President Bresciani to present State of the University Address

NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani is scheduled to present the annual State of the University Address on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. in Festival Concert Hall in Reineke Fine Arts Center.

This will be the third State of the University Address for Bresciani, who was named NDSU’s 14th president May 24, 2010. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university are invited to attend.

The speech also will be available as a script, live webcast and archived at [www.ndsu.edu/president/speeches](http://www.ndsu.edu/president/speeches).

NDSU Homecoming events scheduled

NDSU Homecoming week will be celebrated Oct.1-6. The following schedule includes athletics, Alumni Association and Development Foundation events.

For a complete list of student events, visit [www.ndsu.edu/campusattractions/homecoming/schedule](http://www.ndsu.edu/campusattractions/homecoming/schedule).

- **Wednesday, Oct. 3**
  - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - NDSU Libraries fourth annual Open House
  - 1201 Albrecht Boulevard
  - Several events and demonstrations are planned. Food and giveaways will be available.
  - Contact: Janine Kuntz at [janie.kuntz@ndsu.edu](mailto:janie.kuntz@ndsu.edu) or 1-6534

- **Thursday, Oct. 4**
  - 11 a.m.
  - State of the University Address
  - President Dean L. Bresciani
  - Festival Concert Hall, Reineke Fine Arts Center

  **Following University Address**
  - Bison Statue Dedication
  - Corner of Albrecht and 12th Ave. N., between Minard Hall and the Library
  - Contact: Jace Beehler at [jace.beehler.1@my.ndsu.edu](mailto:jace.beehler.1@my.ndsu.edu)

- **Friday, Oct. 5**
  - 11 a.m.
  - Bison Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon
  - Fargo Holiday Inn – Great Hall, 3803 13th Ave. S.
  - Contact: Athletic Media Relations at 1-7197
  - Price TBD

- **6 p.m.**
  - Homecoming Party: open to all alumni and friends
  - Reunion groups gathering at this event:
    - Classes of 1990-99
  - Entertainment by Minneapolis-based band, Brat Pack Radio; photo opportunity with football championship trophy; Bison gear available for purchase; cash bar; food available for purchase; no cover charge.

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6 p.m. Doors open
8 p.m. Band begins
Fargo Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave. S.
Contact: jakelle@ndsualumni.com

7 p.m.
NDSU Women’s Volleyball vs. University of South Dakota
Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
For tickets, visit www.gobison.com or call 1-6378.

Saturday, Oct. 6
8:30 a.m. – noon
Harry D. McGovern Alumni Center Rededication and Open House
1241 N. University Drive
Family-friendly open house with balloons, tattoos and complimentary refreshments. Walk of Pride tiles are 10 percent off when purchased during Homecoming.
Contact: NDSU Alumni Association at 800-279-8971 or 1-6800 or email NDSUEvents@ndsualumni.com.

10 a.m.
Homecoming Parade
N. University Drive and 12th Ave. N.
Contact: Student Activities Office at 1-7787

11 a.m.
Bison Pep Rally and Lunch (sponsored by Liberty Mutual)
Bison Sports Arena – North Entrance
$9/adult and $4/child (10 and under) – pay at the door
Lunch, bouncy games (sponsored by Games Galore), Gold Star Band, balloons, beads and Thundar
Menu: BBQ chicken, hot dogs, creamy dill potato salad, fresh fruit, chips, M&M brownies, Bison cookies, lemonade, coffee and ice water

1 p.m.
Football Kick-off NDSU vs. Youngstown State
Fargodome
Bison Ticket Office at 1-6378 or www.gobison.com
Single game tickets are sold out. Standing room tickets available Friday, Oct. 5 at 8 a.m. For more information on how to catch the game, visit www.gobison.com

5 p.m.
31st Annual Bison Bidders Bowl
Fargo Holiday Inn – Great Hall, 3803 13th Ave. S.
Cash and gifts will be auctioned and raffled for the benefit of NDSU. Advance reservations are required.
Contact: NDSU Development Foundation at 1-6841

7 p.m.
NDSU Women’s Volleyball vs. Kansas City
Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
For tickets, visit www.gobison.com or call 1-6378.

NDSU fall 2012 enrollment increases modestly

NDSU’s official fourth-week enrollment for fall 2012 is 14,443 undergraduate, graduate and professional students. This is a slight increase from the official fall 2011 enrollment of 14,399.

“This is exactly the modest increase for full-time enrollment we had targeted,” said NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani.

Freshman enrollment is 2,441, up from 2,420 in 2011. Transfer student enrollment is 735, up from 693 last year. Undergraduate enrollment is 11,988, up from 11,911 a year ago. Graduate student enrollment is 2,111, down from 2,146 a year ago. NDSU’s international student population is 1,136, down from 1,282 in 2011.

“NDSU is committed to recruiting and retaining a very high caliber of students,” said Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs. “We are pleased with the increase in our new student and transfer student enrollment.”

Approximately 95 percent of NDSU students are in face-to-face, traditional classroom-based courses.

McNair Scholars program at NDSU funding continues

The McNair Scholars program at NDSU received notice it will remain funded by the U.S. Department of Education for the next five years. The latest round of funding is effective Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2017.

Named after Challenger space crewmember Ronald E. McNair, the NDSU program is one of the original 14 programs in the nation. The Office of TRIO Programs in the Division of Student Affairs administers the program, which can provide up to 29 scholars with a $2,800 stipend per year. The total five-year funding for the stipends and additional program costs is approximately $1.27 million, according to Anna Sheppard, TRIO McNair Scholars program interim director at NDSU.

“Our dedicated students strive to meet the goal of a doctoral degree,” Sheppard said. “We have strong administrative support as well as faculty and library mentors who donate their time and expertise.”

The McNair Scholars program at NDSU encourages applications from groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in graduate education, including minorities or income-eligible and first-generation students. The new funding opportunities will be expanded to students with disabilities and women pursuing a degree in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, commonly known as STEM.

Students chosen for the program have the opportunity to engage in graduate-level research under the guidance of NDSU faculty and library mentors. McNair Scholars are NDSU undergraduates who demonstrate strong academic potential and show an interest in research. In addition to a monthly stipend and an opportunity to attend conferences related to their studies, the scholars are provided educational and support services to assist them in preparing for an advanced degree.

For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/trio/mcnair_scholars_program or contact Sheppard at 1-7312 or anna.sheppard@ndsu.edu.
Harvest Bowl Agribusiness Award recipient named

Neal Fisher, North Dakota Wheat Commission administrator, will receive the 2012 Agribusiness Award during the 39th annual Harvest Bowl program at NDSU. Harvest Bowl activities are scheduled for Oct. 26-27 in Fargo.

The award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of agriculture and business in North Dakota and beyond. Also honored will be outstanding agriculturists from all counties across North Dakota and several in western Minnesota. In addition, scholarships will be awarded to outstanding male and female NDSU athletes.

As Wheat Commission administrator, Fisher is responsible for implementing producer-funded programs intended to increase the total use of North Dakota wheat. Fisher works directly in the areas of export market development, research, transportation, trade policy and other issues to improve the global competitiveness of North Dakota producers who grow hard red spring, durum and other wheat classes.

Fisher’s work for the Wheat Commission is a worldwide effort through U.S. Wheat Associates and the cooperative programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Foreign Agriculture Service.

Fisher’s presentations on spring wheat and durum include supply-and-demand analysis, and highlight economic and quality advantages of using hard red spring wheat, durum and other wheat in foreign and domestic customer applications. He coordinates the commission’s policy positions and actions on issues affecting wheat producers and serves on numerous committees and boards involved in trade policy development and wheat research.

Fisher is a member of the Joint Trade Policy Committee of the National Association of Wheat Growers and U.S. Wheat Associates, Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and USDA in Washington, D.C.

He chairs the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute’s Advisory Council and is a member of the NDSU Research Foundation board of directors. He previously served on the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, assisting with the prioritizing, budgeting and policymaking associated with the research projects and initiatives of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service.

Fisher joined the commission in 1978 as a marketing specialist, became deputy administrator in 1983 and was appointed administrator in 1998. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in agricultural economics at NDSU.

He continues his interest in the family farming and ranching enterprise near Tappen, N.D., where his son, Josh, is the principal owner and operator. Fisher and his wife, Deborah, have three grown children and two grandchildren.

