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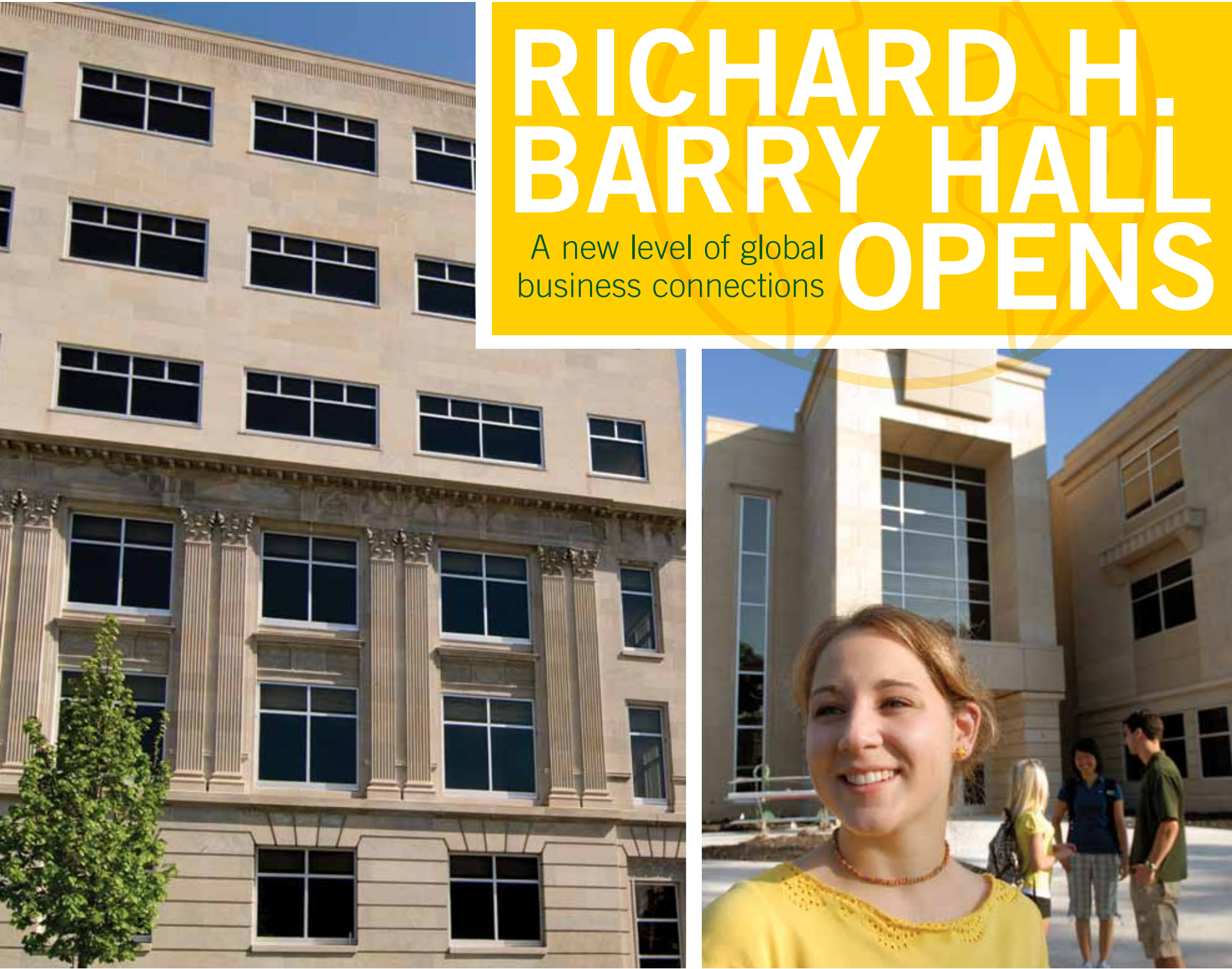
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DEDICATION SET FOR 2 P.M., OCTOBER 2, 811 SECOND AVENUE NORTH





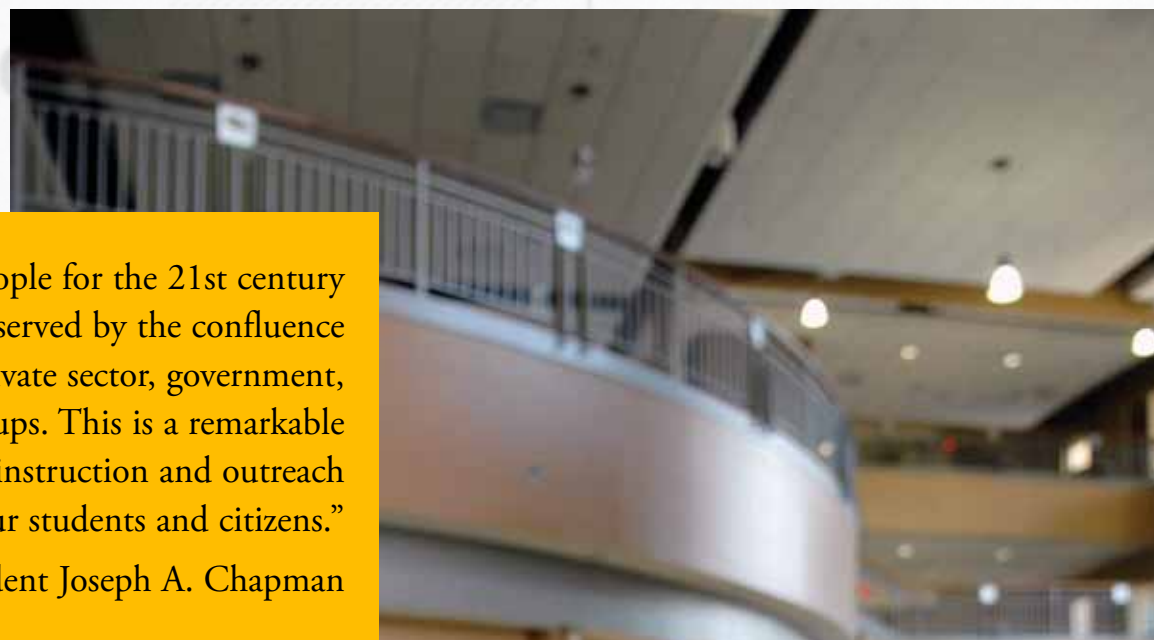
The doors are open at

# RICHARD H. BARRY HALL

home to the College of Business, the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, and the Center for Global Initiatives and Leadership, as well as the North Dakota Trade Office.

“Our mission of preparing people for the 21st century is extremely well served by the confluence of academic, private sector, government, and interdisciplinary groups. This is a remarkable addition to the research, instruction and outreach capabilities we offer our students and citizens.”

— NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman



## Some Richard H. Barry Hall details:



**135,000 SQUARE FEET** of space

**13 CLASSROOMS** and **ONE COMPUTER LAB.**

Multiple student study and **group work rooms.**

**MORE THAN 3,000** electrical outlets are in the building.



**142 CLASS SECTIONS** are scheduled for fall.

**MORE THAN 1,400 CHAIRS** are in the building. There also is an **1,800-square-foot library**, an **NDSU bookstore** and a **coffee shop.**

**MORE THAN 2,500 STUDENTS** will attend classes in Richard H. Barry Hall.

The “eye brows” (cement protrusions over some of the exterior windows) weigh **ABOUT 20,000 POUNDS.**



### building facts

The geothermal well field contains more than 3 miles of pipe. Some 125 geothermal wells were dug roughly 140 feet deep by the northwest corner of the building. About 80 percent of the heating and cooling will come from energy produced by the geothermal wells.

The distance from Richard H. Barry Hall to the NDSU gates is the same as the distance from the NDSU gates to the NDSU Research and Technology Park.

An expanded city bus schedule will bring students to the building. A bus will stop by Richard H. Barry Hall about every 12 minutes.

It took many trial combinations of cement to create a custom brick to match the brick on the existing building to the addition.

The re-use/rehabilitation of the existing building, formerly the Pioneer Mutual Building, incorporated almost 60,000 square feet of space that previously was sitting empty.

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION OF RICHARD H. BARRY HALL**

*2 p.m., October 2* 811 SECOND AVENUE NORTH





## NDSU alumnus receives 2009 Emmy nomination

Alf H. Clausen, BA '63, honorary doctorate '99, has been nominated for a 2009 Emmy award in the category of Outstanding Music Composition for a Series (Original Dramatic Score) for "The Simpsons" piece "Gone Maggie Gone."

Clausen, composer for the television program, "The Simpsons," for the past 19 seasons, recently returned to NDSU to perform in the BisonArts Summer Gala. He led a program at the Fargo Theatre featuring jazz band music with a band put together from local players including NDSU music students. While he was visiting, he also conducted clinics with musicians from NDSU and surrounding colleges.

Clausen grew up in Jamestown, N.D. After earning his bachelor's degree at NDSU, he moved to California and became composer and music director for television shows and films including "The Donny and Marie Show," "Moonlighting," "Alf," "The Critic" and "Half-Baked."

"The Simpsons" received five Emmy nominations.

## Challey receives honorary doctorate

NDSU alumnus Robert Challey was awarded an honorary doctorate during commencement ceremonies on May 15. Challey has an exemplary and dedicated connection with his alma mater, and the lobby of NDSU's Festival Concert Hall is named the "Challey Atrium" in his honor.

A 1967 graduate, Challey studied business and the sciences. He was student body vice president, a member of Blue Key Honor Society, producer for the student musical "Oklahoma" and drum major and trombonist with the NDSU Gold Star Band.

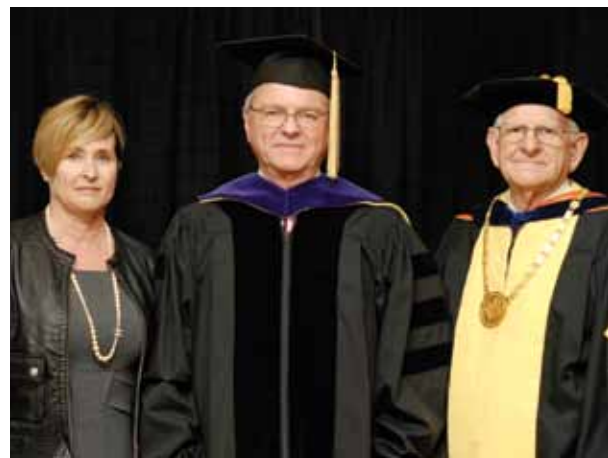
Challey has enjoyed a highly successful career, becoming chair of the board of The Park Place Group, a real estate development and investment company in Walnut Creek, Calif. He also is a director and treasurer for the Smuin Ballet of San Francisco.

Challey was named to the NDSU Development Foundation board of trustees in 1981, and has served

on numerous committees and advisory boards. He received an Alumni Achievement Award in 1986 and the Development Foundation's Service Award in 2002. He was instrumental, as an advocate and financial sponsor, in bringing the Smuin Ballet to Fargo twice in recent years. Challey and his wife, Sheila, pledged a donation of \$2.15 million to the Department of Music. Those proceeds are used for scholarships for music majors.

