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NDSU
WELCOMES
PRESIDENT
HANSON



The State Board of Higher Education voted to name Richard A. Hanson interim president of NDSU on Oct. 23, and he began work Dec. 1.

Most recently, he was president of Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa. Prior to joining Waldorf College, he was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., from 1995 to 2005. He held a number of roles at North Dakota State University, including Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1995, Interim Dean of the College of University Studies from 1994-1995, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1992 to 1995, and Associate Director of Human Development for the North Dakota Extension Service in 1991 and 1992. He was chair of the Department of Home Economics at California State University, Chico, from 1979 to 1980.

A native of Hillsboro, N.D., Hanson earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in child development and family relations, both from NDSU. He earned a doctorate in applied behavioral science from the University of California, Davis. He played football for NDSU, then for the New York Giants in 1971 and 1972, prior to becoming a graduate assistant football coach at NDSU.



Message from President Hanson

It is an honor to serve as interim president of North Dakota State University. NDSU is a fabulous university with a deep tradition of excellence that is carried on by committed faculty members, an energetic cadre of current students, a broad and impressive group of alumni, and by a hard working and loyal staff. My role during this interim period will be to provide leadership to the university and carry the banner for the core values and traditions of NDSU during this important transition period. I am committed to an environment of transparency and collaboration as we move forward.

Under the leadership of President Joseph A. Chapman, NDSU posited seven core values: Land-grant, people, scholarship, teaching and learning, ethics, culture and accountability. From these values have emerged five primary themes which will form the basis of this interim period: It is about People, Students are Paramount, Programs, Leveraging Support, and Stature. During this interim period It's About People and Students are Paramount will be themes guiding our work together. These themes will form the base for this transition period. They embody the strengths that have been part of NDSU for decades. In addition, Leveraging Support, Programs and Stature are very important to the citizens of North Dakota. We will continue to work hard to bring opportunity in the form of people and businesses to the state, to contribute to a diverse and healthy economy. The good work of educating young people, developing the leaders of the future, contributing to the well being of the state, the nation and the world, will continue, and NDSU will thrive and prosper!

Transitions between presidents are challenging but normative periods in the life of a university. I am meeting with alumni, students, faculty and staff, as well as citizens and policy makers in order to become familiar with the issues requiring attention. Together we will move this institution forward.

Finally, when speaking of the future of this great land grant institution, we must be reminded what Abraham Lincoln said: "Teams out perform individuals." As a Land Grant Research University the team of faculty, staff and students here at NDSU will continue to create a better future for all North Dakotans.

Search committee to begin work

The State Board of Higher Education selected a 20-member search committee that will recommend who will succeed Joseph A. Chapman as NDSU president.

Steve Swiontek, BS '78 and Honorary Doctorate '06, CEO of Gate City Bank and treasurer of the NDSU Development Foundation, will chair the committee. "We have a very diverse group of committee members who bring a wealth of talent, experience and a keen interest in ensuring the proper candidates are recommended to the State Board of Higher Education," Swiontek said.

Other committee members include:

- Amber Altstadt, NDSU student body president
- Sue Andrews, BS '74, member of State Board of Higher Education
- Barry Batcheller, BS '77, president and CEO of Appareo Systems and Chair of Board, NDSU Alumni Association
- James Burgum, BS '03, managing director, Arthur Ventures
- Bruce Christianson, former State Board of Higher Education member
- Lynn Dorn, NDSU director of women's athletics
- Catherine Haugen, NDSU associate vice president for student affairs
- Kalpana Katti, NDSU distinguished professor of civil engineering
- Paul Langseth, vice chair of State Board of Agricultural Research and Education

- Mark Meister, MA '93, NDSU associate professor and president of NDSU University Senate
- Don Morton, Microsoft site leader for Fargo campus
- Evie Myers, NDSU vice president for equity, diversity and global outreach
- Bonnie Neas, MBA '89, NDSU vice president for information technology
- John Q. Paulsen, BS '50 and Honorary Doctorate '02, member of the NDSU Development Foundation board of trustees
- Kris Sheridan, president, Park Company Realtors
- Richie Smith, president of State Board of Higher Education
- Mike Warner, BS '72, independent businessman/agriculturist
- Kevin McCaul, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics
- Vance Olson, president of the NDSU Staff Senate
- William Goetz, chancellor, non-voting member