The 39th annual Harvest Bowl festivities begin Friday, Oct. 26, at the Fargo Ramada Plaza Suites with a dinner and awards ceremony. On Saturday, Oct. 27, honorees will participate in educational sessions on the NDSU campus and attend the Harvest Bowl football game.

For tickets and information on Harvest Bowl activities, visit the NDSU Alumni Association website at www.ndsualumni.com, call the NDSU alumni office toll-free at 800-279-8971 or locally at 1-6800, or email marilyn@ndsualumni.com.

NDSU, Monsanto form partnership to develop better wheat varieties

NDSU and Monsanto announced Sept. 21 a collaboration that will allow both to improve their wheat breeding programs. The collaboration brings together the breeding research of Monsanto and NDSU to develop better wheat varieties.

“We are pleased and excited about this opportunity to accelerate our hard red spring wheat breeding program with this research partnership,” said Ken Grafton, NDSU vice president for agricultural affairs; director of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station; and dean of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. “Having our wheat improvement team utilize Monsanto’s advanced breeding technology tools is an important step in allowing the NDSU program to remain successful well into the future. And joint research projects to develop new breeding and genetic tools will improve the breeding efficiencies of our programs, with the ultimate goal of providing the best genetic material to the North Dakota wheat grower.”

“We are committed to delivering improvements in wheat through advancements in breeding and are pleased to be working with a public university that shares our commitment to enhancing the productivity of wheat,” added Anthony Osborne, Monsanto wheat business development lead. “Monsanto has a strong history of collaborating with universities and public sector institutions around the world, and we believe growers will continue to benefit from collaborations that bring together complementary wheat research programs.”

The relationship is consistent with the National Association of Wheat Growers’ call for investment in wheat, and during a time when interest and support for new technologies in wheat remains high.

“Wheat producers always have sought new technologies to enhance their competitive advantage and move the industry forward,” said Neal Fisher, North Dakota Wheat Commission administrator. “This public/private relationship builds on the longstanding producer partnership with NDSU, offering technological advancements to improve the competitiveness of wheat in all sectors, including greater producer profitability, continued emphasis on quality and premium end-use performance and ensuring the wheat industry’s role as a leading contributor to the economy of North Dakota.”

Pride Network receives award

The Pride Network commemorated its fifth year at NDSU with an anniversary celebration Sept. 21. President Dean L. Bresciani, far left, shared opening remarks at the event and vice president Evie Myers, far right, presented network members with the Diversity Impact Award.
NDSU has a series of events scheduled to celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month in October.

Movie producer Dan Guerrero is scheduled to present his critically acclaimed solo show bridging his identities as Latino and gay with music, laughter and poignancy. The show is driven by Guerrero’s lifelong friendship with the late Chicano artist Carlos Almaraz and Guerrero’s father, Chicano music legend Lalo Guerrero. "¡GAYTINO!" is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. in NDSU Festival Concert Hall. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for the NDSU Equity and Diversity Center.

DeRionne Pollard, president of Montgomery College, Maryland, is scheduled to present "Liberated from Fear: Living and Thriving While Being ‘Out’ on a College Campus” Thursday, Oct. 25, at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Pollard will speak about her experiences being out as a student and college president as part of the President’s Diversity Series.

Other events include panel members sharing their experiences and reflections about being out on campus. The session is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3, at noon in the Memorial Union Arikara room.

NDSU Homecoming 2012 will feature a reception for all LGBTQ alumni and their families and partners, current LGBTQ campus community members who are 21 and older, and supportive Allies. The event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 5, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Stoker room in the Hotel Donaldson in downtown Fargo.

The Equity and Diversity Center is scheduled to host an open house on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 11 a.m. The campus community and alumni are invited to stop by immediately after the Homecoming parade for refreshments. The event will feature the grand opening of the LGBTQ Resource Center.

Donna Ross, transgender advocate and educator, is scheduled to present at two events on Wednesday, Oct. 17. At noon, she will present "Facing the Foibles of Gender: Encounters with the Silly Creatures” in the Memorial Union Arikara room, where she will share some of her humorous experiences with gender influences in society. Ross also will present "Stories of My Second Lives: An Intersection of Journeys” at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room. She will share some of her writings during her emotional and physical transition from man to woman and how that led her on a journey from being agnostic to seeking ministry with the United Church of Christ.

An “Our Pride Runs Campuswide” reception is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 18, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Equity and Diversity Center. Spirit Day is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19. Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation urges people to take a stand against bullying by wearing purple.

A costume-encouraged ball is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The event is sponsored by the GayStraight+ Alliance and Campus Live.

A “We’re in this Together” panel is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 31, at noon in the Memorial Union Arikara room. Panelists will reflect on their experiences and share a loved one’s journey to come out.

For more information on LGBTQ Pride Month events at NDSU, visit www.ndsu.edu/edcenter.

NDSU’s college deans are featured in a new photo display outside the President’s Office in Old Main.

President Dean L. Bresciani initiated the display of framed professional photos to highlight academics and the university’s academic leadership.

“I felt it was important to increase the visibility of the university’s academic leadership as we increasingly draw national and international recognition for being one of the top-tier research universities in the nation,” President Bresciani said. “It also reminds visitors that our focus and priority is on academics.”

NDSU’s eight college deans are:

- Kent Sandstrom, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Virginia Clark Johnson, College of Human Development and Education
- Ron Johnson, College of Business
- David Wittrock, College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, College of Undergraduate Studies
- Scott Wood, College of Science and Mathematics
- Charles Peterson, College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences
- Ken Grafton, College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources
- Gary Smith, College of Engineering and Architecture

The Memorial Union Gallery is displaying photographer J. Earl Miller’s "Dakota Moniker – Past and Present” through Oct. 28. Miller will discuss his inspiration and his travels during an opening reception scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Miller is a local photographer who specializes in diverse work, from straight photography to complex manipulations and montages. His work has appeared in the High Plains Reader and was featured in the "Art on the Plains” show at the Plains Art Museum. The Memorial Union Gallery exhibit includes some never before seen photographs shot specifically for the NDSU show.
Animal sciences receives Advance FORWARD award

The Department of Animal Sciences received the Advance FORWARD Department Award at the Aug. 30 FORWARD kick-off event at the President’s House.

The Department of Animal Sciences received the Advance FORWARD Department Award for the 2012-13 academic 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.

A traditionally “male” department in terms of student and faculty numbers, changes in demographics and majors gradually resulted in greater than 50 percent female students at both undergraduate and graduate levels in NDSU’s animal sciences department – yet no women faculty were hired until the early 1990s, and the initial hire was not retained. Since then, a total of seven women faculty members have been hired and retained through their accomplishments in teaching, research and service. Several women have moved into administrative leadership positions or are recognized nationally or internationally as leaders in their academic areas.

According to the nomination, “these successes are all substantial and are reflective of a general attitude of striving for excellence in the Department of Animal Sciences. The department ... has long had a history of hiring the very best people and providing them as much encouragement as possible to be successful.” The department practices a family-friendly philosophy and well-organized mentoring program for both men and women. A family leave policy dates to 2007, and a more flexible developmental leave policy has been developed. Some practices have been modified to address the unique challenges faced by women faculty, enabling the department to more fully tap the talents of each individual faculty member.

Another $5,000 Advance FORWARD Department Award will be given in 2013. In preparation for next year’s award, departments are encouraged to think about their strategies, policies and practices, and outcomes that show progress toward 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.

The Commission on the Status of Women Faculty was created as part of NDSU’s National Science Foundation-funded Advance FORWARD program. The commission is structured as a formal link between the university’s academic administration and Advance FORWARD in order to support program goals and institutionalize related activities after the five-year grant period has elapsed. Membership of the commission includes faculty from across the campus appointed by the provost.

FORWARD sets grant information session and announces awards

The FORWARD project has scheduled a grant information session on Friday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Memorial Union Lark room. The session will feature information about a number of FORWARD grant opportunities. For the current academic year, application due dates for these grants are as follows:

- Course release grants – due Nov. 2
- Mentor relationship travel grants – due Jan. 11, 2013
- Leadership development grants – due Feb. 8, 2013
- Climate and gender equity research grants – due March 28, 2013
- Leap research and lab renovation grants – due April 26, 2013

Request for applications will be posted on the FORWARD website at www.ndsu.edu/forward on or before Oct. 12. Additional information about each opportunity also is available on the website. Inquiries may be directed to Canan Bilen-Green at canan.bilen.green@ndsu.edu or 1-7040.

