foundation to play an active role in flood relief throughout the greater Minot area, including Ward, Renville, Bottineau and McHenry Counties.

The foundation reports approximately 12,000 people in the Minot area were displaced from their homes, and more than 4,100 homes were affected by the summer flood.

The fundraiser also was aired by television and radio stations in Minot, Bismarck, Fargo, Dickinson and Williston. For more information, visit www.centerforcommunitygiving.com.

Advanced Imaging and Microscopy Core Laboratory details available

Recent activities and a detailed description of equipment in the Advanced Imaging and Microscopy Core Laboratory are presented in the newsletter posted on the Department of Animal Sciences “News and Events” Web page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc/files/Newsletter%20Summer%202011.pdf.

The laboratory facility is available for researchers and students from NDSU and regional institutions.

NDSU Bookstore behind-the-scenes tours offered

Behind-the-scenes tours of the NDSU Bookstore are being offered. Individuals, departments and classes can arrange to learn about the textbook process; the Espresso Bookmaking machine; the art and supply department; and the clothing, gift and electronics department.

Contact Dolly Wadholm at 1-5671 to arrange a tour.
Transportation Institute names honorees for awards banquet

Former NDSU president Jim Ozbun will be among the honorees at the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute’s annual awards banquet Oct. 6. The banquet honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the transportation industry in the region.

Additional honorees include Neal Fisher, administrator of the North Dakota Wheat Commission, and Twin Cities agribusiness leader John Case. Five scholarships also will be presented to undergraduate students at the event. Tickets to the banquet are $30 and should be reserved by Sept. 23 by calling 1-7767. For more information on the banquet, visit www.ugpti.org/awards.

Fisher will receive the Agrey Award, the highest award given by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute.

Fisher has served as administrator since 1998. He previously served as deputy administrator and as a marketing specialist with the Wheat Commission. Fisher has served as chair of the institute’s advisory council since 2006 providing guidance and leadership for programs and initiatives.

The award is named for John M. Agrey, a pioneer, innovator and advocate for transportation who worked for more than 30 years with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Case, a long-time leader in agricultural marketing, finance and management, will receive the lifetime achievement award. Case is a consultant on projects related to finance, grain procurement, agricultural markets and railroad investments. He was previously CEO and president of the Kellogg Commission Co. and Kellogg Commodities in Minneapolis. He served in a similar capacity with the Atwood Kellogg and Atwood Commodities division of ConAgra Inc. He is a 45-year member of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has had a distinguished career in a transportation-related field.

Ozbun will receive the Chairman’s Award, which recognizes an individual for contributions to transportation research, education and outreach at NDSU and contributions to the viability of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute.

Ozbun served as NDSU president from 1988 to 1995 and supported the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute as it diversified from its agricultural roots to a broader focus on freight and personal mobility.

Ozbun and his wife, Sonja, are retired and live near Dickinson, N.D., where they ranch and raise registered Hereford cattle and registered quarter horses. During retirement, Ozbun continues to be active with Boy Scouts and Rotary International.

The institute also will present five scholarships to undergraduates at the event. College of Business students Steven Firth and Jonathan Roswick will receive the Paul E. R. Abrahamson Transportation Scholarship, which is awarded to students who demonstrate interest in the transportation and logistics of agricultural commodities and processed agricultural products. Funding for the $1,500 scholarships is provided by the Mountain-Plains Consortium as a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s University Transportation Centers Program.

Civil engineering students Jared Loegering and Kathryn Garceau will receive the Transportation Engineering Scholarship, which is awarded to students who have an interest in transportation and display academic excellence. Funding for the $1,500 scholarships is provided by the Mountain-Plains Consortium as a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s University Transportation Centers Program.

Garceau also will receive the Charles E. Herman Scholarship, which is presented to a transportation student who demonstrates academic achievement with a preference to women and minorities at NDSU. Funding for one $2,000 scholarship is provided by the Charles E. Herman Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Transportation security blog launched

The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at NDSU has launched a transportation security blog to serve as a go-to source for past and current links to videos, news articles and publications on topics related to transportation security issues both domestically and internationally.

The blog is moderated by the institute’s associate research fellow Jarrett Brachman and research associate NeTia Richards, and can be found at http://security.ugpti.org/. Posts to the blog also are linked via FaceBook and Twitter.

“There is a lot of ‘noise’ in the blogosphere, with individuals clouding issues with agendas and opinions,” Brachman said. “What was lacking, particularly related to transportation security, was a single succinct source that brings together a wide variety of factual reporting and scholarly work on key issues. That’s the void we’re filling.”

Recent posts have focused on transit impacts of hurricane Irene and the East Coast earthquake. Other topics include changes to air cargo screenings, arrests in a fake bomb incident in Arizona, real-time video monitoring on transit buses and potential impacts of budget reductions on transportation security.

Another recent post linked to a review of the Mass Transit Security Monograph produced by the 9/10/11 Project: Are We Ready for the Day Before Tomorrow? The review was written by Richards and published by Mass Transit Magazine’s online security newsletter. The review can be found at http://o.masstransitmag.com/interactive/category/transit-security/. The 9/10/11 Project’s original monograph is located at http://homelandcouncil.org/pdfs/digital_library_pdfs/hsdbc91011projectmasstransitsecurity.pdf.
Department receives Advance FORWARD award

The Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences received the Advance FORWARD Department Award at the Sept. 1 FORWARD kick-off event for the year. The award is presented annually by the Commission on the Status of Women Faculty to recognize and reward significant department efforts to improve campus climate and gender equity within the faculty ranks.