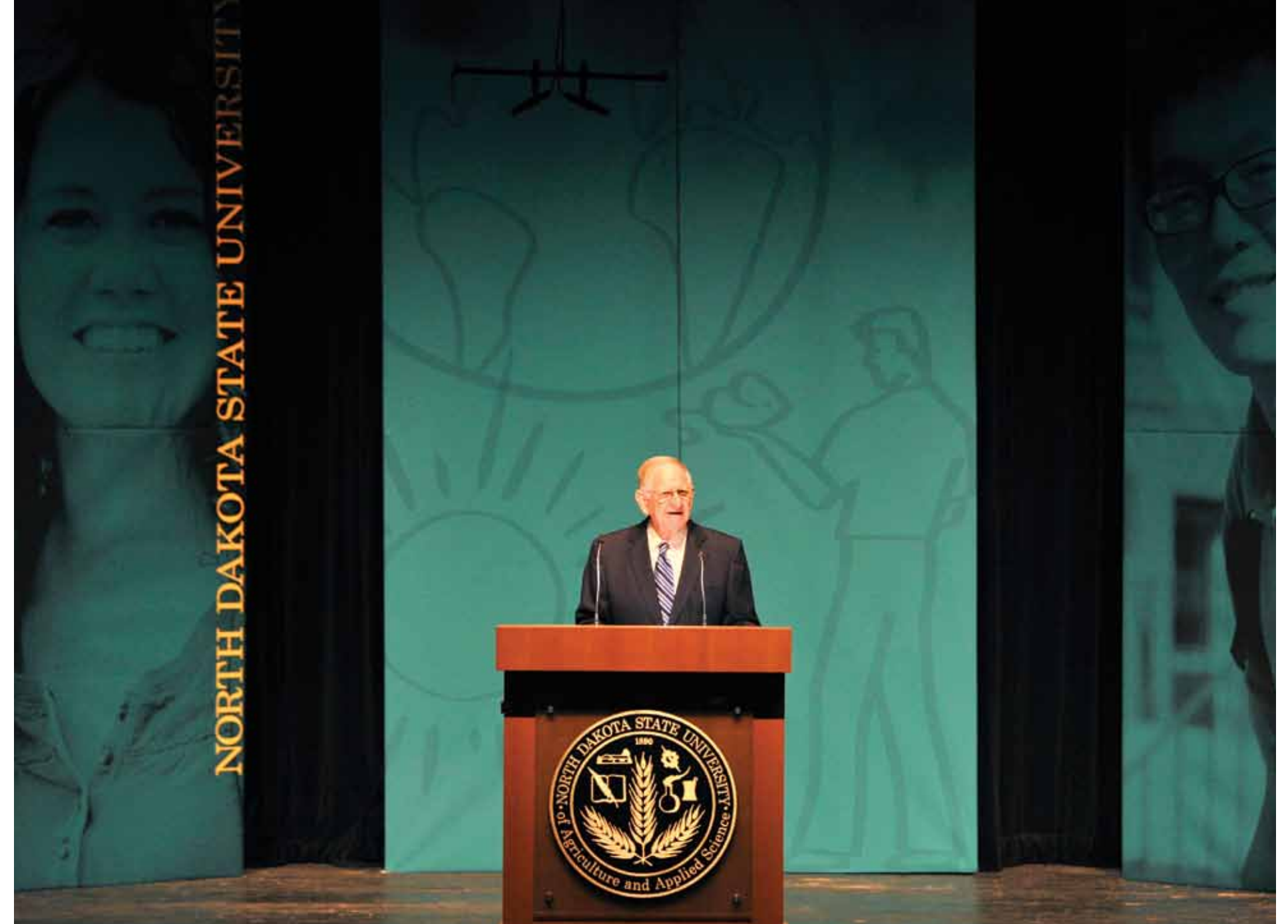
Goetz said the committee was designed to include broad representation from NDSU, the community, economic development interests and agriculture. Goetz expects the search to take six to nine months.