The FORWARD project also awarded recently several Leap research and Leap lab renovation grants. Five Leap research grants were awarded to Julia Bowsher, assistant professor of biological sciences; Simone Ludwig, associate professor of computer science; Erika Offerdahl, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry; Katie Reindl, assistant professor of biological sciences; and Sangita Sinha, assistant professor of chemistry and molecular biology. One Leap lab renovation grant was awarded to Erin Gillam, assistant professor of biological sciences, and Wendy Reed, associate professor of biological sciences.

Grant applications were reviewed by external reviewers from other universities. More than 20 applications were received for this round of the Leap program. The Leap research grants were funded with Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) money provided through the Office of the Vice President for Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer.
NDSU program featured in military logistics magazine

NDSU’s Master of Managerial Logistics program was highlighted recently in the August issue of Military Logistics Forum.

In a feature titled “Educating the Logistician,” Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute director Denver Tolliver described the program’s focus on career military officers, Department of Defense civilians and other logistics professionals. Tolliver said NDSU is working to make it an international program, working with universities in South Korea and Morocco. He also noted NDSU is extending the program to the National Guard and is in discussions with the U.S. Army with regard to offering the program at Fort Lee in Virginia, home to U.S. Army training programs in logistics and transportation.

NDSU’s program was established in 2007 and focuses on risk analysis and dealing with uncertainty in the decision-making process.

To read the article, visit www.military-logistics-forum.com/military-logistics-forum/426-mlf-2012-volume-6-issue-7-august/5816-educating-the-logistician.html. Go to www.ndsu.edu/transportation for more information on NDSU’s program.

NDSU Archives project looks at Fargo 100 years ago

The NDSU Archives is offering you a glimpse of how Fargo looked a century ago.

A new project by the NDSU Archives is combining history with geography through Historypin.com. The dynamic website allows users to “pin” historic photographs onto a Google map. The site gives viewers the opportunity to see historic photographs superimposed onto the current Google street view map, and compare what present buildings looked like in the past.

Historypin was created by the non-profit organization We Are What We Do in partnership with Google to allow archives, libraries, schools and individuals from around the world to share historic photos to tell the story of the past.

So far, the NDSU Archives has uploaded five collections of photographs ranging from 1876 to 2009. They include the NDSU/NDAC campus, Hawthorne neighborhood, Clara Barton neighborhood, downtown district and the tornado of 1957. Additional collections will be added over time to cover other parts of North Dakota. Visit the Historypin Web page at www.historypin.com/channels/view/id/12313037.

Contact archivist Trista Raezer or archives associate John Hallberg with questions or comments at 1-8914 or NDSU.library.archives@ndsu.edu.

NDSU Extension agronomist assists farmers in Uganda

Hans Kandel, NDSU Extension Service agronomist, has returned from a two-week trip to Uganda, where he assisted a 6,000-member farm organization with soybean and sunflower production issues.

Kandel worked in Uganda with the Kapchorwa Commercial Farmers’ Association. The association is involved in growing corn, sorghum, barley and coffee but is looking to expand into soybean and sunflower oil seed crops.

Kandel was asked to evaluate the most appropriate regions for the production of the oil seed crops and to teach Ugandan Extension staff and farmers about the production issues of the two crops. The slopes of Mount Elgon offer unique ecozones, with small grains grown at the highest elevation and other crops in the more tropical lower elevations.

Kandel provided training for 30 Extension staff and 80 producers. Farming in Uganda is mostly at the subsistence level, with a typical farm being three to five acres. Kandel noted yields in some fields could be improved by simple measures, such as proper seed distribution, timely weeding and the inoculation of the soybeans with the proper rhizobia bacteria species. Even with small changes, yields could be improved by 10 to 15 percent.

Kapchorwa Commercial Farmers’ Association helps its members bulk their produce for collective marketing to provide the farmers with better positioning in price negotiations and economies of scale, such as reduced transportation costs. The association also has a training component, as some staff members are dedicated to educating producers about production and postharvest crop handling.

Kandel’s trip was sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development and coordinated by the Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, a Washington-based nongovernmental agency with offices in East Africa.
NDSU receives 2012 Trees Award

NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani and Todd West, associate professor of plant sciences, accepted the 2012 “Tree Celebration of the Year” Trees Award at the Trees Bowl and Awards Ceremony held Sept. 1 at the Fargodome. Nominations were received from across the state and the award winners were recognized by the North Dakota Forest Service and NDSU.

NDSU hosted the Tree City/Line/Campus USA event. The high-light was the ceremonial tree planting to recognize the achievements of the 44 Tree City USA Communities, the Tree Line USA and North Dakota’s only Tree Campus USA – NDSU.

To achieve Tree Campus USA status, NDSU met five requirements, including form an advisory committee, create a management plan, dedicate an annual expenditure for tree planting and care, hold an Arbor Day observance and engage the student body in a service learning project.

The NDSU selection Prairie Dream Paper Birch – Betula papyrifera ‘Varen’ that participants planted together during the ceremony will serve as a lasting reminder of the dedication communities, utilities and NDSU have to plant and care for trees.

During the awards ceremony, President Bresciani and State Forester Larry Kotchman presented each of the 14 winners with a special Trees Awards plaque and limited edition centennial trees print. The award winners also were recognized on the field during the NDSU half-time activities at the Trees Bowl football game in the Fargodome.

Animal Science hosts beef industry meeting

The Department of Animal Sciences was host to executives and staff from the American Simmental Association and Red Angus Association of America Sept. 20 and 21. The event included presentations on the future of the beef industry, feeding and nutrition topics, and improving and managing genetics in the beef herd. It also included a producer meeting on how to improve the cattle and beef business.

South Asia reps attend workshop on supply chain challenges

A team of six quality control and purchasing personnel from mills in Indonesia and the Philippines attended the South Asia Contracting for Wheat Value Workshop at Northern Crops Institute in Fargo Sept. 10-12. The workshop concluded Sept. 14 with sessions at the U.S. Wheat Associates office, Portland, Ore.

The workshop was designed to teach the team how to better manage supply chain challenges and how to write contracts that accurately specify the wheat they want to purchase.

“In South Asia, our most important markets are the Philippines and Indonesia,” said Steve Wirsching, director of the U.S. Wheat Associates West Coast office. “The Philippines long has been a very important market for U.S. hard red spring wheat and U.S. wheat in general, buying about 2 million metric tons each year, as compared to Indonesia, which is an up-and-coming market that purchased 830,000 metric tons last year. Indonesia is not a new market for us, but we are seeing increased spring wheat sales driven by economic growth and wheat consumption.”

Participants learned about wheat quality testing and procurement through lectures and end product evaluation. The group also toured the Jay Nord farm near Wolverton, Minn. They were hosted by manager Curt Bjertness as they toured the Wolverton C-W Valley Co-op Elevator.

John Crabtree, Northern Crops Institute assistant director, coordinated the workshop.

Golden Key to participate in Read for the Record event

The NDSU chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society and West Acres Shopping Center will host a Read for the Record event on Thursday, Oct. 4, from noon to 7 p.m. in the Herberger’s Court at West Acres.

Read for the Record began in 2006. Each year, the goal is to break the record for reading the same book to as many children as possible on the designated day. Read for the Record also works to promote literacy and education for all children. The 2012 event will feature “Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad” by David Soman and Jacky Davis. NDSU Golden Key has participated in Read for the Record each year since 2008 while West Acres is participating for the first time.

Readers will include NDSU Golden Key members, honorary members and advisers. North Dakota First Lady Betsy Dalrymple is scheduled to read at 12:15 p.m. Amy Ruley, NDSU associate athletic director of development, is scheduled to read at 2 p.m.

The NDSU chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society was established Nov. 21, 1995.
NDSU students receive Women’s Club scholarships

The NDSU Women’s Club announced the three recipients of its annual scholarship competition at the club’s Fall Event Sept. 10. Each student receives a $1,000 scholarship award.