Sheila Challey was recognized as the 2009 Member of the Year for the Rowan Branch of Children's Hospital Oakland during the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on April 29 at the Orinda Country Club, Orinda, Calif.

Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland is the only independent children's hospital in Northern California, and the oldest pediatric medical center between Los Angeles and Seattle. In addition to the usual funding sources, Children's Hospital depends



on a series of independent "branches" located throughout the Bay Area. Sheila Challey chaired the annual gala auction and fundraiser for the Rowan Branch the past two years, raising more than \$600,000 for the hospital.

The Challeys and their three children live in Danville and Lake Tahoe, Calif.

## Littlefield named Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor

The NDSU Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor Award Committee has selected Robert Littlefield, professor of communication, as the recipient of the 2009 award.

R.S. Krishnan, committee chair and associate vice president for academic affairs, said, "The committee was impressed with Dr. Littlefield's distinguished record as an educator, and his exemplary service and leadership in the area of public speaking and forensics."

In a letter of nomination, Ross Collins, associate professor of communication, praised Littlefield's contributions in support of public speaking and debate education. "He has judged more than 200 speech tournaments and has managed more than 150. These tournaments not only prepare young people for the critically important role of clear spoken communication in our society, but actually provide a substantial economic benefit to the communities and schools that host the tournaments," Collins wrote, noting Littlefield has served as a presenter for several FM Communiiversity classes, president of the Elim Lutheran Church Council, a Cub Scout den leader and president of NDSU's Phi Kappa Phi chapter.



"I was honored to be nominated for this award," Littlefield said. "As I think of previous award winners, their imprint on the community and NDSU is well known. It is humbling for me to be put into the same circle with these people that I have known and always respected. Over my roughly 30 years at NDSU, I have always taken my community role seriously. So, receiving this award from the Chamber of Commerce is a wonderful way to be recognized for that effort."

Littlefield has written or co-written nearly 60 articles for refereed journals, six books and monographs and eight book chapters and proceedings. He also wrote "Voices on the Prairie: Bringing Speech and Theatre to North Dakota."

A member of the Hall of Fame of the Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Honorary, Littlefield has received many honors, including the President's Leadership

Medal from Lions Clubs International. He also has received the Wayne Brockreide Award for Research, Ralph E. Carey Award for Distinguished Career Service and Double Diamond Coach Award from the American Forensic Association. He was acknowledged with the Outstanding Educator Award from the NDSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and was twice named the Debate Coach of the Year by the North Dakota Speech and Theatre Association.

"Dr. Littlefield has led and participated in nearly every committee and council in the college and at the university, served for a decade as department chair and also as interim college dean," Collins wrote. "Certainly there can be few community leaders, educators and scholars as deserving of the NDSU Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor Award."

The award is designed to recognize NDSU faculty members who have attained distinction in their profession. Nominees for the honor are judged on the basis of their substantial service and or outreach contributions to the community and the region, in addition to their achievement as scholars, teachers or artists during their time at NDSU.

## Five new programs available online

NDSU Distance and Continuing Education has announced the addition of three new online undergraduate degrees for Fall Semester 2009 and two new online graduate programs available Spring Semester 2010.

The three new undergraduate degrees include: Bachelor of Science in Public Relations and Advertising; Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Broadcasting and Mass Communication Technologies; and Bachelor of Science in Health Communication.

The two new online graduate programs are: a Master of Software Engineering and a Transportation Leadership Graduate Certificate.

A Master of Software Engineering degree consists of 36 credits and can be completed in as little as

one year. While this degree will not be fully available until Spring Semester 2010, several courses are ready for students to take as early as Fall Semester 2009.

The Transportation Leadership Graduate Certificate is a 12-credit online program designed to prepare future leaders of the transportation industry. This prestigious program is an initiative of the Regional University Transportation Centers. NDSU is one of the premier institutions that will offer courses taught by graduate faculty. This program will be available fully online starting Spring Semester 2010; however students are encouraged to begin the admission process Fall Semester 2009.

NDSU Distance and Continuing Education now offers a total of 26 fully online degree and certificate programs, and programs are being added. To view



the most up-to-date list of online degrees and certificates or for more information about any of the programs listed above, go to [www.ndsu.edu/dce](http://www.ndsu.edu/dce) or contact NDSU Distance and Continuing Education at 701-231-7015 or 1-800-726-1724.

## NDSU receives Africa-U.S. initiative grant

NDSU researchers have been awarded one of 20 prestigious planning grants through the Africa-U.S. Higher Education Initiative. The \$50,000 grant will be used to continue NDSU's joint programs with Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

Margaret Khaitsa, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, is the principal investigator for the grant, titled "Capacity Building in Integrated Management of Vectorborne and Zoonotic Diseases in Eastern and Central Africa."

"WHEN PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER, GREAT THINGS HAPPEN."

— Doug Freeman, department head and professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences

"This is a good example of the great faculty we have in the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences, and how we can be partners nationally and internationally," said Doug Freeman, department head and professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences. "When people work together, great things happen. Margaret has been the leader and none of it would have happened without her, but it has been a true team effort."

The grant builds on NDSU's unique summer study abroad program opportunity in Uganda through the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences. The course gives students a chance to study international animal production, disease surveillance and public health at Makerere University.

That course is leading to a joint master's degree in international infectious disease management and biosecurity. Khaitsa is also the principal investigator on a previously received \$140,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in support of the degree program.

## CONVERSATIONS across the land

President Joseph A. Chapman and his wife, Gale, along with faculty, staff and Extension Service leaders, traveled part of the state on June 16-17 for a "Conversations Across the Land" tour.

"Since the university's founding in 1890, there has been a special relationship between NDSU and the people of North Dakota," Chapman says. "This tour continues this great tradition. As we do these conversations, we want to visit with you, which will help us understand how to better serve the state's needs to ensure a bright future for generations to come."

The tour stopped at Grand Forks, Bottineau, Rugby, Turtle Mountain Community College, and Langdon.





# CLASS NOTES

## '50s

**JOHN E. BRUNSDALE**, BS '55, agriculture, took an African photo safari earlier this year to the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. During his trip, an 18-month-old cheetah jumped on top of the vehicle and curiously looked at Brunsdale and the driver before departing. The incident was captured in a photograph taken by Brunsdale's son-in-law, **NORBERT BROMENSHENKEL**, BS '88, electrical and electronic engineering. Brunsdale lives in Mayville, N.D.

**BEVERLY P. (PFEIFER) LYNCH**, BS '57, arts and science; HD '80, received the American Library Association Joseph W. Lippincott Award. The award is presented annually to an individual for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship. Lynch, who is a professor at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and director of the UCLA Senior Fellows Program, also received the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, School of Library and Information Studies. She lives in Encino, Calif.

**MARY PFEIFFER**, BS '58, pharmacy, owns Pfeiffer Pharmacy in Pequot Lakes, Minn., which celebrated its 70th year in business. She runs the business with the help of her sisters, **LOIS (PFEIFFER) BERG**, BS '54, pharmacy, and **KATHLEEN (PFEIFFER) HARTER**, BS '60, pharmacy. Their father, Loy Pfeiffer, started the firm.

**DUANE TRAYNOR**, BS '59, civil engineering, retired and sold his business, Associated Pool Builders and Associated Builders, to his employees. The company constructed more than 2,000 college, high school and community aquatic centers and pools in North Dakota, South Dakota, Alaska, Nebraska, Montana, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Wyoming and Colorado. He lives in Bismarck, N.D.

## '60s

**DARYL PRING**, BS '64, agronomy; MS '66, plant pathology; PhD '68, plant pathology, was named a fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. An emeritus

faculty member of plant pathology at the University of Florida, Gainesville, he was one of four USDA Outstanding Scientists of the Year. Pring retired in 2007 from the USDA Agricultural Research Service after working many years on the university campus, where he continues to conduct research.

**GARY KRAPU**, BS '66, zoology, received the Meritorious Service Award from the U.S. Department of Interior. The honor recognizes his outstanding contributions to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey in wetland and waterfowl conservation. He is a research biologist at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, N.D. He and his wife, Madeline, live in Valley City, N.D.

**JAMES KNUTSON**, BS '67, electrical and electronics engineering, retired after 41 years of working for the U.S. Navy. The first 28 years of his career included working with repairs and overhauls of nuclear submarines in northern California. He later worked on aircraft carriers and other large combatant and supply ships in San Diego. He and his wife, Kathy, enjoy being involved in the growing years of their six grandchildren following a "retirement" cruise to Alaska last fall.

**MARY (STRUBLE) AMUNDSON**, BS '69, sociology, was appointed to the National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps. The council advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services on issues related to the corps, which works to improve the health of underserved populations in such places as rural areas and inner-city neighborhoods. Amundson is the director of the Area Health Education Center in North Dakota and an assistant professor at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

**GEORGE QUALLEY**, BS '69, civil engineering, was appointed to begin a second "tour" as chief, Division of Flood Management in the California Department of Water Resources. In this position, which he also held from 1989 to 2000, he is responsible for more than 300 employees who carry out the state's Flood Management Program, including flood and water supply forecasting; flood emergency operations; maintenance, inspection and repair of flood control projects; and balancing development of new projects with non-structural approaches to flood risk reduction. His other assignments have included annual inspections of State Water Project civil works facilities; water rights analysis; water contract administration; and long-range operations studies. He lives in Sacramento, Calif.

## '70s

**MICHAEL E. HANSON**, BS '70, pharmacy; HD '03, was elected to the board of directors of NewCardio Inc., a cardiac diagnostic and services company in Santa Clara, Calif. He is a founding partner of Barnard Life Sciences, a consulting company. Previously, he spent 25 years in major positions with Eli Lilly and Company. He has been a member of the boards of Indevus Pharmaceuticals, GlycoGenesis, MGI Pharma Inc., Z-92 Pharma and Elcos Inc.

**GREG FERN**, BArch '71, architecture, was promoted to vice president of marketing and business development at Kraus-Anderson Construction Co. He coordinates business development efforts at the company's Minneapolis, St. Paul and Kansas City offices. He is past national president of Society for Marketing Professional Services. He lives in Eden Prairie, Minn.

**DAVID MARING**, BS '71, sociology and business administration, completed his one-year term as president of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, a group of about 2,000 licensed lawyers. He continues on the association's board of governors as immediate past-president. Maring's law firm, Maring Williams Law Office P.C., is in Bismarck, N.D.

**LINDA (JOHNSON) ALMAS**, BS '72, music, sings with Musikanten Montana, which toured Tuscany and Rome in 2007 and a Baltic tour in 2009. She also performed at St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice in 2005. She is an administrative assistant in the Office of Public Instruction in Helena, Mont.

**DOROTHY (YUERGENS) ROLLINS**, BS '72, home economics education, retired after 36 years as a teacher in the Pine River-Backus, Minn., schools. She taught courses on topics such as foods and nutrition, consumerism, housing, child development and family living. She and her husband, Louis, live in Pine River.