For ongoing updates, please check

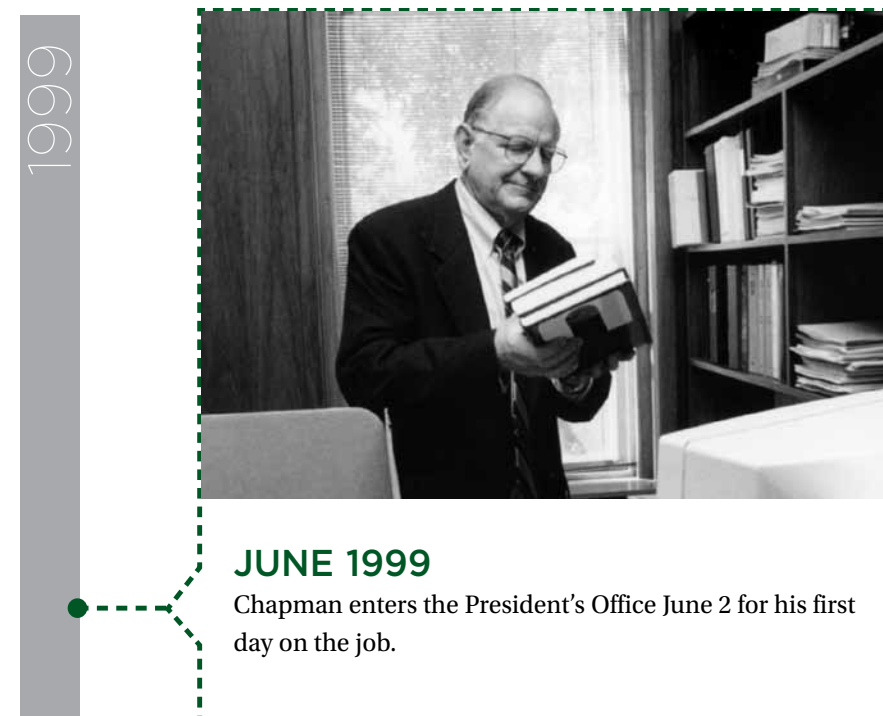
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Alumni Association board advocates for strong president

The Alumni Association Board of Directors has written a letter of support to the search committee, saying "NDSU Alumni stand strong and believe it is vital to North Dakota's growth that NDSU continue on a path of high quality, accountable and entrepreneurial ventures. We write today to articulate our support of North Dakota State University. Our next president must value the student, the intellectual capital of our professors, the significance of alumni engagement and NDSU's role in the advancement of the state of North Dakota. Our next president must have a vision of greatness - beyond where we stand today, with a student focused approach and a desire for continual growth in a competitive environment."



JOSEPH A. CHAPMAN JOINED NDSU AS ITS 13TH PRESIDENT IN JUNE 1999, AND A DECADE OF GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION ENSUED. STUDENT ENROLLMENT ROSE FOR 10 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, NDSU'S DOCTORAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS HAVE INCREASED FROM 18 TO 44 IN 10 YEARS, AND ANNUAL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES ROSE FROM \$44 MILLION TO \$115.5 MILLION.

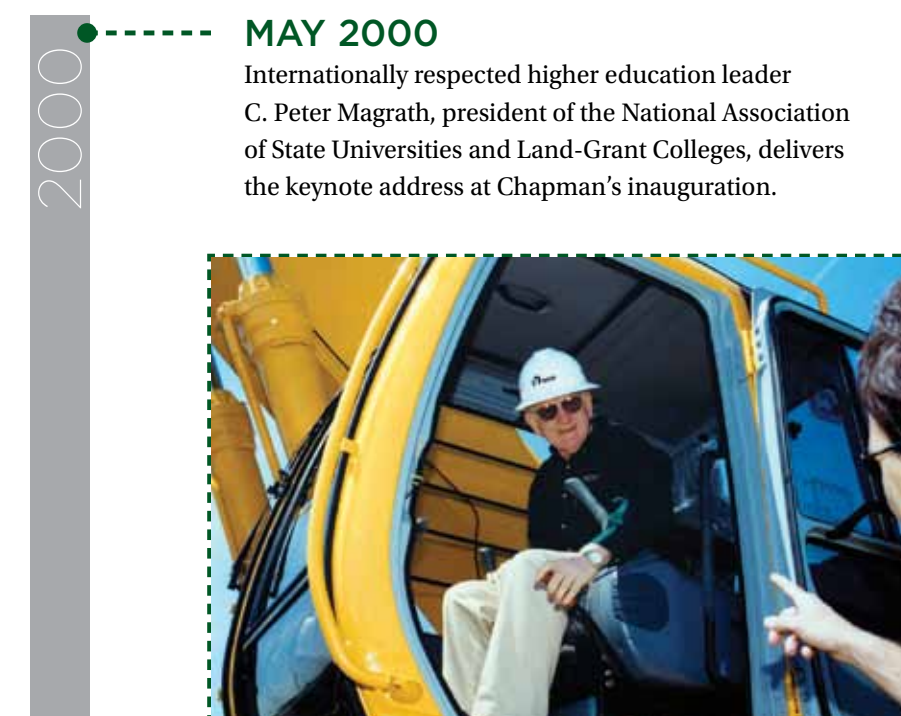


JUNE 1999

Chapman enters the President's Office June 2 for his first day on the job.