The women chosen for scholarships include Taylor Headlee, Nisswa, Minn., a junior majoring in electrical engineering; Breanne Steffan, Fargo, a senior majoring in microbiology; and Amanda Weber, St. Paul, Minn., a senior double-majoring in civil engineering and international studies.

Scholarship recipients must be a junior from North Dakota, South Dakota or Minnesota with a 3.2 GPA or higher. Scholarships are awarded to NDSU women based on academic achievements and personal qualifications.

The NDSU Women’s Club was established in 1920 to serve as a nonprofit educational organization to enhance relationships within the university and surrounding communities. The club offers interest group opportunities for the members and provides academic scholarships to eligible NDSU students.

Award bolsters ‘big data’ research at NDSU

The National Science Foundation, in a competitive grant process, has awarded NDSU a $400,000 grant for three years to create a Data-Intensive Cyberinfrastructure for Research and Education. The Office of the Provost will provide more than $171,000 in additional required matching funding. The computing infrastructure will be housed in NDSU’s Research and Technology Park.

The award will enhance research capabilities at NDSU. It also will provide opportunities for high school and undergraduate students, as well as students from under-represented groups in computational research, said Martin Ossowski, director of the Center for Computationally Assisted Science and Technology at NDSU, which will oversee the computational enhancements for researchers and a co-writer of the grant proposal.

When completed, the system will be used by NDSU faculty, students and staff for research in such areas as photophysics and photochemistry, plasma physics, new-generation energy conversion devices, multifunctional nanomaterials, biomimetics and coatings, computational biology, clay micromechanics and other computational research areas. NDSU undergraduate students will be integrated into several of the research projects and data-intensive computing will be incorporated into senior design projects.

“The grant award will be used to develop and operate a new generation of advanced computing infrastructure at NDSU,” said Provost J. Bruce Rafert. “The resources that NSF provided to NDSU through this highly competitive award both recognize and accelerate NDSU’s emerging leadership in cyber infrastructure.” The new system will consist of tiered storage subsystems, tape library subsystem serving policy-driven near-line active archive, and a heterogeneous distributed memory computer cluster.

“These facilities will allow researchers access to additional state-of-the-art research computing resources, where ‘big data’ analytics are transparently coupled to high-performance modeling and simulation environments,” Ossowski said. “What we are really excited about is that the system is designed to expand as NDSU’s computational needs grow.”

The system will be tightly integrated with national resources, including the National Science Foundation’s Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment and the NSF-Department of Energy cross-agency Open Science Grid.

Outreach efforts of NDSU’s Computational Research and Education initiative will include working with dynamic student groups. With the grant, NDSU plans to develop high-performance computing Summer Days to provide training in high-performance computing for students in the Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education program, also known as NATURE. A cooperative effort between the state’s research universities and tribal colleges located in the region, NATURE offers opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math to tribal college students.

In addition, outreach efforts will include developing high-performance computing Spring Days, a weeklong program for local area high school students. Future outreach efforts will include high-performance computing Fall Days, a project-based semester-long activity that pairs students involved in the ESTEEM Institute with...
NDSU mentors to tackle real-life computational science problems. The institute, in its initial phases, includes area schools and colleges working to encourage opportunities for students in science, technology, engineering and math.

The NDSU Major Research Instrumentation team also will work with Pavan Balaji, a computer scientist from Argonne National Laboratory. He is chair of the Technical Committee on Scalable Computing of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Balaji will augment outreach activities by using NDSU facilities as a computing test ground to conduct the Midwest portion of a data-intensive programming competition called the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Technical Committee on Scalable Computing High-Performance Computing Cup.

Twenty-five leading NDSU computational researchers in nine departments contributed to the proposal to the National Science Foundation. Professor Dinesh Katti serves as principal investigator. Co-principal investigators include Anne Denton, Samee Khan, Martin Ossowski and Wenfang Sun. NDSU faculty contributing to the proposal include Cristinel Ababei, Iskander Akhatov, Adnan Akyüz, Bret Chisholm, Xuefeng Chu, Doğan Çalışkan, Sivaguru Jayaraman, Kalpana Katti, Svetlana Kilina, Ghodrat Karami, Muhammet Erkan Köse, Andrei Kryjevski, Juan Li, Simone A. Ludwig, William Perrizo, Saeed Salem, Alexander Wagner, Yechun Wang, Changhui Yan, Mijia Yang and Mariusz Ziejewski.

“The success of the proposal illustrates the importance of computational science as a unifying driver to researchers across the university,” Katti said. “The rapid growth of computational power, along with important developments in computationally-driven science and engineering, has and will aid in major discoveries in a wide variety of fields.”

“Computation often serves as a fourth dimension of research,” said Philip Boudjouk, NDSU vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer. “When looking for a needle in what are essentially billions of data haystacks, the new tools provided by this initiative become critical to researchers.”

The Data-Intensive Cyberinfrastructure for Research and Education at NDSU is funded by National Science Foundation Award No. 1229316.

Jane Schuh, assistant dean for academic programs and associate professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, is Steffan’s research mentor. The title of their research project is “Antibody impact on allergic fungal asthma.”

“Breanne is conducting research in my lab,” Schuh explained. “She’s a great lab member, a fantastic student and a delightful person. She wants to go on to do infectious disease research and get her doctorate when she graduates.

Janice Haggart, instructor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, serves as Steffan’s academic adviser.

The American Society of Microbiology is headquartered in Washington, D.C. It is the oldest and largest single biological membership organization, with more than 40,000 members worldwide. Visit www.asm.org students for more information.

Faculty member facilitates focus group on emergency management


The purpose of the group was to help leaders in emergency management higher education explore characteristics of the emerging academic area. The two-day discussion and debate resulted in a group consensus as to emergency management’s disciplinary purview and disciplinary responsibilities related to education and research. They also discussed a set of basic research questions.

NDSU was the first institution to offer a doctoral degree in emergency management. “NDSU is known as one of the top two programs in the field,” Jensen said. “Our department is considered a leader in the effort to formalize an academic discipline of emergency management.”

Athletic media relations assistant named

Wes Offerman was hired as athletic media relations assistant in August. He is the primary contact for the NDSU soccer, wrestling, track and field and cross-country programs. Prior to joining NDSU, Offerman spent three years at the University of Northern Iowa’s athletics communications office. He earned a bachelor’s degree in management from UNI and is working toward a master’s degree in public relations at UNI.
Emergency management assistant professor teaches at academy

Carol Cwiak, assistant professor of emergency management, taught a course in the Emergency Management Leaders Academy program for the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Emergency Management Institute. The Institute is located at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Md.

The course had several goals and objectives, including:

- introduce qualities of effective emergency management leaders, relevant management styles, strategic thinking and decision-making in emergency management leadership;
- understand and implement emergency management program evaluation, situational awareness, planning, mission and vision statements;
- effectively address human resource issues;
- develop awareness of key attributes of communication and collaboration for an effective emergency management leader; and
- discuss inter- and intra-agency communication, public advocacy, change management and personal strengths.

Emergency management professionals from universities and all levels of government from across the United States attended the course. Cwiak worked with a team of instructors, including Glenn Cannon, state director of Pennsylvania’s Emergency Management Agency; Tom Hirt, training specialist and course manager at the Emergency Management Institute; and Lillian Virgil, Mitigation Branch chief at the Emergency Management Institute.

The academy is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s efforts to increase professionalization in the field by using research-based leadership training.

Cwiak has been involved in several engagements that focus on the professionalization of emergency management and serves as the executive director of the Emergency Management Higher Education Consortium.

Office of Registration and Records announces new hires

The Office of Registration and Records recently welcomed two new professionals to its staff.

Marie Gordon joined the office as a programmer/analyst in June. She will write queries and oversee data requests, statistics and reports for the Office of Registration and Records, work with assessment and assist with academic advising report functionality.

A native of Cocoa Beach, Fla., Gordon earned her baccalaureate degree in mathematics from the University of South Florida, Tampa, and a Master of Business Administration from Strayer University. Before joining NDSU, she was a senior circulation analyst at Swanson Health Products, Fargo.

Cole Davidson was named assistant registrar in August. Davidson will be responsible for policies and procedures related to transfer, test and general education credit in the Office of Registration and Records, oversee academic record maintenance and modifications, coordinate placement procedures and assist with publications.