**MICHAEL J. OLSEN**, BA '73, drama, was named vice president of corporate communications and public affairs at Otter Tail Corp. He develops and implements comprehensive communication strategies and provides communications leadership and support for all Otter Tail businesses, including an electric utility, manufacturing, health services, food ingredient processing and infrastructure businesses. The corporate offices are in Fergus Falls, Minn., and Fargo.

**JOEL YOUNG**, BS '73, business economics, was recognized as Administrator of the Year for District 31 during the Northwest Service Cooperative and Administrators Forum. He is the superintendent of Red Lake Falls, Minn., Independent School District 630.

**WILLIAM C. MONK**, BS '74, civil engineering, was named the Federal Highway Administration Engineer of the Year, and was recognized for his leadership in deploying high performance materials, promoting innovative bridge technologies and providing excellent support to the Iowa Department of Transportation and local agencies. He is a division bridge engineer for the Iowa Division of the Federal Highway Administration. He and his wife, Susan, live in Boone, Iowa.

**ELAINE LARSON**, BS '75, home economics education; MS '77, textiles and clothing, received a Minot State University Board of Regents Achievement Award for outstanding service. She was recognized for her work advising student teachers in her position as director of teacher advisement and field placement. She assists 75 to 100 majors and has contact with hundreds of teachers, supervisors, administrators and students on the university's behalf.

**DAVID OLSONAWSKI**, BS '75, civil engineering, was elected president of the Minnesota County Engineers Association. He is the county engineer and public works coordinator for Hubbard County in Minnesota. He and his wife, Sheryl, live in Park Rapids, Minn. They have three married daughters and twin grandsons.

**MARK FLODING**, AD '76, nursing, received the Eva Vraspir Excellence in Nursing Award from Minnesota State University Moorhead. He is an assistant nurse manager and patient care coordinator for the VA Palo Alto Health Care System in Palo Alto, Calif. He served with emergency relief teams after hurricanes Ivan, Dennis, Katrina and Wilma.

**STEPHEN VINING**, BS '76, mechanical engineering, has been appointed vice president for government programs at Cornerstone Research Group Inc., a company specializing in the design and application of state-of-the-art materials for commercial and government markets. He defines and directs execution of corporate best practices for effective execution of government contracts. Prior to joining the company in 2001, he served 22 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and two years on the staff of a community college. He and his wife, **SANDRA (FORD)**, BS '76, home economics education, live in Beaver Creek, Ohio. Sandra served as secondary school educator and on the staffs of a community college and Indiana University. Retired from her education career, she now does volunteer work in the community.

**GALE W. FRASER**, BS '77, civil engineering, was named Engineer of the Year by the Southern Nevada Chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He also was recently elected president of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies, an organization with the goal to protect lives, property and economic activity from the adverse impacts of storm and floodwaters. Fraser has been the general manager and chief engineer of the Clark County Regional Flood Control District in Las Vegas since 1993.

**COL. JAMES IKEN**, BS '77, architectural studies; BArch '78, architecture, received the Bronze Star for service during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As Division Chief, Military Programs, Programs Directorate, Gulf Region Division, the division grew to become the largest construction program in Iraq, with more

than 200 construction projects valued at \$5.6 billion. An Air Force officer, he now serves at the Pentagon as the deputy chief in the Office of the Civil Engineer, Readiness and Emergency Management. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Manassas, Va.

**LANCE JOSAL**, BA '77, art; BArch '78, architectural studies, was named president and CEO of RTKL Associates Inc., an international planning, design and engineering firm. The company has offices in several locations, including Baltimore; Chicago; Dallas; London; Madrid, Spain; Shanghai, China; and Washington, D.C. He joined the firm in 1979, and has been involved in some of its largest and most complex projects. In addition, he was named to the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows. Fewer than 2,800 of the 86,000 members of the institute have received the honor.

**HILLOL RAY**, MS '77, environmental engineering, was invited as a guest speaker by the Federal Asian Pacific American Council at its 24th annual National Leadership and Training Conference, held in Houston. Ray's poem, "Challenges of A Changing World," was selected as a part of the council's theme for this year, and he presented it on May 12 at the scholarship and internship luncheon. He also was recognized as "an exceptional poet among us" by Lisa P. Jackson, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. He previously received letters of personal compliments from U.S. President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

**ROSS ESPESETH**, BA '78, political science, recently joined the Bormann and Myerchin, LLP law firm. He has been practicing law in Bismarck for 26 years. He and his wife, Celeste, live in Bismarck.

**JIM HARDING**, BS '78, physical education, is vice president of State Bank of Park Rapids, Minn. For the past 15 years, he has co-announced Park Rapids High School Panthers athletics on KPRM radio.

**KEVIN KRAGE**, BArch '79; BS '80, interior design, was named associate director at the San Francisco office of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill LLP. He managed the new U.S. Embassy project in Beijing, China, and is managing a new addition to the embassy, as well as the new U.S. Consulate project in Guangzhou, China.

**LOUIS OGAARD**, PhD '79, botany, recently returned from two years in Bolivia to head an alternative fuels research and development project for the Center of Excellence for Hazardous Materials Management, a non-profit organization funded by the Department of Energy and the state of New Mexico. He has a staff of scientists and engineers working to convert algae into biodiesel. He lives in Carlsbad, N.M.

## '80s

**GUY KIMBALL**, BS '80, physical education, is employed by the Moorhead Area Public Schools and recently was transferred within the district to teach elementary physical education in addition to his special education teacher duties. Kimball, who is in his 26th year of teaching with the district, lives in Moorhead.

**BRANT MALSAM**, BS '80, civil engineering, was hired by Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson of Bismarck, N.D., as director of project management. He lives in Bismarck.

**TOM STREIFEL**, BS '80, agricultural economics, joined Highwater Ethanol LLC of Lambert, Minn., as the commodities risk manager. He previously held a similar position at the Central North Dakota Blue Flint Ethanol plant at Underwood, N.D.

**DAN NOBLE**, BA '81, architectural studies; BArch '82, was promoted to the four-person executive committee of HKS Inc. of Dallas. The committee is in charge of managing the 1,250-person, 25-office global architectural practice. A 27-year veteran of the industry, Noble has designed projects totaling more than \$6 billion in construction costs.

**GORDON M. KRANZ**, BS '82, electrical and electronic engineering, is the director of systems and software engineering in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology. He is responsible for establishing systems engineering and developmental test and evaluation policy and guidance in support of major Department of Defense acquisition programs. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

**MITCHELL KROG**, BS '82, pharmacy, recently joined Seip Drug in New York Mills, Minn., as a pharmacist. Seip Drug is owned by a classmate of Krog's, **NATE SEIP**, BS '82, pharmacy.

**DAN GORDER**, BS '83, agricultural economics, was elected to serve on the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association board of directors. He is president of Grafton Equipment, a John Deere dealership in Grafton, N.D.

**JIM MERCHANT**, BS '83, agricultural economics, was promoted to vice president at First Interstate BancSystem Inc. in Billings, Mont. He joined First Interstate in 1988. He and his wife, Karen, have two children and live in Billings.

**TIM ZASTROW**, BS '83, business administration, was named Northern Lights Financial Representative of the Month by Country Financial. A member of the Country Northern Lights Agency, he led 27 representatives in the agency in service to clients through insurance and financial products. During his career with Country Financial, he has been named All-American three times. He lives in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

**CINDY (ROBNIK) HERDING**, BA '84, architectural studies; BS '84, design, is the new urban planner for the city of Watertown, S.D. She previously worked at Banner Associates Inc. in Brookings, S.D. She lives in rural Watertown with her husband, Brad, and their two daughters.

**LANCE LOKEN**, BS '85, earth science; MS '91, soil science, is president and founder of Western Plains Consulting Inc. with headquarters in Bismarck. The firm recently announced plans to expand into two divisions, including environmental and natural resources. The company was founded in 2004 and has 20 employees in locations throughout North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota.

**SCOTT WOLFF**, BS '86, agricultural economics, joined Choice Financial as vice president for agricultural banking at the bank's Fargo location. Previously with Bremer Bank in Casselton, N.D., Wolff serves farm and business customers.

**KELLY KEAVENY**, BS '87, pharmacy, and his wife, Deb, purchased Paynesville Corner Drug in Paynesville, Minn. They live in Annandale, Minn.

**SCOTT KUDELKA**, BS '87, history, has written a series of 10 books about North Dakota state parks. They cover the history of the parks and park opportunities such as bird watching or hiking. He is a communications coordinator for the Water Resource Center at Minnesota State University in Mankato. He and his wife, Angie, live in New Ulm, Minn.

**GREG RICK**, BS '87, construction management, received the 2009 Electrical Industry Award by the National Electrical Contractors Association for the Seventh District, which includes the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri. The district has 362 electrical contractors as members of the national association. He is president of Rick Electric Inc. in Moorhead, Minn., and has been governor of the Dakotas Chapter for 13 years.

**TERRY JOHNSON**, BS '88, pharmacy, joined the staff of Paynesville Corner Drug in Paynesville, Minn. He previously worked for 15 years at the Litchfield, Minn., hospital. He lives in the Paynesville area.

**PHIL MURPHY**, MEd '88, education/counseling and guidance, received the 2008 Warren Kress Outstanding Geography Teacher Award. He teaches social studies at May-Port CG High School. The honor was presented by the North Dakota Geographic Alliance, which has offices at Minot State University.

**TIM SCHULTE**, BS '88, electrical and electronic engineering, was named Engineer of the Year by the North Dakota Association of County Engineers during its 59th annual state convention in January. He is the Richland County engineer, and previously was an engineer in Mahnom County in Minnesota. He lives in Wahpeton, N.D.

**JAMES MILBRATH**, BS '89, business administration, was promoted to vice president at Gate City Bank in Fargo. He and his wife, Karen, and their two children live in West Fargo.

**ROSS OPSAHL**, BS '89, agricultural economics, was promoted to branch manager at AgCountry Farm Credit Services in Ada, Minn. He is a member of the Norman County East School Board and participates in the Minnesota Certified Seed Potato Growers Association. He and his wife, Rhonda, live near Twin Valley.



# Alumna influences lives

NDSU alumna Stacey (Meidinger) Breuer wields the power to change lives. As an engineering services director of Applied Engineering Inc. in Bismarck, N.D., she hires the firm's engineers.

"I give young graduates that first job they have been working so hard for in engineering school. I get to give them their first opportunity. That's fantastic – that's acting as a major influence in a person's life," said Breuer, BS '97, electrical engineering.

Breuer started her career as a design engineer, but as she pursued a master's degree in management, she turned to a technical management and recruiting role. For about 10 years, Breuer has been in charge of hiring for the consulting and product development company, which has more than 125 employees and offices in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Texas.

Her company looks for industrial, electrical, mechanical and agricultural engineers to work on projects related to agricultural and construction equipment, packaging equipment and a variety of other products. Often, she finds the best candidates have the attributes of graduates from her own alma mater.

"The students coming out of NDSU have been fantastic. In part it's due to the curriculum, and in part it's due to the hands-on type of student NDSU attracts," said Breuer.

In these tough economic times, Breuer said students need to be fully prepared for the job market,

and she offers some advice as graduates vie for the few entry level spots available.