Since 2000, the department has made significant changes in its structure regarding gender. It went from a department with five women who were senior lecturers and assistant professors (except for one associate professor) to a department in 2011 that includes eight women, four of whom are associate professors and one full professor. The department has a history over the past seven years of having one-third of its PTE committee consisting of women. The department has worked hard to support faculty in all aspects of career development through strong start-up packages and course releases, and providing opportunities for leadership. The success of the department is demonstrated in the strength of the research done by women and that women supervise 75 percent of the lab space in the department.

There were two other strong nominations for the award: the Department of Accounting, Finance and Information Systems and the Department of Computer Science and Operations Research.

Another $5,000 Advance FORWARD Department Award will be given in 2012, considering department strategies that make progress in supporting and advancing the five core FORWARD goals:

- Improve climate: provide strategies to improve department climate and narrow the gap between men’s and women’s perceptions of campus climate.
- Enhance recruitment: employing recruiting strategies to recruit women, women of color, and women with disabilities.
- Increase retention: strategies to retain women in the department through the probationary period and the promotion/tenure process.
- Promote and advance women: strategies to support women associate professors as they move to full professor, and hire advanced women.
- Open leadership opportunities: strategies to promote women faculty in academic leadership positions.

Defensive driving courses offered

Two defensive driving courses will be offered at NDSU this fall by the N.D. Department of Transportation. The classes are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Plains room and Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Arikara room.

Fleet Services requires individuals who operate fleet vehicles, on at least a monthly basis, to take the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course as soon as practical after accepting employment and every four years thereafter. Training for individuals who operate fleet vehicles less than monthly is at the discretion of agency trainers or risk managers. Fleet Services also requires people who have been involved in a motor vehicle accident with a state fleet vehicle or have received a traffic citation while operating a state fleet vehicle in the past 12 months, to attend the defensive driving course within the calendar year of the accident or citation.

The University Police and Safety Office encourages people who operate state fleet vehicles less than monthly to attend the defensive driving course. However, priority will be given to individuals who meet the requirements above.

Contact Tammy Aronson at tammy.aronson@ndsu.edu or 1-5637 to register.

NDSU’s Panhellenic Council to receive awards

NDSU’s Panhellenic Council will be recognized by the National Panhellenic Conference, one of the nation’s largest organizations for women, during its annual meeting Oct. 15 in Austin, Texas.

The NDSU Panhellenic Council will receive the conference’s Overall Excellence Award and Leadership Award. The council has hosted 21 programs on health, diversity and risk management, 11 intersorority programs, 13 campus and community service programs and six faculty and administration projects.

Philanthropy projects highlighted student participation in Martin Luther King Jr. Day events, volunteering for bingo games and caroling at a seniors center, supporting the local Kiwanis pancake fundraiser and donating clothes to an eating disorder treatment facility. Other efforts included helping serve traditional Thanksgiving meals for the University Lutheran Center to sandbagging assistance during the spring flooding.

College Panhellenics, which are governance groups comprised of sororities on a campus, are recognized for leadership, progress, overall excellence, community service, philanthropy, public relations, risk management, recruitment and scholarship.

The NDSU group is among 15 College Panhellenic groups scheduled to be recognized.

The National Panhellenic Conference is the umbrella group for 26 national and international sororities present on more than 600 college campuses. Visit www.npcwomen.org for more information.
Individuals who complete the training will have the opportunity to identify themselves as a resource for people seeking information and guidance on issues related to alcohol and other drug use.

“The LIVE Real Mentor Program provides individuals with baseline information that they can use to impact people’s lives,” said Gene Taylor, chair of the President’s Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs. “We believe this program will help us begin to change the campus culture to one that supports low-risk decisions related to alcohol and other drugs.”

The President’s Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs is a council appointed in 2007 and is made up of faculty, staff and students who are working to reduce high-risk alcohol and other drug use within the NDSU campus.

For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/alcoholinfo. To schedule an individual training session for your department or student organization, contact Erika Beseler Thompson at 1-5478 or erika.beseler@ndsu.edu.

NDSU Women’s Club increases volunteer efforts

This summer, the NDSU Women’s Club began an ACTion Team for community volunteering. Club members and guests participated in the Habitat for Humanity Woman Build project in West Fargo, as well as the United Way backpack project, filling backpacks with school supplies at the Fargodome and distributing backpacks to children at Concordia Fieldhouse.

The club began as an invitation-only club for faculty wives and staff in 1925, serving tea at the President’s home and participating in volunteer activities. Today, the club is open to any woman who supports the academic mission of NDSU.

According to Sandy Huseby, NDSU Women’s Club communications co-ordinator, the club is returning to its roots of service, but expanding to serve the entire community. “Just as the scope of its volunteering has grown, the club itself has, as well,” she said. “The club has kept pace with the changing times and vision of the university.”

Interest groups meet regularly each month to offer networking and learning opportunities. Groups include International Women’s Group, Midday Meetup, Book Group, Poetry Writers Group, Valley Gardeners, Sewing Group and Gourmet Group. The umbrella organization hosts three seasonal events, and past speakers have included NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani. They also award scholarship funds annually.

For more information about NDSU Women’s Club, email womensclub.ndsu@gmail.com, visit “NDSU Women’s Club” Facebook page or write NDSU Women’s Club, P.O. Box 1404, Fargo ND 58107.

Youth Development Webinar Series set

The first webinar in the 2011-12 Youth Development “Brown Bag” Webinar Series is scheduled for Oct. 12. "Impact Through the Experiential Learning Delivery Model" is the title of the webinar.

The NDSU Extension Service and University of Minnesota Extension host the series, which provides live, interactive learning experiences that participants can complete at their own computer during the lunch hour. Participants are able to interact with the instructor in real time and join in interactive discussions, questions and polls.