Davidson earned both a bachelor’s degree and Master of Business Administration from NDSU. He is from Stanley, N.D., and previously worked as a hall director in NDSU’s Department of Residence Life.

NDSU hires disability specialist

NDSU Disability Services has hired Anita Hanson as a disability specialist.

Hanson will work with students with disabilities to access reasonable accommodations, determine eligibility, and assist in identifying and implementing accommodations. She also will coordinate the application of assistive technology programs for students with disabilities and help educate students and the campus community on disability-related topics and issues. She will serve as a resource to faculty and staff regarding disability issues and accommodations to help ensure equal access for students.

Hanson earned her bachelor’s degree from NDSU and her master’s degree in educational psychology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. She worked at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet, Minn., for more than 16 years. While at Fond du Lac, which is part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, Hanson was a counselor and disability services coordinator. Most recently, she served as the interim dean of student services for three and a half years.

Disability Services is located at 170 Wallman Wellness Center, phone 1-8463.
NDSU Libraries
Fall Open House scheduled
The NDSU Libraries’ annual Fall Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3, and Thursday, Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Library. The two-day event, held during Homecoming week, will include short story and poetry readings, demonstrations of databases, information on NDSU and local library resources, and door prizes from local businesses. Special presentations from NDSU alumni include Ankit Rauniyar’s award-winning vision of a new library building and Mitzi Brunsdale’s talk on murder mysteries and writing. Thundar, NDSU’s mascot, will make an appearance on Wednesday for a meet and greet. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit http://guides.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/events.

College sponsors presidential debate watches
The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is sponsoring presidential and vice presidential debate watches on Oct. 3, 11, 16 and 22. A college representative will lead a short prep and discussion for each debate.

Brief discussions/prep will begin at 7:45 p.m. The debates are scheduled from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and a brief discussion will follow from 9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

- Oct. 3 – David Silkenat will lead debate bingo in Minard room 222
- Oct. 11 – The NDSU forensics team will do a parliamentary style division of the house event in IACC room 104
- Oct. 16 – Peter Balega’s campaigns and elections class will have a national Twitter feed running simultaneously in Minard room 222
- Oct. 22 – Thomas Ambrosio and Nick Bauroth will lead a discussion from a political science perspective in Minard room 222.

For more information, contact Ann Burnett at 1-7290 or ann.burnett@ndsu.edu.

NDSU Bookstore to celebrate National Student Day
The NDSU Bookstore will celebrate National Student Day Oct. 4. The day, introduced by the National Association of College Stores, celebrates college students across the U.S. and Canada and promotes social responsibility among students.

In honor of the day, the bookstore is hosting a “Feed the Herd” food drive, which began Sept. 27. Students will receive a National Student Day wristband for one or two food donation items and a T-shirt for three to five items. Monetary donations also are accepted. The food items will be given to the Fargo-Moorhead Food Pantry.
In addition, students who work with the Volunteer Network will be eligible to win prizes for their volunteer hours. Students will receive one entry in a prize drawing for each hour volunteered.

Also Oct. 4, cotton candy will be given away at the NDSU Bookstore in the Memorial Union, while supplies last, starting at 1 p.m.

Alumni Center dedication, open house planned during Homecoming

Special events are planned during Homecoming in honor of NDSU alumnus Harry D. McGovern’s $1 million gift to support the NDSU Alumni Center.

A dedication and open house are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 6, at 8:30 a.m. at the Alumni Center, 1241 N. University Drive. Alumni, friends, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

"On behalf of 80,000 alumni around the world, we are grateful for Mr. McGovern’s very generous gift for the NDSU Alumni Center,” said Wayne W. Schluchter, Alumni Association president. "The gift demonstrates respect, pride and loyalty toward the university. Mr. McGovern’s gift also enhances awareness about philanthropy, as his name will be seen by alumni, the community and current students each time they enter or pass the Harry D. McGovern Alumni Center.”

For more information on the gift, visit www.ndsu.edu/news/view/article/14978.

Science Café to explore the ‘Amazing World of Microbes’

"Amazing World of Microbes: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly and the Beautiful” is the title of the Science Café presentation scheduled for Oct. 9 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Stokers Basement, Hotel Donaldson, downtown Fargo.

Birgit Pruess, associate professor in the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences, will discuss the large, diverse and intriguing microbial world.

"We are all painfully aware that microbes can make us sick at times. Do we also know that there are 10 times as many bacterial cells in and on our bodies than there are human cells?” Pruess asks. "Who recognizes that half of the oxygen we breathe has been produced by all those microbes that inhabit our oceans? How did the alcohol get into that glass of wine?”

In her presentation, Pruess will cover some of the good, bad and downright ugly characteristics of microbes and provide answers to attendees’ questions. To complement the discussion, she will present images produced in her research lab.

For more information about this Science Café and others, contact Keri Drinka at keri.drinka@ndsu.edu or 1-6131.

Department schedules speaker series on F-M diversion

NDSU’s Department of Emergency Management is scheduled to host a four-part speaker series on the F-M Red River Diversion Project. Dates for the series include Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Nov. 2 and Nov. 7.

“The Fargo-Moorhead area has pursued the construction of a Red River diversion to protect the metropolitan area from seasonal flooding,” said Jessica Jensen, assistant professor of emergency management. "The diversion is a controversial topic and has resulted in groups that strongly advocate and oppose its construction. How the F-M area chooses to deal with the flood hazard and the impact of that decision on the surrounding area will be the focus of the speaker series.”

All NDSU students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend any and all of the hour-long presentations.

• Oct. 10 – 3 p.m., South Engineering room 116
  Cass County emergency manager Dave Rogness will present to students about his involvement with mitigation in general and the Red River Diversion Project specifically.

• Oct. 17 – 3 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room
  Marcus Larson, founder of FMDAM.org, an independent news source developed to report on the diversion project, and Perry Miller, chair of the Richland Wilken Joint Authority (the organization that has filed a lawsuit regarding the diversion project that represents multiple government jurisdictions), will share their views on the diversion project.

• Nov. 2 – 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room
  Darrell Vanyo, Cass County commissioner and Red River Diversion Authority member will speak to students about the project’s evolution, his involvement, the controversy that has been involved and where the diversion project is now.

• Nov. 7 – 3 p.m., Memorial Union Rose room
  Terry Williams, US Army Corps of Engineers project manager for the Red River Diversion Project will speak about the project’s evolution, the Corps’ past and current involvement, the Corps’ feasibility study, the controversy that has been involved and where the diversion project is now.

NDSU schedules annual Family Weekend

Family Weekend at NDSU is scheduled Oct. 12-14. Family Weekend is a chance for families of current students to visit campus and spend time with their student while experiencing art, academics and athletics at NDSU.

More than 500 family members typically participate in the annual event. Families can attend activities such as an NDSU Showcase, a football game, a choral concert and theatre. Additional events also are planned.

Orientation and Student Success coordinates Family Weekend in conjunction with the NDSU community. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/studentsuccess/family_weekend or contact Nancy Mueller at 1-8379 or nancy.mueller@ndsu.edu.
Guest trumpeter to play with NDSU Wind Symphony

Thomas Hooten, principal trumpet with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, is scheduled to be a featured performer with the NDSU Wind Symphony Friday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Festival Concert Hall. Hooten will also present a solo recital Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Beckwith Recital Hall. Tickets to the Oct. 12 performance are $5 for adults and $2 for students and seniors.

Hooten has held the principal trumpet position with many well-known ensembles, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Indianapolis Symphony and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. He has been the featured soloist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, United States Air Force Band and the Richmond Symphony Orchestra in addition to presenting master classes and recitals at Juilliard, Northwestern University and San Francisco Conservatory.

While at NDSU, Hooten will present several clinics and master classes, all of which are free and open to the public. See the schedule below for dates, times and locations.

The residency is sponsored in part by Yamaha Instruments. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/finearts or call 1-7969.

**Wednesday, Oct. 10**
Master Class with Thomas Hooten, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall

**Thursday, Oct. 11**
Master Class with Thomas Hooten, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall
Thomas Hooten Solo Recital, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall

**Friday, Oct. 12**
Master Class with Thomas Hooten, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall
NDSU Wind Symphony with Thomas Hooten, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall
Adults: $5, students/seniors: $2

Discover NDSU events set

The Discover NDSU schedule for this fall has been announced by the Office of Admission. Morning and afternoon sessions are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 18, and Friday, Oct. 19. A morning session also is scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 17. Morning sessions begin at 8 a.m. with specialty tours ending by 2 p.m. Afternoon sessions begin at 1 p.m. with specialty tours ending by 6 p.m.