SEPTEMBER 1999

Chapman challenges NDSU to seek the next level of excellence. "Together, we will develop a shared vision for the future of NDSU," he said.



MAY 2000

Internationally respected higher education leader C. Peter Magrath, president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, delivers the keynote address at Chapman's inauguration.

MAY 2000

Chapman operates John Deere heavy equipment to officially break ground for the new NDSU Research and Technology Park during ceremonies May 19.

CHAPMAN TIMELINE

2001

SEPTEMBER 2000
Chapman outlines major institutional goals during his second State of the University Address, including enrollment growth to 12,000 students, advancing to the Carnegie Research Doctoral-Extensive classification, increasing NDSU's national and global reputation, increasing salaries to the mid-range of peer institutions, increasing business and industry partnerships and increasing philanthropy. He announces the major themes for the university are "It's About People," "Students Are Paramount," "Leveraging Support," "Programs" and "Status."

SEPTEMBER 2000
Fall semester enrollment reaches 10,002 students.

MAY 2001
Chapman names Gene Taylor, U.S. Naval Academy's associate athletic director, as the head of NDSU's athletic program.

NDSU's new Research and Technology Park is dedicated May 12. Keynote speakers include Rita Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation, and John Lawson, senior vice president for technology and engineering, Deere and Co.

AUGUST 2001
The Department of Defense establishes a center of excellence at NDSU Research Park. A \$1.4 million U.S. Department of Defense contract for sensor technology development was awarded to NDSU and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, with private sector partners including Alien Technology Corp., Northrop Grumman Corp. and Superconducting Technologies Inc.

OCTOBER 2001
The NDSU College of Pharmacy holds groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$2.95 million Sudro Hall construction project.

2002



MARCH 2002
Several programs and departments complete their move during spring break to the new Research I building in the Research and Technology Park. The 40,000-square foot building eventually will house about 115 faculty and staff, including researchers involved with the initial phases of NDSU's nanotechnology efforts.

APRIL 2002
The Graduate School reports 1,231 applications during the first three quarters of fiscal 2002, compared with 1,102 for the entire 2001 fiscal year.


NDSU's potential reclassification to NCAA Division I is discussed at an open forum.

2002

MAY 2002
Groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$8 million Living/Learning Center are held.

AUGUST 2002
With the recommendation of Athletic Director Gene Taylor, Chapman decides NDSU should seek reclassification to NCAA Division I.

An open house unveils the new F Court apartment building in University Village. The \$2.3 million three-story residence hall replaced the original F Court complex, which was destroyed by fire on Oct. 21, 2000.



SEPTEMBER 2002
Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Research 2 building and the dedication of the Research 1 building are held. Research 2 is a 75,000-square foot structure devoted primarily to nanoscale science and engineering research. It contains cleanrooms, electronics fabrication tools and state-of-the-art synthesis and characterization equipment.

SEPTEMBER 2002
For the first time, NDSU's fall enrollment tops 11,000 students.

FEBRUARY 2003
A "last beam" ceremony is held for the Minard Hall addition, a two-story \$3.2 million addition on the west side of Minard Hall and to the east of the Music Education Building.

SEPTEMBER 2003
NDSU's fall enrollment reaches a new level, with 11,623 students, a 4.3 percent increase from fall semester 2002.

OCTOBER 2003
In his State of the University Address, Chapman says NDSU has expanded its academic programs to include more than 100 baccalaureate majors, 50 master's degrees and 40 doctoral degrees.


NOVEMBER 2003
The University and Staff Senates endorse a mission statement for the university: "With energy and momentum, North Dakota State University addresses the needs and aspirations of people in a changing world by building on our land-grant foundation."

FEBRUARY 2004
NDSU is among seven institutions to establish the new Great West Football Conference.