Additional webinars in the series and their dates include:

- Dec. 14: “Supporting Military Youth and Families in Your Communities”
- Feb. 8, 2012: “Culturally Responsive Youth Work Matters”
- April 18, 2012: “Natural Spaces: A Place for Positive Youth Development”

All webinars are Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The webinar series is free for participants, but registration is required. Register at www.surveymonkey.com/s/YDwebinar2011-12.

Direct questions to Sharon Query at sharon.query@ndsu.edu or Kari Robideau at robideau@umn.edu.

LIVE Real Mentor training dates scheduled

NDSU’s President’s Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs is sponsoring several upcoming training dates for the LIVE Real Mentor Program.

The program’s goal is to increase the knowledge of the NDSU community about the effects of high-risk alcohol and drug use and how to take further steps to promote an environment of safe and responsible attitudes toward alcohol. The program fulfills an objective of the “President’s Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Strategic Plan to Address High Risk Alcohol and Other Drug Use.”

NDSU students, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming one-hour training sessions. The following sessions will be offered during the fall semester:

- Thursday, Oct. 13 – Noon, Memorial Union Prairie room
- Tuesday, Nov. 15 – 4 p.m., Barry Hall 360
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 – Noon, Memorial Union Prairie room.

A special, marijuana-focused LIVE REAL Mentor Training session also is scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 25, at noon in the Memorial Union Prairie room. The session will provide more information on the harmful effects of marijuana, how to recognize and refer students struggling with marijuana use and dispel myths about marijuana use.
New research says sweets help your disposition

A new study by NDSU alumni and a faculty member suggests people with a “sweet tooth” have sweeter dispositions. The research was conducted by Brian Meier, PhD ’05 and an associate professor of psychology at Gettysburg College; Michael D. Robinson, NDSU professor of psychology; and Sara Moeller, MS ’08, PhD ’11, and assistant professor at Saint Xavier University.

The paper, “Sweet Taste Preferences and Experiences Predict Pro-Social Inferences, Personalities, and Behaviors,” has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

According to Meier, “Taste is something we experience every day. Our research examined whether metaphors for taste preferences and experiences can be used to shed light on personality traits and behavior.”

In one study, the authors found participants who ate a sweet food (a piece of Dove’s chocolate) versus a non-sweet food (a cracker) or no food were more likely to volunteer to help another person in need. The authors also found that people believe that a person who likes sweet foods like candy or chocolate cake is also more agreeable or helpful.

“It is striking that helpful and friendly people are considered ‘sweet’ because taste would seem to have little in common with personality or behavior. Yet, recent psychological theories of embodied metaphor led us to hypothesize that seemingly innocuous metaphors can be used to derive novel insights about personality and behavior,” said Meier.

Robinson said, “Our results suggest there is a robust link between sweet tastes and pro-social behavior. Such findings reveal that metaphors can lead to unique and provocative predictions about people’s behaviors and personality traits.”

The authors also showed that people who like sweet foods versus individuals who do not were higher in the personality trait of agreeableness and were more likely to volunteer to help clean up their city after it experienced a major flood. In other words, the authors demonstrated people can predict how helpful or nice someone is based on whether he or she prefers eating sweet foods.

Miles Riemer-Peltz of Gettysburg College also was a co-author of the paper.

Assistant professor meets with FEMA officials


The article presents a principle-based process to developing measures of return on investment for preparedness grant programs and also suggests a framework of outcomes that can be used to develop meaningful measures.

The International Association of Emergency Managers invited Jensen to collaborate with the organization to address the issue of how return on investment should be measured for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. The program’s funds are a critical source of support for local, state, tribe and territory emergency management across the United States. The program is designed to offer local, state, tribe and territory jurisdictions up to a 50 percent match to their investment in building capacity within their jurisdiction. The association gathered a working group to discuss and validate an approach to measuring return on investment suggested by Jensen. Based on the group’s discussion, Jensen developed her paper.

Jensen and International Association of Emergency Managers president H. E. "Eddie" Hicks, first vice president Hui-Shan Walker and policy adviser Martha Braddock will meet with key officials to present Jensen’s paper and discuss next steps.

Assistant wrestling coach named

NDSU head wrestling coach Roger Kish announced hiring Manny Rivera as assistant coach.

"We are excited to have Manny on board," said Kish during the Aug. 30 announcement. "His passion and excitement for the sport will help elevate this program to a new level. I believe our wrestlers will feed off the energy brought to the program by our staff.”

Rivera joins the program after spending last year as an assistant coach at the University of Virginia and two years as a graduate assistant at the University of Minnesota. A native of El Monte, Calif., Rivera was a three-time NCAA qualifier at Minnesota and earned All-America honors as a senior. He graduated in 2008 with a degree in psychology.
The NDSU Development Foundation and Alumni Association have announced several staff changes.

Carol Gustad, certified public accountant, has been named associate executive director for finance. Gustad graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a bachelor’s degree in accounting and from Mankato State University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Her previous employment includes the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation and Fiebiger, Swanson, West and Co. Gustad and her husband, Tom, live in Fargo.

Jacob Tetteh has been named senior accountant. In 1986, he earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting. He received his certified public accountant certification in 1990. He served as accountant for ShareHouse Inc., completes seasonal tax preparation with H & R Block and while employed by G R Graphics Inc., was promoted to controller. Tetteh and his wife, Nancy, live in Moorhead.

Kenny Anderson is director of building and grounds for the NDSU Alumni Center. With a bachelor’s degree in business, Anderson brings more than 13 years of facility management experience. Anderson and his wife, Kristen, live in Fargo with their three children.

Amanda Sosa, with more than 10 years of experience in event planning, management, customer service, and accounting, has assumed the role as NDSU Alumni Center director. Sosa has a bachelor’s degree in marketing management and an associate degree in accounting. She and her husband, Ramon, have two children and live in Moorhead.