For engineering students, it is critical to be knowledgeable in such CAD systems as Inventor, Pro/E or SolidWorks, the software used by leading engineering firms. "NDSU students come out of school with exposure to one, two or maybe three of the top CAD systems used in the world to design products. Right out of the gate, that puts them maybe six months ahead of a student coming from a different school," Breuer said. "We also look for a good solid understanding of equipment and how things work. Add that to the curriculum, and NDSU graduates are some of the best we've hired."

She also recommends students take advantage of internships or co-op opportunities. "That is one of the most powerful things they can do. Get some real world experience," Breuer said. "The maturity level, the understanding and the ability to handle oneself professionally – they can really gain that during an internship. You will be a much better candidate for an employer."

Breuer also suggests that engineering students not get locked in to what kind of job they want. "They should use their problem-solving skills," she said. "Engineers can take their mathematical or analytical ability and apply it to a lot of different jobs. They shouldn't be afraid to bridge that gap."

A native of Bismarck, Breuer is proud of her state and equally proud of its young people. In her posi-

tion, she knows she can have an influence. "I'm a North Dakota person. If I can keep people in the state and give them engineering jobs that challenge them, excite them and pay well, that is a wonderful feeling," she said.

In addition to recruiting, Breuer manages the technical training group and oversees marketing for the engineering services department. "Applied Engineering is the perfect place for me," she said. "It's a great mix of business and engineering. We get to solve customer problems that are engineering related, yet most of the time we are really managing relationships and helping."

Breuer, her husband, Jim, BS '97, mechanical engineering, and their three children live in Mandan, N.D.

For more information about Applied Engineering Inc., visit [www.ae-solutions.com](http://www.ae-solutions.com).



## '90s

**SARA JENSEN-FRITZ**, MS '91, psychology, has written a book titled "You and Your Military Hero." The book provides coping skills for children, ages five through 12, who have deployed loved ones. More information on the book is available at [www.uflipp.com](http://www.uflipp.com).

**JEANETTE (OTTO) JENSEN**, BS '92, music education, was selected as the Education Minnesota Worthington 2009 Teacher of the Year. She is the music teacher at Prairie Elementary School in Worthington, where she teaches 13 general music classes.

**REVA (ROEHL) KAUTZ**, BS '93, business administration, is the new marketing manager at Edgewood Village in Bismarck, N.D.

**PATRICK ARTZ**, BS '94, crop and weed science, was promoted to president of the State Bank of Bottineau. Artz, who also serves on the North Dakota Bankers Association board of directors, has been with the bank for 10 years. He lives in Bottineau, N.D.

**JENNIFER (NELSON) BIEWER**, BS '94, environmental design, joined the St. Paul, Minn., office of SJA Architects as a design professional. She formerly worked for Zerr Berg Architects.

**MAJ. TAMARA HEDBERG**, BS '94, theatre arts, is a civil affairs officer in the U.S. Army. She attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. After completion of the 11-month school, she was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Ft. Drum, N.Y. Hedberg, who served in Afghanistan in 2004, said, "I've really enjoyed my time serving. I have fellow classmates who also are serving in the military, and I'd like to thank them for their continued service. I would like to thank all of those who support us."

**ERIN (ELSPERGER) KLINGENBERG**, MEd '94, guidance and counseling; PhD '06, human development, received the Outstanding Mental Health Counselor Award from the North Dakota Mental Health Counselors Association. She is the director of counseling and human resources and the Title IX officer at Valley City State University.

**TOM NEIGUM**, BS '94, civil engineering, was promoted to airports group leader at Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson of Bismarck, N.D. He has been with the firm for 13 years and is a registered engineer in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota.

**KRIS BAKKEGARD**, BS '95, civil engineering, was promoted to office manager at Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson of Moorhead, Minn. He has been with the firm for 13 years and is a registered civil engineer in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Idaho.

**PETER BEST**, BS '95, animal and range sciences, joined the Dakota West Credit Union in Watford City, N.D., as credit manager. He and his wife, **YAWNITA (HOVET)**, BS '97, animal and range sciences, recently welcomed their first child.

**KEVIN BURTNESS**, BS '96, electrical engineering, joined Phoenix International, a John Deere company, in Fargo. He is a senior software design engineer.

**MIRACLE (HAASE) HOFF**, BS '96, psychology; MS '05, counseling and guidance, contributed to the recently released book, "People in Crisis: Clinical and Diversity Perspectives," sixth edition, by Lee Ann Hoff. She reviewed the publication and provided graduate level work on resilience that was added to the book. She also provided a critique of the book's fifth edition. She lives in Fargo.

**BRIAN LEHRER**, BS '96, mechanical engineering, purchased the Chateau Motel and Liquor in Red Lake Falls, Minn. He also is director of operations at the Occupational Development Center in Thief River Falls, Minn.

**JASON ROHR**, BS '96, agriculture education; MS '03, education administration, joined Ag Country Farm Credit Services as an associate insurance specialist in the Jamestown, N.D., area. He and his wife, Heather, live in Jamestown.

**CHRISTY (GEIGER) SCHAFER**, BS '96, MS '97, agricultural economics, joined Cloverdale Foods Co. of Mandan, N.D., as a logistics analyst. She develops operating procedures for the movement of product through the supply chain, manages carrier contracts and analyzes cost efficiencies of transportation routes.

**ROB A. STEFONOWICZ**, BS '96, accounting, was elected as shareholder of Larking Hoffman Daly and Lindgren Ltd. He is a member of the Real Estate Litigation practice group, where his practice is concentrated in real estate litigation and construction litigation. He has been named a Rising Star since 2005 by Minnesota Law and Politics magazine. Larkin Hoffman is a law firm located in Minneapolis, with more than 70 attorneys serving small and middle market growing business clients as well as providing special services to Fortune 500 companies.

**ALEX WARNER**, BS '97, crop and weed sciences, is the owner of Pedigree Technologies, Fargo, which was included in the "M2M 100" for the second consecutive year by M2M (Machine to Machine) magazine. According to the publication, "The 2008 M2M 100 is a list of the most important and influential machine-to-machine technology providers as determined by the editors of M2M magazine and its editorial advisory board." Pedigree Technologies is a top innovator in the new and emerging technologies in wireless sensors, mesh networks and asset management.

**TYLER ALBERTSON**, BS '98, mechanical engineering, joined Ulteig in Fargo as a team leader and project engineer in the company's energy sector.

**TRAIE (KUMARA) DOCKTER**, MA '98, English, was named president of the advisory committee of the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region. She is the marketing director for Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, N.D., and Fighting Sioux Sports Properties.

**TIM EMSLIE**, BS '98, agricultural economics, was named research manager at Country Hedging Inc., the commodity brokerage subsidiary of CHS Inc. of Inver Grove Heights, Minn. He develops in-depth grain and energy market research and supports the firm's brokers with market intelligence and analysis information.

**BEN HINSPERGER**, BS '98, microbiology, was recently promoted to major and assigned to Buckley Air Force Base in Denver. His new job is a flying staff position for an Air Force intelligence program. A senior flight instructor and evaluator with more than 3,000 flight hours, Hinsperger saw combat time during both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

**JESSICA (TESCH) NACHREINER**, BS '98, veterinary technology, is an imaging supervisor with St. James Medical Center to oversee mammography, DEXA, X-ray, CT scan and mobile services. She and her husband, Brad, live in Comfrey, Minn.

**GARTH OKSOL**, BS '98, civil engineering, was named Young Engineer of the Year by the Truckee Meadows Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers in Nevada. His main project, the SouthEast Connector road, was recognized as the Transportation Project of the Year by the group. Oksol is a project manager with the Regional Transportation Commission in Reno, Nev., and past chair of the northern Nevada chapter of the American Public Works Association.

**DALE THIEL**, BS '98, crop and weed sciences, was named the soil conservationist technician at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Lakefield, Minn. He works with landowners on conservation practices to eliminate or reduce erosion on the their property.

**MATT DOMINE**, BS '99, agricultural economics, is a farmer and corporate parts and service manager for LaMoure Equipment in LaMoure, N.D.

**ANDY NELSON**, BS '99, civil engineering, joined Bollig Inc., an engineering and environmental consulting firm in Willmar, Minn. He and his wife, **ANGELA (NETLAND)**, PharmD '00, have two children.

## '00s

**GREG BOHL**, BArch '00, architecture; BS '00, environmental design, became a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professional. The standard works to develop sustainable buildings that are more energy and water efficient. He is with the Baxter, Minn., office of Widseth Smith Nolting.

**JOSHUA T. KADRMAS**, BS '00, civil engineering, has joined the Fargo offices of Houston Engineering Inc. His specialties include water quality analysis, hazardous waste remediation and planning of complex water and wastewater systems. He and his wife, Erica, and their three sons live in Rothsay, Minn.

**BRAD KROGSTAD**, BS '00, civil engineering, was nominated by the National Society of Professional Engineers as one of the National Engineers Week Foundation's "New Faces of Engineering." He manages the Bismarck Municipal Engineering Group for KL&J in Bismarck, N.D., and is responsible for managing the design of municipal, federal, commercial and residential engineering projects. He also is the city engineer for Lincoln and Steele, N.D.

**SHEILA (RENNER) RESLER**, BS '00, agricultural economics, joined Cornerstone Bank in Mandan, N.D., as a customer service representative in loan support. She and her husband, **SCOTT**, BS '94, zoology, have two children and live near Linton, N.D., where they raise commercial angus cattle.

**LIZ (ACKERSON) SCHULTZ**, BS '00, pre-elementary education, played the role of Cecily DaManor in Great Northern Theater Company's musical production of "The Case of the Dead Flamingo Dancer" at The Blue Heron in Cold Spring, Minn. She is a freelance writer of children's fiction and non-fiction for magazines. She and her husband, **BRIAN**, BS '99, civil engineering, and their three children live in Sartell, Minn.

**RITA TWEED**, BS '00, management information systems, was recently promoted to IT audit supervisor at EverBank Financial Corp. of Jacksonville, Fla. She lives in Jacksonville.

**MIKE WEBER**, BS '00, environmental design; BArch '00, architecture, has joined R.L. Engebretson Architecture, Interior Design and Construction as a project manager. The firm has offices in Fargo; Bismarck, N.D.; and Mankato, Minn.

**LINETTE (REAR) DAHL**, BS '01, business administration, joined Appareo Systems of Fargo as a business administrator. She previously worked for RDO Equipment Co. in Casselton, N.D.

**DR. BRIAN GATHERIDGE**, BS '01, MS '04, psychology, is a clinical psychologist at MeritCare Clinic in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He and his wife, **MELISA (SATTERLUND)**, BS '03, psychology, and their daughter, Tatum, live in Detroit Lakes.

**LORI (SCHAEFER) WATSON**, BS '01, management information systems, joined Intelligent InSites, Fargo, as a quality assurance analyst. She previously was a software development engineer at Microsoft.

**MARIE (VIGNESS) BAKER**, BS '02, civil engineering, was named Young Engineer of the Year by the Fargo-Moorhead Engineers Club, a chapter of the North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers. She is a civil engineer for Ulteig Engineers Inc. in Fargo.