2003

2004

MARCH 2004
U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan announces \$150,000 in federal funding to help develop the Red River Valley Research Corridor. NDSU and the University of North Dakota will be the "economic engines" for the corridor, which will enhance the economy of the Red River Valley and the region.



AUGUST 2004
The NDSU Bison begin reclassification to NCAA Division I.


SEPTEMBER 2004
Fall enrollment tops 12,000 students for the first time.

A daylong celebration marks the dedication of NDSU Downtown.

OCTOBER 2004
Chapman outlines bold campus objectives during his State of the University. "We will increase graduate enrollment to 2,000 students and international enrollment to 1,000 students," he said, noting research expenditures had surpassed \$100 million for the year. "We will create a mentoring program to nurture our brightest scholars and increase participation by NDSU students in elite academic offerings, such as the Rhodes Scholars program."

MARCH 2005
The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators select Chapman for the prestigious national President's Award.

SEPTEMBER 2005
Fall enrollment sets a record for the sixth year in a row, with 12,099 students in the university's undergraduate and graduate programs.




OCTOBER 2005
Groundbreaking ceremonies are held for the first phase of the Center for Technology Enterprise. The center is a technology business incubator, providing venture capital, supply services business networking and technical assistance. The project's first phase is a \$5.4 million project.

2005

2006

FEBRUARY 2006
Chapman receives the Greater North Dakotan Award at the North Dakota Business Conference banquet in Fargo.




MARCH 2006
Chapman withdraws as a candidate for the presidency of the University of Wyoming. He announces his decision at a rally organized by NDSU students who packed the Memorial Union and chanted "Don't go, Joe."

JULY 2006
NDSU receives a 10-year reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

SEPTEMBER 2006
NDSU's fall 2006 enrollment sets a record for the seventh year in a row, with 12,258 students in its undergraduate and graduate programs.

OCTOBER 2006
The Festival Concert Hall lobby is named the "Challey Atrium" in honor of a long-time supporter of the Division of Fine Arts and alumnus Robert Challey. He and his wife, Sheila, pledged a \$2.15 million endowment to fund scholarships for music students — the largest gift the Division of Fine Arts had ever received.



DECEMBER 2006
The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead names Chapman as the "Area Person of the Year" in the newspaper's Dec. 31 edition. Chapman is the first person to receive the recognition.

MARCH 2007
Chapman accepts an invitation for NDSU to join the Gateway Football Conference.

2007

CHAPMAN TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER 2007

NDSU's fall 2007 enrollment sets a record for the eighth year in a row, with 12,527 students in the university's undergraduate and graduate programs. Graduate student enrollment reaches an all-time high for the 10th consecutive year.

OCTOBER 2007

Rededication ceremonies for the renovated NDSU Memorial Union are held.

"Momentum: The \$75 Million Campaign for North Dakota State University" comes to a dramatically successful conclusion. The campaign ends with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$108 million.

Ground is broken for Klai Hall.

Ground is broken for Richard H. Barry Hall.

NOVEMBER 2007

Chapman is the first recipient of a Rural Leadership North Dakota award named for him.



DECEMBER 2007

Chapman and an NDSU delegation travel to India to strengthen international partnerships.

APRIL 2008

A group of about 20 NDSU alumni gather in Seoul, South Korea, with Chapman and other NDSU officials.

JUNE 2008

NDSU is approved as an active, certified member of NCAA Division I.

JULY 2008

Chapman and a delegation from NDSU travel to Uganda to meet with administrators, faculty and students about partnership opportunities available at Makerere University.

SEPTEMBER 2008

Groundbreaking ceremonies are held for Appareo Systems LLC, a 40,000 square foot office and manufacturing facility in the NDSU Research and Technology Park.

OCTOBER 2008

Klai Hall, the new downtown home of the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, is dedicated. The building is named for NDSU alumnus John R. Klai II.

The Material Handling Facility is dedicated.



2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR

NDSU sends seven teams to post-season play in the first year of eligibility since the university's highly successful transition to NCAA Division I, including the men's basketball team appearing in the so-called "Big Dance" and the women's softball team reaching the super regional level of the national tournament.

AUGUST 2009

Work continues on the greenhouse complex at the Agricultural Experiment Station's main station. Phase I and Phase II of the project total \$23 million, and are designed to provide faculty and students with plant science research facilities among the best in the country.