The public is invited to a reception to kick off the 2011 Dakota Memories Heritage Tour on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at NDSU’s Main Library (1201 Albrecht Blvd.). Attendees will hear opening remarks from Clifford Canku from NDSU’s North Dakota Studies Program, and a presentation on the Libraries’ Institute for Regional Studies, Archives and Germans from Russia Heritage Collection. Refreshments will be served.

Participants on the Dakota Memories Heritage Tour will journey for three days through south central North Dakota and will experience a variety of German-Russian cultural activities.

For more information about the reception or the Dakota Memories Heritage Tour, visit library.ndsu.edu/grhc/dakotamemories/heritage/index.html or contact Acacia Stuckle at 701-231-6596 or acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu.

Sponsors for the event include the NDSU Libraries, the NDSU Extension Service’s Center for Community Vitality and Prairie Public Broadcasting.

A Take Back the Night event is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., starting in Festival Concert Hall. All NDSU faculty, students and staff are invited to participate.

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Animal sciences presentation scheduled

Robert Maddock, associate professor of animal science, will present “Renewal on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation: Land, Cattle, Beef and People,” on Friday, Sept. 16, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Hultz Hall room 104. The presentation is part of the Animal Science Graduate Seminar Series and is open to all interested students, faculty and staff.

Maddock earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in animal science at NDSU and doctorate in meat science at Texas A&M, College Station. Prior to joining NDSU, he spent five years at South Dakota State University where he was the Extension meat specialist.

Maddock teaches several classes at NDSU including meat judging, meat processing and beef production. He conducts research in the areas of adding value to beef through production and processing management.

Bison BEST robotics competition set

NDSU’s College of Engineering and Architecture will kick off the Bison BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) Robotics Competition on Saturday, Sept. 17. The six-week competition will conclude Oct. 28-29 at the Fargo Civic Auditorium. This is the fifth year that NDSU has hosted a hub for BEST Robotics.

The competition offers hands-on, real world, engineering-based experience to middle and high school students. The mission of BEST Robotics is to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology and math through participation in a sports-like robotics competition.

A total of 29 schools are competing this year. At the kick-off event, each school receives an identical kit of equipment and parts and a set of game rules. The team then has six weeks to design, build and test a radio-controlled robot that will outperform other robots. The competition is free for schools to participate.

There are two parallel competitions. The first competition is a robotics game, which is based on an annual theme with four teams competing at once in a series of three-minute matches. The other competition is for the BEST Award, which is presented to the team that best embodies the concept of “Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology.” Elements include a project engineering notebook, oral presentation, table display, and spirit and sportsmanship.

Engineers and other technical professionals from local industries serve as team mentors who advise and guide students through the design and construction of their robot.

Competition organizers are looking for volunteers to serve as judges and referees during the Oct. 28-29 Game Day events. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Joel Hanson at 1-9676 or joel.hanson@ndsu.edu. For more information about the competition, contact Nancy Rossland at nancy.rossland@ndsu.edu or 1-7994. More information also is available at www.bestinc.org and www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/cea/bison_best_new/.

Hazard awareness and disaster preparedness expo scheduled

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency region eight are scheduled to attend NDSU’s fourth annual Preparedness Expo on Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union. The Expo, sponsored by the NDSU student chapter of the International Association of Emergency Managers, will focus on fostering hazard awareness and disaster preparedness amongst the Fargo Moorhead community.

FEMA representatives will present two breakout sessions on the topic of the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also will have subject matter experts from the mitigation and preparedness branches of the regional office located in Denver available. Many local organizations that play a role in emergency preparedness also will participate in the Expo.

Breakout session itinerary:

- Topic: FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (SESSION ONE)
  Presenter: David Kyner, FEMA region eight
  Time: 10 a.m.
  Location: Memorial Union Hidatsa room

- Topic: Best Practices in Business Continuity
  Presenter: Jason Schlueter, NDSU Department of Emergency Management graduate student
  Time: 11 a.m.
  Location: Memorial Union Hidatsa room

- Topic: Active Shooter Preparedness for the Workplace and Beyond
  Presenter: Dustin Jensen, NDSU emergency management project director and NDSU University Police
  Time: 2 p.m.
  Location: Memorial Union Hidatsa room

- Topic: FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (SESSION TWO)
  Presenter: David Kyner, FEMA region eight
  Time: 3 p.m.
  Location: Memorial Union Hidatsa room

The Fargo Fire Department, Fargo SWAT, American Red Cross, Fargo-Moorhead Ambulance and other organizations also will display their response vehicles to the public on the west side of the Memorial Union.

To reserve a spot in any of the breakout sessions, RSVP to Blake.Nelson.2@ndsu.edu.
Fall Transportation Seminar Series scheduled

The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute has scheduled weekly transportation seminars throughout the fall semester. Everyone is welcome to attend the presentations, which will be offered Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the IACC, room 422.

Presenters from within and outside the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute will cover a variety of transportation-related topics throughout the semester. The goal of the series is to introduce new developments in the transportation field and topics such as ethics and communication in the workplace. The seminar format also provides the opportunity for questions and discussion.

Jill Hough, program director of the Small Urban and Rural Transportation Center, organized the seminar series to help students and attendees understand the many facets of transportation. Hough said, “Many times we each have a specific focus in our studies or research, but it is important to be aware of all the other things that are happening in the transportation field.”

Presentation recordings will be available at www.ugpti.org/events/seminar.