Discover NDSU is a comprehensive overview of the university for high school students. All sessions include an activity fair, admission presentation, student panel, academic interest session and general campus tour. Sessions are followed by specialty tour options of Renaissance Hall, the Engineering Complex, Residence Life Showcase, Richard H. Barry Hall and Sudro Hall.

For more information, contact Brad Jones at bradley.jones@ndsu.edu or visit www.ndsu.edu/admission/visit/discoverndsu.

Registration open for 2012 Diversity Conference

Cultural Diversity Resources in partnership with NDSU, Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College will hold the fifth annual Diversity Conference Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. at NDSU’s Memorial Union.

The conference is geared for businesses, educators, community organizations and college students to provide a platform to discuss diversity and to learn how to work effectively with diverse groups of people for local, national and global competitiveness.

**Workplace track topics include:**
- Measuring the impact of diversity training
- Creating a supportive environment for healthy living choices
- Recruiting, retaining and recognizing a diverse workforce
- Common trends in the well being of teens and youth

**Education and community track topics include:**
- Understanding and addressing the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their families
- Getting students to thrive in all phases of college
- Working effectively with people from all generations
- Learning the social, economic, health and educational cultures and values of Bhutanese and Somalis

The keynote speaker will be Donald Asher, founder of Asher Associates and an internationally recognized author and speaker on topics of careers and higher education. His presentation is titled “Tying Your Education to the Career Marketplace.” He also will speak at concurrent sessions titled “Getting students to thrive in all phases of college” and “Working effectively with people from all generations.”

Continuing education units and recertification credits are available for human resources professionals.

To register or to find more information, call 701-526-3000 or visit www.culturaldiversityresources.org.

The registration fee is $100. The rate for Fargo-Moorhead Human Resources Association, Chamber of Commerce and Tri-College participants as well as groups with three or more attendees is $89. The student rate is $30 for the full conference and lunch or $15 without lunch.

The Diversity Conference will be followed by the Champions for Diversity Awards ceremony. Nominations for the diversity awards will be accepted until Monday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. For more information or to nominate a business, educational institution or community organization, visit www.culturaldiversityresources.org.
Associate professor’s findings on distillers grains published

Kendall Swanson, associate professor in the Department of Animal Sciences, co-wrote a publication titled “Influence of feeding increasing levels of dry corn distillers grains plus solubles in whole corn grain-based finishing diets on total tract digestion, nutrient balance and excretion in beef steers.” The article appeared in the Journal of Animal Science Sept. 5.

Swanson studied the effects of increasing dry distillers grains plus solubles inclusion up to 50 percent of the diet dry matter in finishing cattle diets. He found feeding up to 50 percent of the diet as dry distillers grains plus solubles did not have a negative effect on nutrient retention by the animal, but increased the excretion of nitrogen and minerals (phosphorus, calcium, magnesium, sulfur and potassium). When feeding high levels of distillers grains, implications of increased nutrient concentrations in manure should be considered when developing manure management plans and when using manure as fertilizer.

Swanson’s work was completed at the University of Guelph with the help of his graduate student and others before he started his position at NDSU.

Faculty to publish opportunistic claiming behavior research

Gerrard Macintosh, chair and professor of marketing, and Charles D. Stevens, professor of management, co-wrote the journal article, “Individual Differences in Opportunistic Claiming Behavior.” It will be published in the 2013 Journal of Consumer Behaviour.

“Service-oriented companies often financially compensate customers as one means of responding to bad customer service. Generally, research shows that when service failures occur, customers seek fair compensation,” Macintosh said.

“However, some customers may demand higher compensation and in some cases seek compensation in excess of the amount of their actual loss. Our research investigates why some customers are more likely to seek higher compensation or to act opportunistically.”

Macintosh and Stevens’ results show that two individual difference variables, conflict style and social value orientation, influence the amount claimed and opportunistic behavior. “Service businesses can enhance their abilities to resolve service failures by understanding different customer motives and perspectives,” McIntosh said.

Animal sciences professors publish, receive award


The award is given to the best paper published in the journal during the previous year. It will be presented Nov. 6 at the opening ceremony of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists’ 41st annual meeting.

A second paper, titled “Barbed vs. Standard Suture: Effects on Cellular Composition and Proliferation of the Healing Wound in the Ovine Uterus,” also was published as a result of the research project.

Assistant professor receives Best Article Honorable Mention

Kelly Sassi, assistant professor of English, received a 2012 Best Article Honorable Mention from the English Leadership Quarterly, a publication of the Conference on English Leadership.

Her article, “Misgivings and Opportunities: The Common Core Writing Standards,” was included in the October 2011 issue themed “Common Core State Standards for English/Language Arts.” The awards committee liked Sassi’s piece for its “realistic portrayal of the tensions surrounding the Common Core writing standards.”

Sassi has a joint appointment at NDSU in English and education. She co-directs the Red River Valley Writing Project. Her research agenda focuses on social justice issues, including race in the classroom, fair practices in writing assessment, feminist research methodologies, pedagogical approaches to Native American literature, multicultural field experiences and the high school to college transition in writing. Sassi also co-wrote two books, “Writing on Demand” (2005) and “A Student Guide to Writing on Demand” (2006), with Anne Gere and Leila Christenbury.

A former high school English teacher from Fairbanks, Alaska, Sassi has presented approximately 50 professional development workshops for teachers on writing and reading strategies. She is a consultant for the National Council for Teachers of English and is a trainer for Project CRISS, a research-based learning strategies program.
Assistant professor’s auditing manuscript published

David Herda, assistant professor of accounting, co-wrote the manuscript, “Auditor Commitment to Privately-Held Clients and Its Effects on Value-Added Audit Service,” which was accepted for publication in Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory.

Herda’s study examines auditor commitment to clients and how it affects the level of value-added audit service provided to them. His results “highlight the important role that perceptions of client fairness play in engendering social exchange relationships between individual auditors and clients.” His results also show higher quality relationships lead to higher levels of service.

Associate dean presents in Boston

David Buchanan, associate dean for academic programs in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources, presented at the second Biennial Meeting of the BABEL Working Group held Sept. 20-22 in Boston. The meeting’s theme was “cruising in the ruins: the question of disciplinarity in the post/medieval university.”

Buchanan presented “Agriculture and the Humanities: How education became the family business for the children of a tinsmith and a blacksmith” during the session titled Families Old and New.

Buchanan’s son, Peter, a doctoral candidate in medieval studies at the University of Toronto, organized the session. Buchanan’s daughter, Amy Virginia, an independent performer from New York, and his nephew, Daniel McKanan, a professor at Harvard Divinity School, also participated in the session.

Management and marketing faculty to publish papers

Sukumarakurup Krishnakumar, assistant professor of management, and Doug Rymph, assistant professor of management practice, co-wrote the paper, “Uncomfortable Ethical Decisions: The Role of Negative Emotions and Emotional Intelligence in Ethical Decision-making,” which has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Managerial Issues.

“The intriguing relationship between morality and emotions goes a long way,” Krishnakumar said. “The previous few years have seen a number of accounting/management scandals and ethical violations in the business world (e.g. Enron). In this paper, we examined how emotions could influence managerial ethical decision-making, and the impact of emotional intelligence on the ethicality of decisions. Though it is widely known that ethical dilemmas involving other employees/managers are inherently emotional, not many studies have looked at this phenomenon.”

In two experimental studies, they found that such strong negative emotions as sadness and anger influenced individuals to make less ethical decisions, and that emotional intelligent individuals were able to make ethical decisions against the biasing influence of those negative emotions.

“As far as we are aware, this is the first empirical study to test the direct influence of emotional intelligence in ethical decision-making in a business context,” Krishnakumar said. “In light of these findings, organizations should consider selection and training procedures that will enable the use of emotional intelligence at work. This includes using well-established and validated tests for selecting and/or re-assigning employees and training procedures to enhance emotional intelligence skills of existing employees.”