**JESSICA (HANSON) BECK**, BS '02, hotel, motel, restaurant management, was named personal banking officer at Ramsey National Bank and Trust Co. in Devils Lake, N.D. She and her husband, Derrick, have one daughter and live in Lawton, N.D.

**HEIDI BRENNNA**, BS '02, environmental design, joined Widseth Smith Nolting in Grand Forks, N.D., as a project manager. The firm provides engineering, architectural land surveying and environmental services. Brenna's responsibilities include project management, project design, specifications, estimates and client development.

**JASON GATES**, BS '02, electrical engineering, joined Fargo Automation as a controls designer. He earned his professional engineering license in January. His wife, **SARAH (BUYCK)**, BS '99, industrial engineering and management, works at Integrity Windows and Doors in Fargo. They live in Fargo.

**GARRETT RAMSAY**, BS '02, animal and range sciences, breeds dogs, Shetland sheep and pigeons near Perham, Minn. His family has owned the 320-acre property since 1892.

**CHAD RANSOM**, BS '02, physical education, joined Bank of the West in Fargo as assistant vice president, commercial banking relationship manager. He is responsible for developing and retaining business relationships by meeting financial service needs of businesses. He lives in Fargo.

**DR. NICHOLAS BAKKUM**, BS '03, biological sciences, joined Cornerstone Dental Group in Fargo. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in Minneapolis.

**ADRIAN COOK**, BS '03, pharmaceutical sciences; PharmD '05, has joined the staff of Reed Drug in Grand Rapids, Minn. He grew up in the Grand Rapids area and graduated from Grand Rapids High School.



**SONYA (NELSON) GOERGEN**, MA '03, mass communication, appeared on Food Network's "Ultimate Recipe Showdown 2" on Jan. 11. She was one of four finalists in a national contest to create the juiciest burger. Her signature dish was Adobo Quesadilla Burger, which she developed for a family barbecue.

**MICHELLE (SCHUMACHER) HOECHST**, BS '03, history education, is a GED instructor at the North Dakota State Penitentiary in Bismarck. She writes to say her work with the inmates is "Always exciting and interesting." She lives in Bismarck.

**JENNIFER JEROME**, BS '03, psychology, has joined Northland Counseling Center in Grand Rapids, Minn. For four years, she has been working in the human service field providing after care with youth and their families and in-home family services.

**ERIC ZARAK**, BS '03, business administration, was promoted to assistant vice president and credit manager for Bank of the West in the Fargo Direct Lending Production Center. He joined Bank of the West in 2007.

**GAVIN BENSON**, BS '04, mechanical engineering, passed his professional engineer licensure examination. He works for Lightowler Johnson Associates in Fargo.

**CURTIS CHRISTIANSON**, BS '04, civil engineering, passed his examination to become a licensed professional engineer in Nebraska. Since joining HWS Consulting Group of Lincoln, Neb., he has worked on airport improvement projects in Nebraska and Kansas.

**DUSTIN JASKEN**, BS '04, natural resources management, is the new district conservationist at the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Mahanomen, Minn.

**KATIE (TANGEN) MILLER**, BS '04, agricultural economics, joined Bank of the West in Fargo as a commercial credit analyst. She is responsible for detailed analysis of financial state and credit histories. She lives in Kindred, N.D.

**DAN SCHWARTZ**, BS '04, computer science, is a software developer at Appareo Systems in Fargo. He previously worked at BBI International in Fargo.

**ERIN BRANDT**, BS '05, child development and family science, joined the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Red River Valley as an operations assistant. She has previous experience in public relations and customer service.

**JUSTIN PIATZ**, BS '05, agricultural economics, was promoted by Bank of the West in Fargo to commercial banking relationship manager associate. He is responsible for developing business relationships by meeting financial service needs of commercial businesses. He lives in West Fargo.

**DR. KYLIE (ROSS) SIMNIONIW**, BS '05, zoology, joined Holkup Chiropractic Clinic in Beach, N.D. She is a recent graduate of Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, Minn.

**DAN TEICH**, BS '05, pharmacy; PharmD '07, is the pharmacy manager at Walgreen's in White Bear Lake, Minn. He and his wife, Molly, live in White Bear Lake.

**KATIE WESTGARD**, BS '05, business administration, has joined the Phoenix office of Grant Thornton LLP as a senior audit associate. A certified public accountant in both North Dakota and Minnesota, she previously worked for KPMG in Minneapolis. She lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.

**LYNELLE ANDERSON**, BS '06, psychology, was promoted to business banking assistant at Western State Bank of West Fargo. She has been with the bank since 2007 as a customer service representative and consumer loan assistant.

**BEN ASKEGAARD**, BS '06, crop and weed sciences, joined Peterson Farms Seed of Harwood, N.D., as the area manager for Southern Cass County. He lives in Moorhead.

**JUSTIN FRAASE**, BS '06, mass communication, was promoted to general manager at Wildflower Golf Course in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He previously worked at Fair Hills Resort as the marketing and conference director.

**JOSEPH OSOWSKI**, BS '06, music education, is the choral director at Worthington, Minn., High School, where he organized the school's first-ever madrigal dinner patterned after NDSU's Madrigal Singers' program.

**REUBEN PANCHOL**, BS '06, natural resources management, joined Western Plains Consulting Inc., an environmental and natural resources consulting firm with headquarters in Bismarck. He is an environmental scientist and geologist.

**HEATHER A. SCHAFER**, BS '06, environmental design; MArch '07, architecture, achieved status as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professional. The accreditation signifies her understanding of green building practices and principles. She is a design professional with BSA LifeStructures of Indianapolis.

**JESS WIEMANN**, BS '06, zoology, joined AgCountry Farm Credit Services as an associate business analyst serving customers in the Fargo area. She previously was a property manager with Goldmark Property Management, Fargo.

**JUSTIN HOUGHTON**, BS '07, agricultural systems management, had some of his custom built agricultural toys featured in the "Toy Farmer" magazine. Houghton, who has a collection of about 1,000 toy tractors and implements, built the featured items, including a John Deere pull-type combine, a Rollabar V-rake and hitch and an International Harvester plow packer and drill.



**JESSICA (DIETZ) KLEINDL**, DNP '07, nursing practice, joined the Graceville, Minn., Health Center. She also sees patients at the Chokio, Minn., Medical Center. She and her husband, Kyle, have four children and live near Barry, Minn.

**SHANDA TRAISER**, PhD '07, education, was named dean of the University of Mary's Tharaldson School of Business in Bismarck, N.D. She previously worked as an associate professor and director of assessment at Jamestown College.

**NICOLE WEUM**, BS '07, environmental design; MArch '08, architecture, joined the architectural department of Nor-Son Inc., a design and construction company in Baxter, Minn.

**SARAH BAKER**, BS '08, business administration, is the sales and marketing director at Xtreme Measures Women's Fitness Facility in Fargo.

**DAMON BARTA**, BA '08, English, was a runner-up in the 2008 Norton Scholar's Prize competition. Barta received a \$1,000 cash award for the essay, "An Exile Writes Home: Jim Burden's Nebraska." The contest pitting outstanding undergraduate essays on literary topics is conducted annually by W.W. Norton and Co., the nation's largest independent, employee-owned book publishing house.

**MELISSA DESSONVILLE**, BS '08, business administration, was promoted to senior level administrative assistant in the Human Resource Department of the Village Family Service Center in Fargo. The center provides counseling and mentoring programs.



**BRITTANY (JOHNSTON) EASTON**, BS '08, interior design, joined T.L. Stroh Architects and Interiors of Fargo as an interior designer. She is a member of the North Dakota Interior Designers.

**TAMRA GARBERG**, DNP '08, advanced nursing practice, joined Innovis Health as a nurse practitioner at their West Acres clinic in Fargo. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

**DARYL GARTNER**, BS '08, hospitality and tourism management, joined IdeaOne Telecom of Fargo as a customer service representative.

**CHRIS HORNE**, BS '08, electrical engineering, joined Appareo Systems in Fargo as an electronic engineer. As a student at NDSU, he was an undergraduate research assistant at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

**JACOB D. JOHNSON**, BS '08, political science, graduated from the Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Wash.

**PETER KANNIANEN**, BS '08, electrical engineering, joined Phoenix International, a John Deere company in Fargo. He is a software design engineer who previously had interned with the company.

**ADAM MONTGOMERY**, BS '08, political science, joined First International Bank and Trust of West Fargo as a customer service representative.

**TOM NITSCHKE**, MEd '08, educational leadership, accepted a two-year contract as the new superintendent at Wishek, N.D., Public School. He previously was a health teacher in Fargo for five years and superintendent and principal at Egeland, N.D.

**JOSH NORBY**, BUS '08, university studies, was named member education coordinator at the North Dakota Farmers Union home office in Jamestown, N.D. Among his duties are working with county youth leaders and directors.

**SHANTEL ROLL**, BS '08, instrumental music education, joined the Milnor, N.D., Public School as a music teacher.

**MATT STEGMILLER**, BS '08, mechanical engineering, joined the Bismarck, N.D., office of EAPC as a mechanical engineer. EAPC is a consulting firm providing architectural and engineering services.

**DANIELLE (TROSKE) TEIGEN**, BS '08, journalism, broadcasting and mass communication technologies, is associate editor with D1 Media Group in Fargo. She previously was associate editor at Publication Services of America in Fargo.

**SETH TWEDT**, BS '08, animal and range sciences, joined AgCountry Farm Credit Services as an associate loan officer serving customers in Grand Forks, N.D.

**JENNIFER (DYBSETTER) ERICKSON**, 40, BS '93, food and nutrition, was a nurse at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fargo. She lived in Moorhead.

**EARL FEIGEL**, 73, BS '59, electrical engineering, worked for Boeing on early unmanned aerial vehicles and in the development of the Saturn V rocket. He later worked with satellites and ground systems at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, retiring in 1996 after 30 years of service. He lived in Springfield, Va.

**CHARLES J. FISH**, 89, BS '41, chemistry, was a long-time employee of Pillsbury and a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve. He lived in St. Paul, Minn., after residing in Fargo, Golden Valley, Lakeshore and Roseville, Minn.

**SARAH J. FITZTHUM**, 25, BS '07, criminal justice, lived in Fargo after growing up in Sartell, Minn.

**DUANE FLAGSTAD**, 71, MS '65, education administration, taught high school business education in Evansville and Detroit Lakes, Minn., and was a high school principal in Welcome and Belgrade, Minn. He lived in Alexandria, Minn.

**DONALD FLESCHKE**, 74, agriculture short course '54, was a farmer near Reynolds, N.D., and later a machinist for American Crystal Sugar Co. in East Grand Forks, Minn. He lived in Arthur, N.D., at the time of his death.

**CORRAL (JASTER) GIBSON**, 79, BS '51, home economics education, was a substitute teacher in Twin Valley, Minn., and was a member of Walworth Baptist Church in Ulen, Minn. She had recently moved to Bismarck, N.D.

**ROBERT HANSEN**, 77, BS '58, electrical and electronic engineering, worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 32 years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Masons. He lived in Stephens City, Va.