Fall Transportation Seminar Series schedule:

Sept. 20  Tim Horner, program director, Transportation Learning Network/Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, “Transportation Finance”

Sept. 27  Alan Dybing, associate research fellow, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, “Western North Dakota Traffic Model”

Oct. 4    Jarret Brachman, associate research fellow, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, “Transportation Security”

Oct. 11  Tom Balzer, executive director, North Dakota Motor Carriers Association, “Motor Carrier Industry”

Oct. 18  Dan Zink, director of administration, Red River Valley and Western, “All things Railroad: Big and Small”

Oct. 25  Del Peterson, associate research fellow, Small Urban and Rural Transportation Center/Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, “Built Environment”

Nov. 1  Jeremy Mattson, associate research fellow, Small Urban and Rural Transportation Center/Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, “Marginal Cost Pricing”

Nov. 8  Jill Hough, program director, Small Urban and Rural Transportation Center/Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, “Ethics in the workplace”

Nov. 15  Carol Wright, associate director outreach and training, Small Urban and Rural Transportation Center/Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, “How to give a Presentation”

Nov. 22  Andrea Huseth, associate research fellow, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, “Occupant Protection in North Dakota”

Nov. 29  Gene Griffin, director, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute

Dec. 6  Dioso Motuba, associate research fellow, Advanced Traffic Analysis Center/Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute

‘Woman Up!’ workshop scheduled

A workshop to help area women enhance their careers is scheduled for Sept. 20 at the NDSU Alumni Center.

The “Woman Up! Take Control of your Career” workshop is sponsored by the Small Urban and Rural Transit Center, a program of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at NDSU. The workshop is intended for senior managers, managers and future managers.

Space for the all-day workshop is limited to the first 30 participants. The registration cost is $165. For more information, call 1-7767; and to register, visit www.AchievingSkills.com/surtc.

Holly Herman, a former CEO in the financial industry, marathon runner, entrepreneur and trained executive coach, will facilitate the workshop. Herman created the workshop to give women tools and tips to take control of their work life. As a trained executive coach, she helps corporate executives and entrepreneurs enhance their lives and careers.

Photographer Dewitt Jones scheduled to speak at NDSU

Professional photographer and creativity expert Dewitt Jones will give a special presentation on how to make life more of a joy on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Festival Concert Hall in the Reineke Fine Arts Center. The presentation is free for students, but limited seating is available so tickets are required to attend. For ticket information, visit www.ndsu.edu/business.

The presentation, “Extraordinary Visions! An Evening with Dewitt Jones,” is part of the College of Business’ Thought Leader Series.

Where do we find the vision to take our lives to the next level? How can we make our life less of a struggle and more of a joy? For Jones, answers to these questions lie in the images we hold about ourselves, our future and the way in which we grow.

Jones spent 20 years with National Geographic photographing stories around the globe and also is a motion picture director and lecturer. He rose to the forefront of creative marketing by photographing national advertising campaigns for organizations such as Dewar’s Scotch, Canon and United Airlines. He also has published nine books including “California,” “John Muir’s America” and most recently “The Nature of Leadership,” in collaboration with Stephen R. Covey and Roger Merrill. Dewitt also had two films nominated for Academy Awards before he was 30: “Climb” (1974) and “John Muir’s High Sierra” (1974).

Lead funding for the presentation is provided by the SU Impact Fund, NDSU Development Foundation, College of Business Legacy Program students and the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management in the College of Human Development and Education.

Student tickets for the presentation also are available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 19 in the Memorial Union or in the dean’s suite in Richard H. Barry Hall. Faculty members can obtain a ticket if they can reasonably guarantee a minimum of 15 students will attend the event. Email tls.ndsu@live.com for more information.
Meningitis clinic set for Sept. 22

NDSU Student Health Service has scheduled a meningitis immunization clinic for Thursday, Sept. 22, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Prairie Rose Room in the Memorial Union. The meningitis immunization is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by the American College Health Association for all incoming freshmen who will be living in residence halls and fraternity or sorority houses. The vaccination clinic is offered for students who received one dose prior to age 16, and for those who have not been vaccinated against meningococcal disease previously.

No appointments are necessary, but an NDSU ID is required. Charges will be billed directly to the student’s account. Students unable to attend the clinic may schedule an appointment to receive the meningitis vaccine at the Student Health Service by calling 1-7531 after Sept. 22.

Students under the age of 18 as of Sept. 21, 2010, will need an informed consent form, completed by a parent or legal guardian, before they receive the vaccine. To obtain the form, contact Student Health Service.

Adolescents and young adults account for nearly 30 percent of all cases of meningitis in the United States. Due to lifestyle factors such as crowded living situations, bar patronage, active or passive smoking and sharing of personal items, college students living in residence halls are more likely to acquire meningococcal disease than the general college population.

Approximately 100 to 125 cases of meningococcal disease occur on college campuses each year, and five to 15 students will die as a result. One in five of those who survive will suffer from long-term side effects, such as brain damage, hearing loss, seizures or limb amputation.

Pride Network meetings scheduled

The Pride Network, an organization formed to advocate for and foster a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer employees of NDSU, has scheduled monthly meetings for the 2011-12 year.

Meetings typically take place the fourth Friday of the month at noon. Interested people can email NDSU.PrideNetwork@ndsu.edu or kristen.benson@ndsu.edu for meeting locations.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer identified faculty, staff and graduate students are invited to bring a lunch and join the conversation.

Pride Network meeting dates include:

- Sept. 23
- Oct. 28
- Dec. 2
- Jan. 27
- Feb. 24
- March 23
- April 27

A back-to-school kickoff event also is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Usher’s House located at 700 1st Ave. N. in Moorhead.

Visit www.ndsu.edu/safezone/pride_network for more information on Pride Network.