As a follow up, Krishnakumar and Rymph are extending their research to study the role of other emotions and personality variables on ethical decision-making. For more information, email s.krishnakumar@ndsu.edu.
Discover U scheduled for Nov. 14

The fall Discover U is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the Memorial Union Plains room. All NDSU staff are invited and encouraged to attend this staff development workshop organized by NDSU’s Staff Senate.

The presenter will be motivational humorist Theresa Rose. She is scheduled to present two 90-minute sessions titled “The Hoop-Woman’s Guide to Living Freely and Fully” and “‘Getting Big: Step by Step’.”

More details, including registration information, will be available in the next issue of It’s Happening at State.

Faculty policy revised to include childbearing leave, modified duties

Policy 320 on faculty obligations and time requirements has been amended to include childbearing leave and modified duties, the latter of which is for major life changes such as adoption, the birth of a child or personal or family health issues.

The policy changes were initiated by NDSU Advance FORWARD and the Commission on the Status of Women Faculty to:

• ensure women faculty have institutional support to take medical leave for childbirth
• recruit women faculty
• help all faculty balance their personal and professional responsibilities

The childbearing leave addition to the policy allows women faculty to take six weeks of medical leave for childbirth without reduction in pay. Childbearing leave is available for tenured and tenure-track faculty, professors of practice and senior lecturers with less than 12-month contracts since they do not earn sick leave.

The modified duties addition to the policy allows male and female faculty members to change duties and goals without reduction of salary for a limited period of time. “A person taking ‘modified duties’ will still be at a 100 percent workload and 100 percent salary; however, the nature of the responsibilities for this time period will be adjusted,” the policy states.

Modified duties are for faculty members who can work but can’t do their normal job because they are new parents, have a health problem or are taking care of a child, partner or parent with a serious health problem.

The policy amendments are based on a policy originally researched, developed and implemented in the College of Human Development and Education.

FORWARD offers training sessions

The FORWARD project training sessions for faculty search committee members are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Thursday, Oct. 11, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union’s Room of Nations.

Current search committee members are particularly encouraged to attend one of the sessions. The training includes information on procedural aspects of the search process, as well as research-based information addressing the ways that bias can influence the recruitment and screening of applicants in a search and strategies for overcoming bias.

In addition, the FORWARD project will sponsor a promotion, tenure and evaluation workshop for administrators Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Rose room. Lunch will be provided.

The workshop will include information on policy and procedures and offer best practices for evaluating promotion and tenure portfolios.

Registration for these training session is available on the FORWARD website at www.ndsu.edu/forward. The deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 4.

Human Resources/Payroll announces open enrollment dates

Open enrollment for health, dental, vision and life insurance will be held Oct. 22 through Nov. 9. All changes made during this time will be effective Jan. 1, 2013, with the exception of life insurance increases, which must be underwritten and approved. During the open enrollment period, employees can add or drop coverage or change dependents covered under their policies.

Flexible Spending Account open enrollment for calendar year 2013 will be held Nov. 1 through Nov. 30. The maximum election for medical flex will be $2,500, which is a decrease from prior years due to changes mandated through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Dependent Care maximum remains at $5,000 per household.

NDSU Bookstore holds academic regalia sale

Custom faculty academic regalia packages are on sale at the NDSU Bookstore from now until Nov. 12. Bachelor, master and doctoral packages are discounted 25 percent. Orders may be faxed to 952-447-4449 or kmortinsonoffice@me.com. All orders will be reviewed and special requests monitored. Eight weeks of production time is necessary.

Contact Jodi Askew at 1-7428 or jodi.askew@ndsu.edu for assistance.
Reminder about equal opportunity and non-discrimination policy issued

NDSU is fully committed to equal opportunity in employment decisions and educational programs and activities, in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and including appropriate affirmative action efforts, for all individuals without regard to age, color, disability, gender expression/identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, public assistance status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, status as a U.S. veteran or participation in lawful activity off the employer’s premises during nonworking hours which is not in direct conflict with the essential business-related interests of the employer. Further, as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, NDSU will not allow discrimination on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities. Under Title IX, sexual violence including rape, sexual assault, sexual battery and sexual coercion constitutes sexual harassment. Not only is sexual violence a crime, it also is considered sexual harassment and any violation will be dealt with as a discrimination/harassment issue as well.

See NDSU Policies for further information:
- NDSU Policy 100: Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination at www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/100.pdf (Note gender expression and genetic information recently has been added to the list of protected classes.)

Grievance Procedures under Title IX discrimination/harassment based on sex may be found at:

For employees:

For students:
- NDSU Policy 603: Sexual Assault Student Policy at www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/603.pdf

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the university’s non-discrimination policies, to receive discrimination/harassment complaints from members of the university community and to monitor the institution’s compliance with state and federal non-discrimination laws and regulations:

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Notices in publications
The following notice must be included in all departmental publications such as bulletins, announcements, manuals, publications, guidebooks, brochures, pamphlets, catalogs, application forms or recruitment materials describing or inviting participation in programs at NDSU. It is not required on departmental homepages.

Non-Discrimination Policy
North Dakota State University does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender expression/identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, public assistance status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or status as a U.S. veteran. Direct inquiries to the Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach, 205 Old Main, 701-231-7708.

Employment Advertisement Notices
Include one of the following notices on all electronic and/or paper advertisements:
- North Dakota State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.
- NDSU is an EO/AA Employer.

Additional language may be added to either option above:
- Women and traditionally under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

Cluster/classroom spring software requests due Oct. 1
Information Technology Service issued a reminder that the deadline to submit requests for cluster/classroom software is Oct. 1.

The request form and information about this process are available at: www.ndsu.edu/its/cluster-software-request.

Software already requested for the entire 2012-13 academic year can be found at: www.ndsu.edu/its/cluster-software.

Classroom/cluster software must be requested or renewed annually. Software requests/renewals need to be submitted, along with licensing information for the software, by the following dates:
- May 1 for installation by the start of fall semester
- Oct. 1 for installation by the start of spring semester
- Feb. 1 for installation by the start of summer semester
ITS issues tips to travel abroad safely with mobile devices

To stay connected while traveling abroad for research, conferences and continued study, NDSU faculty and staff often bring along mobile electronic devices such as laptops, cell phones and tablets. But these devices, along with the personal or university-owned data on them, may be vulnerable to serious security threats.

"Even when kept current with security software, mobile devices are at risk for attack with malware or other automated tools designed to obtain the data on them or for surveillance," said Theresa Semmens, NDSU’s chief information technology security officer. Semmens explained this is particularly true when traveling to high-risk locations where there is civil unrest, political discord, strong scientific competition, or pervasive crime and violence.

When traveling abroad with mobile devices, faculty and staff should keep the following recommendations in mind before, during and after travel.

• If possible, do not take your work or personal electronic devices with you. Instead, use a temporary device, such as an inexpensive laptop or a prepaid “throw away” cell phone. Only take the device(s) you will truly need.
• Update and patch your device’s operating system with institutionally recommended security software.
• Use complex passwords or passcodes to protect each device. Do not use the same passwords/passcodes you use for your work and personal devices and accounts.
• Remove sensitive or personal information from your device, including logins and passwords, credit card information, your Social Security number and passport information.
• Back up the data on your device and store a copy safely with your department or in another secure location.
• Assume anything you do on your device, particularly over the Internet, will be intercepted.
• Keep your device with you at all times during your travel, rather than leaving it behind at your hotel room.
• Upon returning from your travel, immediately discontinue use of the device. The hard drive should be wiped clean, and the operating system and other software should be reinstalled. Any “throw-away” device should be properly recycled.
• Change any and all passwords you used abroad.

The Information Technology Division and the Office of International Programs will host a panel presentation, “iPhone, iPad, iTravel: Traveling Abroad Safely With Electronic Communication Devices,” to highlight these and other safety concerns and solutions faculty, staff and students can use when traveling with mobile devices. The panel discussion will be held at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden room, and again at noon, Thursday, Oct. 25, in the Memorial Union Hidatsa room.

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Consular Affairs offers more information about safety and security when traveling abroad, including general tips, travel warnings and country-specific information at http://travel.state.gov.