OCTOBER 2009

Richard H. Barry Hall is dedicated. Occupying the building are the College of Business, Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, North Dakota Trade Office, NDSU Center for Global Initiatives and Leadership and related programs.



OCTOBER 2009

On Oct. 14, Chapman resigns. In an e-mail to the campus, he said, "Serving as president of North Dakota State University for the past 11 years has been the greatest privilege of my academic career. Together, we have taken this institution to new levels, and I take great pride in all we have accomplished together. Gale and I have made friends and community ties here we will cherish for the rest of our lives."

'50s

ALBERT H. MAHRER, BS '52, mechanical engineering-aeronautical option, is now retired and living in Grand Junction, Colo. During his career, he worked for a number of aerospace companies and was a flight engineer testing jet engines at supersonic speeds and altitudes to 40,000 feet. He later was a business professor and department head at Front Range Community College near Denver.

EARL MARIFJEREN, BS '54, mechanized agriculture, was named director emeritus of First United Bank of Park River, N.D., following retirement from the bank board after 25 years of service.

EARL SEATON, MEd '58, human development and education, was among the first two inductees into the Lancer Wall of Fame at La Crescent-Hokah School District in Minnesota. He was credited with developing the school's athletic programs when he was a teacher, coach and administrator at the school from 1965 to 1981. He was Minnesota Athletic Director of the Year in 1981.

'60s

ALF H. CLAUSEN, BA '63, music, HD '99, was nominated for a 2009 Emmy Award for Outstanding Music Composition for a Series (Original Dramatic Score) for "Gone Maggie Gone" on the FOX animated show, "The Simpsons." The composer has received numerous honors, including two Emmys, three Annie Awards and three International Monitor Awards. He lives in Canyon County, Calif.



ROGER BERGLUND, BS '65, MS '69, agricultural education, retired after 25 years as president of Dakota Western Bank in Bowman, N.D. He remains active in the bank and its insurance agency, serving as chair of both entities. He has served as president of the North Dakota Bankers Association, Southwest Bankers Group, Slope Area Bankers and the Bowman Chamber of Commerce. He also was a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. He and his wife, Susan, have two grown children. They live in Bowman, with a vacation home in Spearfish, S.D.

VICKI (STRAND) FUGLEBERG, BS '65, mathematics, retired after a 29-year career as a teacher in the Central Valley, Mayville and May-Port CG schools in North Dakota. She received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching in 1997 and was president of the North Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics in 1992-93.

RICK FORSGREN, BS '66, arts and sciences, wrote a new production, "Return to the Rants," a sequel to the play he previously produced, "Meet the Rants." The play focuses on relationships and bigotry. He and his wife, Eldra, live in Mayville, N.D.

ROBERT CHRISTMAN, BS '67, animal science, MS '72, agriculture education, was named deputy commissioner for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. He has been the state's deputy tax commissioner since 1997, and was previously the state director of the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

RICHARD DEBERTIN, BS '67, MS '84, agricultural education, received the Golden Service Award from Dakota College at Bottineau. He was recognized for his work with many Bottineau students through the Interactive Video Network from Minot State University. He previously was a vocational agriculture teacher at Berthold, N.D., High School for 31 years. He lives in Berthold.



ROBERT TOSTERUD, BS '68, MS '69, economics, was honored by South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds as he proclaimed June 30 as "Dr. Robert J. Tosterud Day" in his state. Tosterud, who retired in May, was recognized for 18 years of service as a member of the University of South Dakota faculty. He is a professor emeritus and Freeman Chair of Entrepreneurial Studies. He lives in Burbank, S.D.

DENNIS DOSCH, BS '69, agricultural education, retired after a 37-year career in education. A longtime Powers Lake, N.D., vocational agriculture teacher and FFA adviser, Dosch began teaching in Powers Lake in 1971.

CLASS NOTES

DAVID MATTSON, BS '69, history, received the Walter A. Nashert Sr. Constructor Award from the American Institute of Constructors at the 2009 AIC Forum in Milwaukee. The organization established the award more than 30 years ago to recognize outstanding individuals who have established a reputation and fair dealing in the construction business. He is president and founder of D.R. Mattson Inc. based in Tempe, Ariz. He and his wife, Carol, live in Mesa, Ariz.