For more information on upcoming Pride Network meetings, contact Kristen Benson, chair of the NDSU Pride Network, at kristen.benson@ndsu.edu or 1-5879.

History, philosophy and religious studies colloquia scheduled

NDSU’s Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies has announced Larry Alderink, professor emeritus of comparative religion at Concordia College, Moorhead, will present the first talk in the department’s 2011-12 colloquia. The talk is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m. in Putnam 101. Refreshments will be served.

Alderink’s talk, “Religion and History: What’s Next?” combines elements of religious studies, history, and social sciences. He contends the long and complex history of the academic study of religion in Western academic institutions originates in theological concerns, philosophical inquiry, historical investigation, contact with non-European and non-American cultures and, more recently, theoretical work and the social sciences. The past quarter-century has seen the growth of the cognitive study of religion, owing to developments in neuroscience, anthropology, psychology and comparative studies.

He will explore themes and issues in the cognitive study of religion, especially as it offers a rigorous scholarly approach to investigating and explaining religious phenomena that does not rest on a particular religious faculty or religious experience, a revelation from a deity or deities or the control of religious specialists or political rulers.

Alderink majored in classics and philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. and earned a master’s degree and doctorate in history of religions at the University of Chicago. He has published articles in scholarly journals, book reviews and “Creation and Salvation in Ancient Orphism.”

For more information or special accommodations, contact Dennis Cooley at 1-7038 or dennis.cooley@ndsu.edu.
Event scheduled to inspire young women to pursue math

The Department of Mathematics will host a mathematics event for young women titled “Sonia Kovalevsky Mathematics High School Day” on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Minard Hall room 136.

High school teachers throughout North Dakota and Western Minnesota have been invited to bring female students, grades nine through 12, to NDSU to meet mathematics faculty, professional women from the Fargo area who use math in their careers and other high school students who are interested in math.

The event includes activities and games. All participants will receive books and prizes. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Kovalevsky was the most widely known Russian mathematician of the late 19th century. She was the first woman to earn a doctorate in mathematics. She received the prestigious Frix Bordin from the French Academie des Sciences for one of her research papers in 1888 and was appointed to full professor of mathematics at Stockholm in 1889.

The program is supported by a grant from the Association for Women in Mathematics, Elisabeth City State University and the National Security Agency. Additional funding has been provided by the NDSU Office of the Provost, NDSU FORWARD, the College of Science and Mathematics and the Department of Mathematics.

Visit http://math.ndsu.nodak.edu/sonia/for more information.

Pharmaceutical sciences research lecture scheduled

Distinguished scientist Eric Wong will present a research lecture on “Glioblastoma: Tumor Biology, Treatment and Diet” Thursday, Sept. 29, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Sudro Hall room 26. The seminar is part of a series of research lectures sponsored by the pharmaceutical sciences department in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences. It is open to anyone interested in pharmaceutical and biomedical research.

Dr. Wong, who is an associate professor of neurology, director of the Neuro-Oncology Unit and co-director of the Brain Tumor Center at the Department of Neurology/Harvard Medical School, also will meet with pharmaceutical sciences department faculty and graduate students during his visit to NDSU.

Wong earned his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and Doctor of Medicine degree from Rutgers Medical School. He has published 68 peer-reviewed papers and numerous abstracts. Wong’s research has been funded by National Institutes of Health and pharmaceutical and biomedical companies. Wong has received numerous honors, including Saul R. Korey Award in Experimental Neurology of American Academy of Neurology. He has served on advisory boards of DepoCyt (Chiron Therapeutics), Gliadel (Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Inc.) and Keppra (UCB Pharma Inc.). Wong is president of the Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists.

For more information on the seminar, contact Jagdish Singh at 1-7943.

Drug Discovery seminar scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 28

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Tri-College networking event scheduled for STEM women faculty

The Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach and FORWARD will host a Tri-College STEM women’s faculty networking event on Sept. 29, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Ecce Gallery, 216 N. Broadway.

The event aims to bring tenured and tenure-track faculty from Concordia, Minnesota State University Moorhead and NDSU together to get to know each other and inspire STEM-related research and teaching projects.

The cost to attend is $5, to cover costs of refreshments, which can be paid at the door.

To register, visit www.ndsu.edu/forward and click on the Tri-College networking event.

Contact Ann Burnett at ann.burnett@ndsu.edu or Kara Gravley-Stack at kara.gravley-stack@ndsu.edu for more information.

Anthropology assistant professor publishes work on 9/11

Joy Sather-Wagstaff, assistant professor of anthropology, had her photo and research narrative essay titled, “Re/placing the World Trade Center” published in Anthropology News, the monthly publication for members of the Anthropological Association of America.

The essay is available on the Anthropology News website at www.anthropology-news.org/. In addition, her photograph of the Tribute in Light Memorial is featured on the Anthropological Association of America’s homepage at www.aaanet.org/.

Sather-Wagstaff returned to New York City Sept. 10-12, the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, for ongoing research at the former World Trade Center site as part of her longitudinal study on tourism at the site as it continues to become a formal memorial site and home to a future memorial museum.

Management associate professor’s articles to be published

Joseph Szmerekovsky, associate professor of management, had two articles accepted for publication.

“Teaching Critical Chain Project Management: The Academic Debate and Illustrative Examples,” co-written with Will Milhiser, was accepted to INFORMS Transactions on Education.

“An Integer Programming Formulation for the Project Scheduling Problem with Irregular Time-Cost Tradeoffs,” co-written with Prahalad Venkateshen, was accepted to Computers and Operations Research.
Center for Global Initiatives director publishes articles

Newell Wright, director of the Center for Global Initiatives, recently had three journal articles accepted for publication in refereed journals.