More information about traveling abroad safely with electronic devices is available at www.ndsu.edu/it/security-abroad or contact Semmens at 1-5870 or theresa.semmens@ndsu.edu.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU website at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

Director of Technical Services and Business Development (re-posted)
Northern Crops Institute
$90,000+/year
Oct. 31

Fire Management Specialist-Grants; located in Bismarck, N.D.
North Dakota Forest Service
$34,974+/year
Open until filled

Help Desk Consultant
Information Technology Services
Commensurate with experience
Open until filled

HPC Systems Administrator (two positions)
Center for Computationally Assisted Science and Technology
Commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Research Assistant
Agribusiness and Applied Economics
Commensurate with experience
Open until filled

Assistant Potato Breeder/#00019268
Plant Sciences
$45,000+/year
Open until filled

Research Specialist – Horticulture (located in Williston, N.D.)
Williston Research Extension Center
Commensurate with qualifications and experience
Nov. 12

Research Specialist – Soil Science
Carrington Research Extension Center
Commensurate with experience
Oct. 4

Collections Manager/#00026568
Apparel, Design and Hospitality Management
$36,000+/year
Oct. 1

Data Analyst
Distance and Continuing Education
$42,000+/year
Open until filled

Research Specialist – Crop Production
Williston Research Extension Center
Based on qualifications and experience
Nov. 13

Research Laboratory Technician
Plant Pathology
$25,000+/year
Oct. 8
POSITIONS AVAILABLE CONTINUED

Employment Records Technician  
Human Resources/Payroll  
$29,500+/year  
Oct. 1

Custodian (three positions)  
Residence Life  
$20,384/year  
Oct. 5

Food Service Lead  
Dining Services  
$104/hour  
Oct. 8

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER
28 NDSU Meats: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Shepperd Arena room 103
28 Pride Network Brown Bag Meeting: noon. For meeting location, contact ndsu.pridenetwork@ndsu.edu.

OCTOBER
1-6 NDSU Homecoming: For more information, visit www.ndsuhomecoming.com.

1 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar: 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard Hall room 114, “Target Site Mechanism of Glyphosate Resistance in Palmer Amaranth,” Aman Anand

1 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Presentation: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater. Doris Carver, National Science Foundation, and panel of NDSU National Science Foundation recipients/advisers. Register at www.ndsu.edu/gradschool.

2 Breastfeeding/Pumping Support Group: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Equity and Diversity Center.

2 FORWARD Leadership Workshop: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room. “Leadership and Fundraising: A Workshop for Department Chairs and Senior Faculty Interested in Department Leadership,” Peggy Johnson, professor of civil engineering, Penn State. Register at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

2 Arbor Day Observance: 1 p.m., west side of the 1300 block of North University Drive

3 Staff Senate Meeting: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Memorial Union Ballroom

3 Brown Bag Seminar: noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. “Out On Campus” Co-sponsored by the Equity and Diversity Center and Compass Program Foundation.

3-4 NDSU Libraries Open House: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Library

4 State of the University Address: 11 a.m., Reineke Fine Arts Center

4 Alumni Center Dedication and Open House: 8:30 a.m., Alumni Center

6 Football vs. Youngstown State: 1 p.m., Fargodome

6 Equity and Diversity Center Open House: 11 a.m. The campus community and alumni are invited to stop by immediately following the Homecoming parade. The LGBTQ Resource Center will be dedicated at this time.

7 NDSU Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers: 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults: $5, students and seniors $2.

8 Faculty Senate Meeting: 3:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose room

8 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar: 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard Hall room 114, “Application of Double Haploid in Plant Breeding,” Tening Ma

8 NDSU High School Choral Festival Concert: 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Free and open to the public.

9 Science Café: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Hotel Donaldson, “Amazing World of Microbes: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly and the Beautiful,” Birgit Pruess, associate professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences

9 iPhone, iPad, iTravel: Traveling Abroad Safely with Electronic Communication Devices: noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden room. A panel discussion will highlight safety concerns and solutions faculty, staff and students can use when traveling abroad with mobile devices.

9 Hispanic Heritage Month Film: 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater. “Lalo Guerrero: The Original Chicano” Producer Dan Guerrero introduces the documentary honoring his legendary father, “The Father of Chicano Music.”

10 Faculty Search Committee Training: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Memorial Union Room of Nations. Register at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

10 Agriculture Career Fair: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom

10 ¡GAYTINO!: 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Dan Guerrero bridges his identities as Latino and gay with music, laughter and poignancy.

10-12 NDSU Family Weekend

11 Faculty Search Committee Training: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Memorial Union Room of Nations. Register at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

11-14 Theatre NDSU presents “Anon(ymous)”: Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Askanase Auditorium. Visit www.ndsu.edu/finearts for more information.

11 World iView Presentation: noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater, “Monasteries and Manuscripts Along the Camino de Santiago,” Benjamin Smith, Spanish professor, Minnesota State University Moorhead
12 FORWARD Grant Information Session: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Memorial Union Lark room

12 Wind Symphony featuring Thomas Hooten, Los Angeles Philharmonic: 7:30 p.m., Adults: $5, students and seniors: $2.

12 Soccer vs. Western Illinois: 4 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex. A free tailgating party with pizza and pop for students begins at 3:30 p.m. Hosted by the NDSU Equity and Diversity Student Ambassadors.

13 Football vs. Indiana State: 3 p.m., Fargodome

13 Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes: 9:30 a.m., Scheels Arena

14 Fall Choral Concert: 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults: $5, students and seniors: $2.

15 Jazz Ensemble and Lab Band Concert: 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Adults: $5, students and seniors: $2.

15 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar: 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard Hall room 114, “Chemical Genetics: A Potential Approach to Improve Drought Resistance in Crops,” Mona Mazaheri

17 Donna Ross Presentations: noon, Memorial Union Arikara room, “Facing the Foibles of Gender: Encounters with the Silly Creatures” and 7 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose room, “Stories of My Second Lives: Intersection of Two Journeys.”

18 Our Pride Runs Campuswide Day: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Equity and Diversity Center

19 Center for Writers Workshop: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Sudro Hall room 26, “Workplace Writing: Effective or Correct?” For more information, contact Karen Peirce at karen.peirce@ndsu.edu.

19 Chamber Winds Recital: 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free and open to the public.

19 Spirit Day: Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation encourages people to take a stand against bullying by wearing purple.

22 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar: 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard Hall room 114, “Improvement of Crop Micronutrients to Reduce Human Malnutrition,” Danqiong Huang and “Potential of Thlaspi caerulescens in Phytoremediation of Soils Contaminated with Heavy Metals,” Kuhu Sahu

22-25 Civil and Workplace Mediation Training: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room. For more information, visit http://conflictresolution.und.edu.

22 No Zebras – No Excuses, the Realities of Sexual Aggression: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Memorial Union Great Plains room. Steve Thompson, associate professor and sexual aggression services director at Central Michigan University, will address aspects of sexual aggression while focusing on what can be done to create a safer environment on campus.

22 Brass Chamber Night: 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free and open to the public.

25 iPhone, iPad, iTravel: Traveling Abroad Safely with Electronic Communication Devices: noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room. A panel discussion will highlight safety concerns and solutions faculty, staff and students can use when traveling abroad with mobile devices.

25 President’s Diversity Series: 9 a.m., Memorial Union Century Theater, “Liberated from Fear: Living and Thriving While Being ‘Out’ on a College Campus,” DeRionne Pollard, president of Montgomery College, Maryland

26 Pride Network Brown Bag Meeting: noon. For meeting location, contact ndsu.pridenetwork@ndsu.edu

26 NDSU/UND Speed Networking: 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. Register at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

26 Harvest Bowl: banquet begins with a social at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m., Ramada Plaza and Suites, Fargo.

27 Football vs. Southern Illinois: 2:30 p.m., Fargodome

27 Costume-Encouraged Ball: 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Memorial Union Ballroom. Celebrate Halloween with the GayStraight+ Alliance

29 Plant Sciences Graduate Seminar: 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard Hall room 114, “Obtaining Weed Control with Cover Crops in No-Till Organic Production,” Bradley Bisek and “Glyphosate Resistance in Kentucky Bluegrass: A Curse or Blessing?” Xianwen Zhu

31 We’re in this Together Panel: noon, Memorial Union Arikara room. Panelists reflect on their experiences sharing in a loved one’s journey to come out.