**MARJORIE (LALIBERTE) HEIMERMAN**, 93, BS '37, human development and education, taught English literature and served as a librarian in several North Dakota and Minnesota communities. She was a founding board member of the Civic Fine Arts Association and served in leadership roles with the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. She lived in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**DELMER HELGESON**, 79, BS '58, arts and science; MS '60, agricultural economics, was professor emeritus of agricultural economics at NDSU, retiring in 1990. He was best known for his agricultural value-added economic feasibility research at state, regional and national levels. Earlier in his career, he worked for the 7th Farm Credit District, St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives, St. Paul, Minn. He lived near Park Rapids, Minn.

**PETER HILLEBOE**, 87, BS '43, economics, was a former Fargo city commissioner and served 12 years in the North Dakota House of Representatives. He was a broker for Piper Jaffrey and a financial consultant for Gate City Savings and Loan, both in Fargo. He also owned and operated the Lamplite Lounge in Moorhead during the 1960s. He lived in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

**EARL F. HILLESLAND**, 82, BA '51, human development and education, was a school superintendent for 30 years in the Minnesota communities of Audubon, Pequot Lakes, Upsala and Parkers Prairie. He lived in Wadena, Minn.

**VICTOR HORNE JR.**, 83, BS '50, animal science, farmed near Reynolds, N.D., until 1966, when he moved to Kansas City, Mo., to manage a facility for Habco Inc. until retirement in 1988. He lived in Pelican Rapids, Minn.

**GERALD HUEBNER**, 64, BS '68, agricultural economics, held a number of jobs, including associate county agent in Park River, N.D., bus driver for Bus Sky Bus Lines, truck driver and regional fertilizer salesperson in North Dakota, Montana and Washington. He also owned Grampa's Gifts and Collectibles. He lived in Great Falls, Mont.

**H. THOMAS IVERSON**, 67, MS '65, mathematics, was a mathematics teacher for more than 40 years at high schools in Larimore, St. Thomas and Mayville-Portland, N.D. He also was a part-time faculty member at Mayville State University. He lived in Mayville.

**DAVID B. JOHNSON**, 84, BS '47, arts and science, formed or partnered in several businesses in North Dakota, California and Minnesota. He lived in Eden Prairie, Minn.

**DEXTER JOHNSON**, 74, BS '60, MS '62, agricultural engineering, was a long-time employee of the NDSU Cooperative Extension Service, retiring as section head of Extension Agricultural Engineering in 1987. He enjoyed studying farmstead planning, structure design and John Deere tractors. A professor emeritus, Johnson lived in Fargo.

## Alumnus dies while serving in Afghanistan

Capt. Thomas J. Gramith, 27, BS '05, mechanical engineering, was killed when his F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jet crashed in Afghanistan. He and fellow crewman Capt. Mark McDowell died as they were providing air support to ground troops in Ghazni Province. The Department of Defense released the information on July 19.

Both men were assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron based at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina.

According to news reports, the crash site was in "unforgiving" desert terrain between two villages near the town of Nawur, in an area surrounded by mountains. Military officials said the crash came from non-hostile action, and a board of officers is investigating.

Gramith was from Eagan, Minn. The St. Paul Pioneer Press reported he was due to end his tour in Afghanistan in September, and Gramith is survived by his wife and twin daughters.

**DEAN R. KLEVEN**, 73, BS '59, industrial engineering, was an Army veteran who worked for General Dynamics and later was a consultant. He was an instructor at South Texas College. He lived in Harlingen, Texas.

**PAUL KRENELKA**, 90, BS '49, mechanical engineering, worked for Western Electric during his career. A World War II veteran who was a crew member in B-17 bombers, he lived in Pickerington, Ohio.

**DAVID A. LEWIS**, 90, BS '53, pharmacy, was a pharmacist in Fort Worth and Odessa, Texas. An Army Air Corps veteran of the World War II era, he lived in Midland, Texas.

**LELAND LIERBOE**, 89, BS '42, mechanical engineering, worked for the Corps of Engineers and Veterans Affairs Hospitals before retiring in 1976. He lived in Eden Prairie, Minn.

**FRANK MANDERFELD**, 76, BS '65, agricultural economics, BS '65, agriculture education, taught agriculture education at Buffalo, New Rockford and Washburn, N.D. He served on the Washburn City Commission and Airport Commission. He lived in Washburn.

**DENNES MCKEEVER**, 51, BS '87, industrial engineering and management, worked for Boeing Co. in Seattle and later was an industrial engineering supervisor for Hutchinson Technology Inc. of Hutchinson, Minn. He lived in Hutchinson.

**GEORGE MEDICH**, 79, BS '52, pharmacy, owned Medich Pharmacy in Cloquet, Minn., and later purchased a drug store in Sandstone, Minn. He served two terms as president of the Minnesota State Board of Pharmacy. He also was a past president of the Cloquet Area Chamber of Commerce and a board member of Cloquet's First National Bank. He lived in Cloquet.

**ROBERT MEISTER**, 82, BS '51, pharmacy, operated Andrews and Meister Drug Inc. in Fergus Falls, Minn., until 1991. He formally retired in 1996, after practicing pharmacy in that community for 45 years. He was a life member of the VFW, Elks and Masons. He lived in Fergus Falls.

**JAMES D. MORRISON**, 78, BS '53, agriculture, taught agriculture management at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical in Red Wing, Minn., and later operated Ag-Pro Consulting in Drayton, N.D. He lived in the Drayton-St. Thomas area.

**CLIFF NYGARD**, 89, BS '42, agriculture, taught vocational agriculture at Bismarck, N.D., High School; later opened Cliff's Sales and Service, a Case Implement dealership; and, after retirement, focused on his farming operations. A member of the Bison Athletic Hall of Fame, he was an all-conference guard who played on three North Central Conference championship teams. For nearly 25 years, he ran the North Dakota American Legion Athletic Program. In addition, he was a referee for 33 years, logging more than 2,000 basketball games and 600 football games. He lived in Bismarck.

**ROBERT L. OWENS**, 84, BS '49, mechanical engineering, was executive vice president of sales for Arbitron Corp. in Chicago and New York. Early in his career, he worked for the KVOX radio station and KXJB television station. The recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award in 1974, he lived in Fargo.

**MELANIE (LUNDBERG) PETERSON**, 65, BS '65, home economics education, taught home economics at the Wheaton, Minn., High School for 32 years. She was named Teacher of the Year in 1973. She lived in Wheaton.

**PAUL POLZIN**, 48, BS '86, accounting and agricultural economics, was an auditor with Overland Solutions. He lived in Fargo.

**MARIAN (STEMME) REITAN**, 85, BS '45, human development and education, was a flight attendant for American Airlines, and worked at the confidential and secret documents library in the Atomic Energy Division of General Electric Co. following World War II. While her husband, Daniel, BS '46, electrical and electronic engineering, was a professor at the University of Wisconsin, she was active in campus women's organizations. She lived in Fargo.

**PERNELL THEODORE REITAN**, 92, BS '42, agricultural economics, lived in Brooklyn Center, Minn.

**STEVE SANDO**, 48, BUS '83, university studies, had an outstanding career in the technical operations of broadcasting. He began his television career at KXJB-TV in Fargo, followed by becoming lead field producer for Hubbard Broadcasting's Conus News and Special Projects in the Twin Cities. In 1988, he moved to New York to be head of news operations at WCBS and, later, was director of operations, special events for CBS News with responsibilities for remote broadcasts worldwide. In 1993, Sando was named CBS director of operations for Europe and London, which gave him overall responsibility for CBS News technical operations and personnel in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. In 1996, he was given the overall technical responsibility for CBS News election coverage and remote broadcasts of the primaries, national conventions, election night and Inaugural Address. He later started SandoMedia, a broadcast operations consulting company. Sando lived in St. Paul, Minn.

**JOAN (ELLISON) SAXERUD**, 64, BS '86, medical technology, worked at several Fargo-Moorhead medical facilities, including St. Ansgar Hospital, St. John's Hospital, Dakota Heartland, Family Healthcare Center and Independent Family Doctors. She retired in 2008. She lived in Moorhead.

**S. LEE VINJE**, 65, BS '66, economics, was the Portland, N.D., city attorney for 30 years, and practiced law with Ohnstad Twichell Law Firm in Mayville, N.D. He was on the board of Union Hospital and the First and Farmers Bank.

**MATTHEW VUKELICH**, 64, BS '67, industrial engineering, had a successful career in sales and marketing at AT&T Inc. Following his retirement in 2000, he was a volunteer assistant coach for the Sedona, Ariz., Red Rock High School football team. Selected to the NDSU Athletic Hall of Fame, he played on the Bison football squad that won the 1965 Pecan Bowl. He was a member of the NDSU Alumni Association board of directors, and received the association's Heritage Award in 1992. His family requests that memorials be designated to the NDSU Development Foundation for the Matt Vukelich Honor Scholarship Fund. He lived in Sedona.

**JACK WESTRA**, 82, BS '54, agriculture; MS '70, agriculture education, was employed by the Extension Service as assistant county agent in Ward County and county agent in Burke County. He later was the state 4-H Club leader. He had homes in Walker, Minn., and Biloxi, Miss.

**MICHAEL TROY WIESER**, 27, BS '04, business administration, lived and worked in Las Vegas. He was a Daktronics Division II All-America tight end with the Bison football team. In high school at La Crescent, Minn., he was named the Tribune Coulee Region Player of the Year in basketball.

**MICHAEL WINANS**, 24, BS '07, computer engineering, was an engineer for Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At the time of his death, he lived in Fergus Falls, Minn.

# OBITUARIES

**EDWARD L. ADAMS III**, 78, BS '53, architecture, was a partner in the architectural firm of Wells, Denbrook and Adams in Grand Forks, N.D. He later worked for Henry J. Kaiser Engineering at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M., and the Hanford Nuclear Site near Richland, Wash. He lived in Bismarck, N.D., at the time of his death.

**ROBERT ANDERS**, 75, BS '61, agriculture bacteriology, conducted research at the University of Wisconsin and later worked for Oscar Mayer for 20 years. He was a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors from 1974-90. He also was a board member of Portal-Foster Inc. He lived in Madison, Wis.

**STEWART E. BAKKEN**, 94, BS '46, MS '65, mechanical engineering, was a long-time NDSU faculty member, who retired in 1981 and continued on a part-time basis until 1988. He also designed oil well servicing equipment for Western Co. of Midland, Texas. A decorated WWII veteran, Bakken was held as a prisoner of war in Germany. He also was a founding member and the first president of the Red River Valley Woodcarvers Association and a deacon of Elim Lutheran Church in Fargo. He lived in Fargo.

**VIVIAN (HOLLAND) BENTON**, 96, BS '34, mathematics education, taught high school and later worked in the clothing business. She lived in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

**MICHAEL BERDIS**, 62, BS '72, physical education, lived in Crystal Lake, Ill.

**ADELINE (HOGE) BJORK**, 91, BS '38, home economics, taught art for 30 years during stops in Watertown, S.D.; Miami Beach, Fla.; Grand Forks, N.D.; and Bloomington, Ill. She lived in St. Paul, Minn.