The first article, co-written with Val Larsen, an associate professor of marketing at James Madison University, is titled "Every Brick Tells a Story: Study Abroad as an Extraordinary Experience." The paper will be published in the August 2012 edition of the Journal of Consumer Education Review.

According to the authors, research on study abroad programs traditionally focuses on logistics or the development of attitudes and skills. Less attention has been given to the subjective value of the participants’ experience, which is the focus of the study. Drawing insights from an evolving genre of graffiti data and autodriving interviews, the study identifies dimensions of the study abroad experience that cause participants to describe it as life changing and the best experience of their lives. Key dimensions include program-directed and self-directed travel, magic moments and the experience of “communitas.” The article discusses the implications of its findings for study abroad program management.

A second article, also co-written with Larsen, is titled "Bringing Culture Alive in the Marketing Classroom: Using the Novel 'Speaker for the Dead' to Teach Global Marketing." The article will be published in the Academy of Educational Leadership Journal in March 2012.

According to the authors, cultural awareness and sensitivity is one of the most important topics in international marketing courses. But when students have little or no personal experience dealing with different cultures, it can be difficult for them to deeply understand the manifold ways in which cultural differences and consequent misunderstandings affect global marketing effectiveness. The article proposes a pedagogical remedy for students’ lack of experience with cultural differences—having them read and discuss the novel "Speaker for the Dead" by Orson Scott Card. Wright and Larsen propose that by reading the novel, students vicariously experience both intellectually and emotionally what it means to misunderstand and then, by degrees, better understand another culture. The article highlights telling details in the novel that graphically illustrate important global marketing concepts such as the self-reference criterion. The article concludes with suggestions on how to incorporate literature into many different marketing courses.


According to the authors, utility theory and equity theory make contradictory predictions about the effects of declining costs on consumer satisfaction. In a standard economic analysis, satisfaction increases as costs fall but in an equity theoretical analysis satisfaction decreases as costs fall when the consumer receives more than she gives up in exchange for a benefit. This study demonstrates that the claims of both these widely accepted theories may be valid if the effects of cost on satisfaction are moderated by degree of acquaintance with the exchange partner. Where personal acquaintance is high, the effects predicted by equity theory predominate. Where acquaintance is low, the effects predicted by utility theory predominate. Secular changes in marketing philosophy (the shift to a service dominant logic in marketing) and the growth of technologies that facilitate mass personalization (the Internet, databases, social networking) make degree of perceived acquaintance an important marketing variable. This variable is a double-edged sword that can magnify consumer responses to good/bad experiences with a business.

English faculty publish research on online environments

Three NDSU English faculty have published chapters in the newly released anthology "Computer-Mediated Communication across Cultures: International Interactions in Online Environments.”

Andrew Mara and Miriam Mara, associate professors, co-wrote "Irish Identification as Exigence: A Self-Service Case Study for Producing User Documentation in Online Contexts.” Their chapter examines online and hardcopy user documents from an Irish do-it-yourself tourism company and investigates modes of motivation for overcoming breakdowns. Their case study offers ways to create documentation in global online environments.

Bruce Maylath, professor, co-wrote "Communicating Pragmatics about Content and Culture in Virtually Mediated Educational Environments,” with Birthe Mousten, Aarhus University, Denmark; John Humbley, University of Paris - Denis Diderot, France; and Sonia Vandepitte, University College Ghent, Belgium. Their chapter explores the linguistic elements their students have employed to work diplomatically with international partners in virtual teams. The authors drew their data from their decade-long international collaborative class partnerships known as the Trans-Atlantic Project.
Robert Sylvester, professor of pharmacy practice, was lead author of the article, “Evaluation of methadone absorption after topical administration to hospice patients,” which was selected for recognition by a member of the Faculty of 1,000. The Faculty of 1,000, is an open-access repository of published scientific research articles, conference posters and presentations. Sylvester’s article was published in the May 2011 issue of the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management.

According to Faculty of 1,000 editor-in-chief Sarah Greene, this places Sylvester’s work in the top 2 percent of published articles in biology and medicine. "The service is widely used to find significant new research articles, and the inclusion of your article should significantly increase its visibility," Greene wrote in an email to Sylvester.

The evaluation of the article can be viewed at http://f1000.com/13200005. Registration is required.

According to its website, http://f1000.com/, Faculty of 1,000 is a peer-nominated, global panel of more than 10,000 expert scientists and clinical researchers. It provides access to top published articles in biology and medicine.

Faculty publish and present

Anita Gust, doctoral student in the wellness program; David Barney of Oklahoma State University; and Gary Liguori, associate professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, had the manuscript, “College Students’ Usage of Personal Music Players During Exercise,” accepted to the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance Research Journal.

Kelly Sassi, assistant professor of English and education, and West Fargo teachers Alissa Helm and Molly Bestge will present at the 100th anniversary conference of the National Council of Teachers of English in Chicago, Nov. 17-22. Their presentation, “Common Core Standards and the Dilemma of Writing a District-wide Curriculum,” is based on a yearlong project to adopt the common core standards and write district curriculum that aligns with the new standards. The discussant for their presentation will be Anne Gere, director of the Council’s James R. Squire Office of Policy Research, in Washington, D.C.

Brad Strand, professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, was the keynote speaker at the Montana Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance 75th anniversary convention held in Helena, Mont. The title of his speech was "The Role of a Lifetime." He also presented a session for future professionals titled “Intentional Networking and Professionalism.”

Gary Liguori, associate professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, was invited to give the keynote lecture at the 16th annual Japanese Fitness Association meeting in Tokyo. This will be Liguori’s second trip to speak at the conference.