**THOMAS BRUNER**, BS '70, pharmacy, was a pharmacist early in his career and also worked as an engineer for the Soo Line Railroad. An avid hunter, he owned and operated a pheasant ranching business for more than 10 years. At the time of his death, he lived on his own hunting preserve near Towner, N.D.

**HERMAN BRUSVEN**, 83, BS '50, agricultural engineering, MS '60, worked for the Soil Conservation Service and Minneapolis Moline Co. He later taught mathematics at Gardner, N.D.; Dilworth, Minn.; and Fargo, serving as the chair of the mathematics department at Fargo North High School for 20 years. He lived in West Fargo.

**MURRAY BUCHANAN**, 89, BS '41, arts and science, worked at the John Deere Implement dealership at Graceville, Minn., until his retirement in 1981. A member of the Masons and the Shrine, he enjoyed winters in Edinburg, Texas. He lived in Graceville.

## John Dean



John S. Dean, 78, BS '53, agriculture, HD '07, farmed near Hatton, N.D., until his retirement in 1991. He was a director of the Garrison Diversion Project for 28 years and was a board member of the Upper Missouri Water Users Association and U.S. Water Congress. In addition, he was a past president of the Northwest Farm Managers and was involved in several quarter horse associations and other agricultural organizations.

Active on campus during his collegiate years, Dean was student body president, a cadet colonel of ROTC and a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Dean was a devoted alumnus who served as a life trustee of the NDSU Development Foundation and was a member of the NDSU Alumni Center Project Steering Committee, Team Makers and the President's Old Main Society. He received the Development Foundation's Service Award in 2001 and was a Harvest Bowl honoree in 1974. He lived in Fargo.

## Warren and Irene Diederich



Warren Diederich, 84, BArch '50, architecture; HD '90, and Irene (Gunvaldsen) Diederich, 84, BS '46, home economics education, founded Industrial Builders Inc. in West Fargo.

Dedicated NDSU supporters, the Diederichs helped establish the Bison Bidders Bowl and served as co-chairs for 15 years. Warren raised funds for the Alumni Center and was a board member of the NDSU Development Foundation from 1981 until his death. He received the Alumni Association's Heritage Award, Alumni Achievement Award and the Development Foundation's Service Award. He was named the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District Volunteer of the Year in 1992. In 1996, Irene was named an Honored Alumna.

Warren was a lifetime member of the Associated General Contractors of America and president of the North Dakota chapter. A World War II veteran, he flew 35 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, among other medals. Warren also served as president of the Fargo-Moorhead YMCA and Fargo Country Club, and was a charter member of the board of directors of the Frontier Trust Co. He was a member of the El Zagal Shrine, Elks, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

An active community volunteer, Irene was president of each of her children's school's PTAs and served as a state PTA officer. As a member of the Junior Service League, she helped start the "Volunteer Bureau," and was its first business director. She was the first female director on the Dakota Bank board of directors, and was the first woman chairperson of the Neuropsychiatric Institute board. Irene also served on the Teddy Roosevelt Foundation in Medora, N.D., for 19 years.

They lived in Fargo.



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## Homecoming 2009 Schedule of Events

Homecoming week will be celebrated Sept. 28-Oct. 4. The following schedule includes campus, Alumni Association and Development Foundation events. If a phone number is not listed under the event, contact the NDSU Alumni Association at 800-279-8971 or 701-231-6800 for more information or e-mail Marilyn Doeden at Marilyn@ndsualumni.com.

### Thursday, October 1

**11 a.m.** **2009 State of the University Address by President Joseph Chapman**  
Festival Concert Hall, NDSU

### Friday, October 2

**11 a.m.** **Bison Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon**  
Fargo Holiday Inn, Great Hall  
Call 701-231-7197 for details.  
\$25 per person

**2 p.m.** **Richard H. Barry Hall Building Dedication**, 811 2nd Ave. N., Fargo

**5-7 p.m.** **Bison Bidders Bowl Silent Auction Preview**, Fargo Holiday Inn, Harvest Hall

**6 p.m.** **Alumni Honors Dinner and Awards Presentation**, Fargo Holiday Inn, Great Hall  
2009 outstanding alumni will be honored.  
\$40 per person

**7 p.m.-midnight** **Gold Star Band Reunion** - March to the Beat Meet and Greet Social  
Plains Art Museum, Fargo  
Contact Beth Roybal at 701-231-6804 or beth@ndsualumni.com for details.

**7:30 p.m.** **Blue Key Homecoming Show and Coronation**, Festival Concert Hall, NDSU  
Contact Campus Attractions at 701-231-7221.

### Saturday, October 3

**8 a.m.** **Gold Star Band Breakfast** - Herd Up for the Parade/Alumni Band Rehearsal  
Fargodome  
Contact Beth Roybal at 701-231-6804 or beth@ndsualumni.com.

**9 a.m.-noon** **NDSU Alumni Center Open House**  
1241 N. University Dr.  
Enjoy refreshments and visit with fellow alumni and friends. Alumni and friends will receive 10 percent off "WALK OF PRIDE" tile purchases made during Homecoming.

**10 a.m.** **Homecoming Parade**  
N. University Dr. and 12th Ave. N., Fargo  
For parade information, call the Student Activities Office at 701-231-7787.

**10-11:30 a.m.** **Choir Sing-along**, Choir Room, Music Education Building  
All former NDSU Concert Choir members are invited to our annual sing-along. Contact Jo Ann Miller at Jo.Miller@ndsu.edu.

**11 a.m.** **Bison Tailgate Fun**, Fargodome parking lots  
Contact NDSU Athletics at 701-231-8981 or www.gobison.com.

**11 a.m.** **Bison Pep Rally and Lunch**  
Bison Sports Arena  
Tickets can be purchased at the door. Adults, \$8 and children 10 and under, \$4. Join us for food and games, listen to the Gold Star Band and meet THUNDAR.

**11:30 a.m.** **Circle of Players Endowment Recognition Reception**  
Askanase Hall Lobby  
Contact Nicole "Brandy Lee" Dostert at 701-231-8725 or Nicole.Dostert@ndsu.edu.

**1 p.m.** **Football Kick-off NDSU vs. Illinois State**  
Cheer the Bison on to victory at the Fargodome. Call the NDSU Ticket Office at 701-231-6378 or visit www.gobison.com.

**5 p.m.** **28th Annual Bison Bidders Bowl**  
Fargo Holiday Inn, Great Hall  
Cash and gifts will be auctioned and raffled for the benefit of NDSU. Advance reservations required. Call the Development Foundation at 701-231-6841.

**5:30 p.m.** **Gold Star Band Reunion** - Up Tempo  
Social and Dinner, El Zagal Shrine, 1429 3rd St. N., Fargo  
Contact Beth Roybal at 701-231-6804 or beth@ndsualumni.com.

### Sunday, October 4

**2 p.m.** **NDSU Wind Symphony Inaugural Concert**, Festival Concert Hall  
The NDSU Wind Symphony will pay tribute to its musical past and look to the future as it continues a tradition more than 100 years old. Contact Beth Roybal at 701-231-6804 or beth@ndsualumni.com.

## ORGANIZATION EVENTS

### BLUE KEY HONOR SOCIETY

**Blue Key Homecoming Show and Coronation**  
Friday, October 2, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall  
Contact Campus Attractions at 701-231-7221.

### CLUB SPORTS

**NDSU Men's Hockey vs. Minot State**  
Friday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.  
John E. Carlson Coliseum, 17th Ave. N., Fargo (two blocks east of campus)  
Tickets: \$2 for students/\$5 for adults  
Contact Tim How at timothy.how@ndsu.edu or visit www.bisonpuck.com for more information.

### COLLEGES

#### Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences Annual Continuing Education Seminar

Friday, October 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Fargodome, upper level, room 202  
Open to all healthcare professionals. Cost is \$100. RSVP to Carol Jore at 701-231-7589 or Carol.Jore@ndsu.edu.

### FINE ARTS

#### Choir Sing-along

Saturday, October 3, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Reineke Fine Arts Center  
All former NDSU Concert Choir members are invited to the annual sing-along. Meet in the choir room for rehearsal in advance of the Homecoming game performance. Contact Jo Ann Miller at Jo.Miller@ndsu.edu.

### Circle of Players Endowment Recognition Reception

Saturday, October 3, 11:30 a.m.  
Lobby of Askanase Hall  
Contact Nicole "Brandy Lee" Dostert at 701-231-8725 or Nicole.Dostert@ndsu.edu for details.

### Gold Star Band Reunion

October 2-4  
Contact Beth Roybal at 701-231-6804 or Beth@ndsualumni.com.

### NDSU Wind Symphony Inaugural Concert

Festival Concert Hall  
Sunday, October 4, 2 p.m.  
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### GREEKS

#### Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Sunday, October 4  
10:30 a.m. - Ground Breaking, 1303 N. University Dr.  
11 a.m. - Lunch, Memorial Union, Plains Room  
All Alpha Gamma Rho alumni, family and friends are invited. For adequate food preparation, RSVP is required to Bill Harbeke, goldieh@juno.com or 701-277-9681.

### Greek Life Social

Friday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
Arikara Room, Memorial Union  
Contact Courtney Barstad, coordinator of Greek Life, at 701-231-8565 or Courtney.Barstad@ndsu.edu.

### Kappa Alpha Theta Bison Breakaway

Saturday, October 3, 8 a.m.  
NDSU Campus  
Cost is \$15 for students, \$20 for non-students and \$25 on day of race.  
Bison Breakaway is a 5K run/walk. Proceeds go to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).  
RSVP to Caroline Short at 218-208-8912 or caroline.short@ndsu.edu

### Phi Mu Alumnae Sisterhood Social

Friday, October 2, 7-9 p.m.  
Buffalo Wild Wings South, 1501 42nd St. SW, Fargo  
Contact Vanessa Veflin at 701-237-4325.

### Phi Mu Alumnae Dinner

Saturday, October 3, 7 p.m.  
Toscana, 202 Broadway, Fargo  
Alumnae and spouses/guests are invited.  
RSVP to Vanessa Veflin at 701-237-4325 by Sept. 23.

### Sigma Alpha Rocks!

Saturday, October 3  
Location and time TBD  
All Sigma Alpha alumni and undergrad members are invited. Contact Stacey Kunze at Stacey.kunze@ndsu.edu or go to www.ndsusigmaalpha.com for more information.

### Theta Chi Fraternity Open House

Saturday, October 3, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
1307 University Dr. N.  
Theta Chi alumni are invited. Contact Kevin Helland at 701-840-0801 or Kevin.helland.1@ndsu.edu.

## Outstanding alumni to be honored at Homecoming

The Alumni Association has announced the 2009 recipients of the NDSU Alumni Awards. The awards will be presented at the NDSU Alumni Honors Dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Fargo Holiday Inn. All alumni and university friends are invited. Tickets are \$40. Visit [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com) for further details, or contact Beth Roybal, at 701-231-6804, 800-279-8971 or beth@ndsualumni.com.

### ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*recognizes alumni who have excelled in their profession*



**Darryle Schoepp**  
BS '78, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences  
Senior vice president and franchise head, Neuroscience, Merck and Company, Ardmore, Pa.

### HERITAGE AWARD FOR ALUMNI SERVICE

*recognizes alumni who have demonstrated outstanding support of time and talent to NDSU projects or activities*



**William Grosz**  
BS '51, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences



**Ray and Bev Horne**  
Ray, BS '55, Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; and Bev, BS '55, ME '82, Human Development and Education

### HORIZON AWARD

*recognizes alumni who graduated within the past 10 years and have distinguished themselves in their professional field and/or service to their community*



**Monte Fox**  
BS '99, Human Development and Education  
Tribal health director, White Earth Indian Reservation, Audubon, Minn.

### HENRY L. BOLLEY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

*recognizes alumni for their accomplishments in their academic field and/or service to their alma mater*



**Brad Underem**  
BS '79, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences  
Full professor of medicine, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Bel Air, Md.

## Harvest Bowl 2009

The 36th annual Harvest Bowl program honors agriculturists from across the state of North Dakota and western Minnesota.

The festivities will begin on Friday, Oct. 23, with dinner at the Ramada Plaza and Suites and continue on Saturday, Oct. 24, with the football game when the Bison play Missouri State.

An agribusiness award also will be given. This award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of agriculture and business in the state of North Dakota and beyond. Ron Offutt is the 2009 Harvest Bowl Agribusiness recipient.



**Ron Offutt**  
Founder and chairman, R.D. Offutt Company and RDO Equipment Co.  
For more information or to register, visit [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com) and click on Recognition then Harvest Bowl or contact Marilyn Doeden at 800-279-8971 or marilyn@ndsualumni.com. For football game tickets, call the Bison ticket office at 701-231-6378.



## Gold Star Band Reunion

NDSU band alumni are gathering for the Gold Star Band Reunion during 2009 Homecoming Weekend. If you have questions, contact Beth Roybal at 701-231-6804 or beth@ndsualumni.com. For updates and prices, go to [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com).

## Alumni Association names officers and new board members

The NDSU Alumni Association is pleased to announce newly elected officers and board members effective July 1, 2009. The board of directors consists of 32 members, which includes 30 alumni, one student representative and the university president. The board represents more than 74,000 living alumni and friends and sets policy, recognizes outstanding alumni and assists the university with specific goals and objectives. Directors serve as ambassadors for NDSU.

### 2009-2010 OFFICERS:



**Barry Batcheller**, '77, West Fargo, president and CEO, Appareo Systems LLC, elected as chair of the board



**Mike Krueger**, '71, Fargo, president, The Money Farm, elected as president



**Wayne Schluchter**, '82, St. Cloud, Minn., CEO, Schluchter Investment Advisors, elected as vice president



**Marcia Estee Strehlow**, '78, Fargo, N.D., part owner of Strehlow Construction, elected as secretary/treasurer

### NEW DIRECTORS:



**Shawn Dobberstein**, BS '86, Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources and MBA '92, Business, executive director, Municipal Airport Authority of the City of Fargo



**Brian Houkom**, BS '80, Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources, CEO, Western State Bank, West Fargo



**Jeff Regimbal**, BS '85, Engineering and Architecture, chief, Engineering Design, USAF, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.



**Stacy Robinson**, BU '85, University Studies, director of player development, NFL League Players Association, Silver Spring, Md.



**Pati Rolf**, BU '85, University Studies, head women's volleyball coach, East Carolina University, N.C.

If you are interested in nominating an individual or yourself for the NDSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, please e-mail [office@ndsualumni.com](mailto:office@ndsualumni.com) or call 800-279-8971. You also may submit directly online at [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com), select Get Involved and click on Alumni Association Board. Nominations are due Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.



## 50 Year Golden Reunion

The 2009 50 Year Golden Reunion will honor the classes of 1949, 1954 and 1959. This reunion will be an opportunity for you to come back to campus, rekindle old friendships and witness the many changes at NDSU. Join us to celebrate the university and your contribution to NDSU.

### Friday, September 18

**11 a.m.-noon** Welcome, Registration and Social, Holiday Inn of Fargo

**Noon-1:30 p.m.** Recognition Luncheon, Holiday Inn of Fargo

**1:30 p.m.** Class Photos, Holiday Inn of Fargo

**2:45-3:45 p.m.** Fargodome Tour, east lobby of the Fargodome

**4:30-7:30 p.m.** Social and Class Memories Dinner, Holiday Inn of Fargo

### Saturday, September 19

**8-8:30a.m.** Coffee and Juice, Holiday Inn of Fargo lobby

**8:30-11 a.m.** Campus Bus Tour  
NDSU Downtown Campus  
NDSU Main Campus  
NDSU Bookstore

**4-6 p.m.** President's Pre-game Social, Fargodome

**6 p.m.** Bison Football Game, Fargodome

Visit [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com) for more information, or contact Stephanie Martin at 701-231-6811 or [Stephanie@ndsualumni.com](mailto:Stephanie@ndsualumni.com), or contact Doris Moen at 701-231-6807 or [Doris@ndsualumni.com](mailto:Doris@ndsualumni.com).

## Career Center provides alumni options

More than 800 NDSU alumni have registered with the NDSU Career Center since July 2007. The electronic alumni job board weekly posts an average of five to 15 jobs. Alumni are encouraged to register with the Career Center to access job openings and post their resumes online at [www.ndsu.edu/career](http://www.ndsu.edu/career). Contact the NDSU Career Center at 701-231-7111.

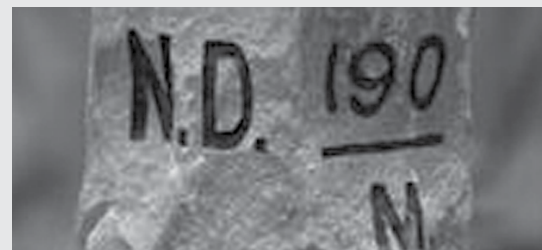
## Online alumni directory now available

### [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com)

You can post photos, update personal and professional information, find classmates and submit class notes for Bison Briefs. All of these services are free and they are only for NDSU alumni. It's a great way to stay connected with friends.

## Become a fan of NDSU on Facebook

Go to [www.facebook.com/ndsu.fargo](http://www.facebook.com/ndsu.fargo) to join the fun.



### Saturday, October 17 NDSU vs. SDSU - Dakota Marker Game

**6 p.m.** Kick-off

**4 p.m.** Pre-game Party  
Location to be determined

Enjoy tailgate food and beverage, music, NDSU apparel for purchase, and Bison tattoos. Wear your NDSU green. For tickets, go to [www.gojacks.com](http://www.gojacks.com) or call the SDSU Ticket Office at 605-688-5422. Visit [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com) for more information and updates. Contact Stephanie Martin at 701-231-6811 or 800-279-8971 or e-mail [Stephanie@ndsualumni.com](mailto:Stephanie@ndsualumni.com).

## NDSU Alumni event photos and more stories are online at [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com)



# SPORTS

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## Bison softball team shines

The NDSU softball team's 2009 season was one for the history books. For the first time, the Bison earned an NCAA Division I national ranking, ending the 2009 campaign No. 18 in the ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25 poll and No. 21 in the USA Today/NFCA Division I Top 25 Poll.

The team advanced to the Super Regionals in the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance at the Division I level. The Bison finished second in the Summit League regular season standings, but prevailed over top-seeded Western Illinois to capture the Summit League's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Led by Summit League Player of the Year Kelly Cantrell, the Bison swept through the Norman, Okla., regional, ousting the host University of Oklahoma Sooners before taking two games from the University of Tulsa to advance to Super Regionals. In Tempe, Ariz., the Bison lost to defending NCAA champion Arizona State University in two games.

The Bison finished the season with a 38-20 overall record.

With the team's success, came a number of individual honors. The coaching staff of head coach Darren Mueller, associate head coach Jamie Trachsel and pitching coach Darcy Byrne was named Midwest Region Co-Coaching Staff of the Year.

Cantrell, a senior who plays catcher, and junior first baseman Melissa Chmielewski were named to the Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I All-Midwest Region first team. They are the first Bison softball players named to the all-region first team.

Ten team members were named to The Summit League's Winter/Spring All-Academic Team, including Cantrell, Chmielewski, sophomore Richel Briones, sophomore Brittney Gutierrez, freshman Breanna Konz, junior Taylor Lynn, junior Maryssa McKenzie, freshman Taylor Mortensen, senior Andria Padilla and junior Laurel Pipkin.

In addition, the North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association named the team the Co-Female Team of the Year.

## Vigen named offensive coordinator



Bison head football coach Craig Bohl announced Brent Vigen has been named offensive coordinator.

"I am confident in Brent's abilities and believe he can handle the additional leadership responsibilities involved with the offensive coordinator position. He has done an outstanding job," said Bohl.

Vigen completed his 11th season with NDSU and fourth as the quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator. He worked as the running backs coach in 2003 under Bohl. Vigen earlier served as a graduate assistant for three seasons under former head coach Bob Babich, before becoming a full-time coach in 2001 working with both the quarterbacks and tight ends.

A native of Buxton, N.D., Vigen played tight end for the Bison from 1993 to 1997. He was a member of three NCAA Division II playoff teams and the 1994 North Central Conference championship squad. He earned both his bachelor's degree (1998) and master's degree (2000) from NDSU.

## Three new affiliates join Bison Football Radio Network

NDSU Athletics announced three new affiliates to the growing Bison Football Radio Network. Clear Channel Dickinson, 92.1 FM KZRX; KHND Harvey, 1470 AM; and KBMW Wahpeton, 1450 AM, bring the Bison affiliate list to 13.

The Bison Radio Network currently provides coverage of NDSU throughout North Dakota, lakes country in Minnesota and Minneapolis-St. Paul. WDAY 970 AM in Fargo is the flagship station.

"We are very excited about the addition of Dickinson, Harvey and Wahpeton to our Bison Radio Network. We appreciate them coming on board with us," said Gene Taylor, NDSU director of athletics.

"We are pleased that with the continued growth of our radio network, our fans across the state will be able to follow us next year. We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead for Bison athletics."

NDSU Athletics also announced a three-year agreement with Wallace Radio Syndication, which is based in St. Paul, Minn., and provides all networking services to the Bison Radio Network.

The Bison open the season at Iowa State on Sept. 3. NDSU completed the 2008 season with a 6-5 record including a 4-4 mark to tie for fourth place in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

### BISON RADIO NETWORK

AM 970 WDAY Fargo

AM 1570 KYCR Minneapolis

AM 550 (night) KFYZ Bismarck

AM 710 (day) ESPN Bismarck

AM 660 KEYZ Williston

AM 1320 KHRT Minot

AM 1340 KPOK Bowman

AM 1450 KZZJ Rugby

AM 1470 KHND Harvey

AM 1450 KBMW Wahpeton

FM 92.1 KZRX Dickinson

FM 102.3 KRCQ Detroit Lakes, Minn.

FM 106.1 KQLX Lisbon

FM 102.5 KDVL Devils Lake