Abby Gold, assistant professor and extension specialist in health, nutrition and exercise sciences, with Linda Kingery of the University of Minnesota Northwest Sustainable Development Partnership received a $20,000 sustainability grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation to continue their work, “Growing up Healthy in the Red River Valley.” Gold, along with partners at the University of Minnesota Extension, Otter Tail County Public Health, Minnesota Area Agencies on Aging and the Minnesota Department of Health, received the Minnesota Rural Health Association’s Rural Health Hero Team Award for the project, "Right Side Up Ottertail," a fall prevention program. Gold, along with Nan Yu and Elizabeth Crisp Crawford from the Department of Communication, was accepted to present the paper, "Combating Childhood Overweight: Effects of Informational and Narrative Evidence Messages on Parents of Children and Teenagers," at the National Communication Association conference in New Orleans.

Kendra Erickson, doctoral student in gerontology, and Brandy Randall, associate professor in human development and family science, had their poster, “Links among Hope, Grit and Perceptions of Community for Older and Middle-aged Adults,” accepted for presentation at the 64th annual scientific meeting for the Gerontology Society of America in Boston.

Julie Garden-Robinson, associate professor and extension specialist in health, nutrition and exercise sciences, was named chair of the Microwave and Home Food Safety Evidence Analysis Project Committee by the American Dietetic Association. The committee, which includes food safety experts from universities and the food industry, will examine food safety research related to microwave oven use in consumer households. The results will be published in the ADA’s Evidence Analysis Library. Garden-Robinson was elected chair-elect of the Food and Nutrition Extension Educators Division for the Society for Nutrition Education. Members of the group include extension professionals at the local, state and national levels in the U.S. and Canada.

Megan Ness, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program and Family Nutrition Program coordinator, announced the Food and Nutrition Service of the USDA approved their 2012 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education plan for the Family Nutrition Program and associated funding of $1.2 million. Ness also said the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Five-Year Plan and final FGO were accepted and $423,026 has been approved for release. This means more than $1.6 million will be used for the NDSU Extension Service to provide nutrition and food resource management programming to North Dakota families and youth in need for program year 2011-12.

Kelly Sassi, assistant professor of English and education, in her new role as co-director of the Red River Valley Writing Project, facilitated the first Open Institute held Aug. 1-4. The theme of the four-day, one-credit institute was “Writing in the STEM Disciplines” and was held at the STEM Middle School in West Fargo. Eleven teachers completed the institute. The Red River Valley Writing Project supported the Institute by providing each teacher with a stipend, along with snacks, coffee, a free book and materials.
Counselor education program faculty members Brenda Hall, associate professor, and Carol Buchholz Holland, assistant professor, had the article “Successful Transitions: The Sheyenne Ninth Grade Academy” published in the Fall 2011 issue of Educational Research Service Spectrum.

Anita Welch, assistant professor in the School of Education, presented a paper at the Colloquium on P-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Research, in Minneapolis during August. The paper was titled “The Technology-Rich Outcomes-Focused Learning Environment Inventory (Troflei): A Cross-Cultural validation,” and was co-written with Mustafa Cakir (Marmara University, Turkey) and Claudette Peterson and Chris Ray, both assistant professors in the School of Education.

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15 United Blood Services Blood Drive – 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bloodmobile will be parked outside the west entrance of the Memorial Union. The blood drive is open to all faculty, staff and students. Schedule an appointment online at www.bloodhero.com (Donate Blood option, sponsor code: staff) or email cynthia.baumann@ndsu.edu. Bring a photo ID at time of donation.

15 Meet the Firms – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. Sponsored by the Career Center and NDSU Accounting Club.


15 Take Back the Night rally and march – NDSU campus. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting at Festival Concert Hall.

15 Collect! Create! NDSU Faculty and Staff Show – Reception and artists’ talks, noon to 2 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery. Show runs through Oct. 1.

15 Print exhibition reception – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Renaissance Hall gallery. The exhibition celebrates the Department of Visual Arts and Printmaking, Education, and Research Studio (PEARS) past 13 years of collaborative print projects. The work will be on display through Oct. 3.

16 Bison Soccer vs. Montana – 4:30 p.m. in Fargo.

16 Bison Volleyball vs. Western Illinois – 7 p.m. in Fargo.

17 Bison Volleyball vs. Iowa State – 7 p.m. in Fargo.

18 Streets Alive – Noon to 5 p.m. Visit www.fmstreetssalive.org for more information.

18 Bison Soccer vs. Nebraska-Omaha – Noon in Fargo.

19 North Dakota movie premiere “Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time” – 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Free.

20 First Promotion to Professor Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. Register at www.ndsu.edu/pubweb/forward2/registration/event_20110920.html.


21 Engineering and Tech Expo – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fargodome. Sponsored by the Career Center.

21 Brown Bag Seminar, “Hispanic Heritage,” panel – Noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.


24 Mathematics department “Sonia Kovalevsky Mathematics High School Day” – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

28 Brown Bag Seminar, “Coaching for Success: How to Make the Most Out of Your Professional Life” – Noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.

OCTOBER
5 Brown Bag Seminar, “Turning Fitness into a Party-Dance-Fit-Like Zumba … But Better!” – Noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.

12 Brown Bag Seminar, “Coming Out on Campus,” student panel – Noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie room.

19 Brown Bag Seminar, “Redistricting in North Dakota: Changing of the ND Legislative Districts” – Noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.

26 Agriculture Career Fair – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. Sponsored by the Career Center and NDSU Sigma Alpha Sorority.

26 Brown Bag Seminar, “Using Effective Strategies to Reduce Conflict at Work” – Noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Room of Nations.

NOVEMBER
2 Brown Bag Seminar, opening ceremony for Native American Heritage Month – Noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.

Brown Bag Seminar, “My Military Life” panel – Noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room.

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