HERBERT OHM, MS '69, agronomy, was appointed interim head of Purdue University's Department of Agronomy. A distinguished professor of agronomy, Ohm has been a Purdue faculty member since 1972. He has received numerous honors, including the Purdue Agronomy Outstanding Graduate Educator Award and the agronomic Achievement Award-Crops from the American Society of Agronomy. He lives in West Lafayette, Ind.

WAYNE WEBER, BS '69, agricultural engineering, retired after 33 years with the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District. He started with the district as a technician and 15 years later was named district engineer. He lives on a farm between Crookston and Fertile, Minn.

RONALD L. WEIGHT, BS '69, economics and mathematics, received the Honeywell Chairman's Award for Everyday Heroes, and is chair of the National Business Aviation's International Operators Conference. He is the chief pilot for Honeywell International Inc., working for the company since 1984 and registering more than 9,000 flight hours. A retired Air Force colonel, he lives in Sparta, N.J.

'70s

BRIG. GEN. TERRY ROBINSON, BA '70, psychology, of the North Dakota National Guard, was named by Gov. John Hoeven to lead the state's flood recovery efforts. He was assigned to coordinate federal, state and local assistance for residents and businesses in the wake of the spring 2009 severe flooding issues. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Bismarck, N.D.

STAN DARDIS, BS '71, agricultural education, is set to retire as chief executive officer of Bremer Financial, Fargo, on April 1, 2010. Dardis has enjoyed a 33-year career in banking and financial services. He was named chief executive officer of Bremer and was elected to its board of directors in 1998.

DAVE SCHMITZ, BS '71, mechanical engineering, was named to oversee the North Dakota wind power investments of Minnesota Power of Duluth, Minn. He previously worked 35 years for Basin Electric Power, including serving as vice president of engineering and construction.

JIM HOFFERT, BS '72, agricultural economics, was named a negotiator for the North Dakota Agricultural Mediation Service by State Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. He and his wife, Debora, live in Rugby, N.D.

DENNIS JACOBSON, BS '72, MS '01, civil engineering, is a North Dakota National Guardsman who was promoted to major general. He has begun a two-year assignment as the U.S. Forces Korea deputy chief of staff for Restationing and Tour Normalization Facilities. He is in charge of restationing U.S. forces from their current multiple bases in South Korea to two hubs near the cities of Peyongtaek and Daegu. As a civilian, he worked as a transportation engineer at the N.D. Department of Transportation for 28 years and four years as a research engineer at NDSU. He and his wife, Ardy, live in Seoul, Korea.



MARY JANE (DOLL) KUBISCHTA, BS '72, home economics education, took early retirement after a career with the Sweetwater Union High School District in California. She writes that she became a grandmother twice this year, and spends precious moments with her two grandsons. She lives in Bonita, Calif., and has a condo in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., where she skis more than 60 days during each ski season.

SHARON (MILLER) ANUNDSON, BS '73, home economics education and textiles and clothing, retired from teaching after a 36-year career. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Valley City, N.D., where she taught for 21 years.

JOHN KENNELLY, BS '73, English, has been named vice president of mission for SMP Health System, Fargo. He has 27 years of legal and compliance experience, including Banner Health System, Noridian Administrative Services, Global Electric Motorcars, Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Co. and the North Dakota Supreme Court. He and his wife, Doreen, live in Fargo.

SHARON KICKERTZ-GERBIG, BS '73, home economics education and child development and family relations, retired after 35 years of service as the Stark-Billings County Extension agent. She and her husband, Gordon, operate a farm and ranch in Billings County.

KENT PELTON, BS '74, MS '85, agricultural education, was named trust and new business development officer for First International Bank and Trust of Watford City, N.D. He joins the bank after a 31-year career as an agricultural education instructor and Future Farmers of America adviser at Watford City High School. He and his wife, JoLynn, live in Watford City. They have two grown sons.

MARVA (LEE) FAIRCHILD, BS '75, home economics education and physical education, retired after 34 years with East Grand Forks, Minn., Public Schools. She was honored for her 25 years of coaching volleyball and was selected Northwest Minnesota Middle School Counselor of the Year and Minnesota Middle School Counselor of the Year in 2009. She and her husband, Tim, live in East Grand Forks and have three children.

DENNIS SAMUELS, BS '75, physical education, was inducted into the North Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. A four-year letterman during his collegiate days, he now has played amateur baseball for 51 years. He lives in Beulah, N.D., and teaches in Hazen, N.D.



RANDALL SEIFERT, BS '75, pharmacy, received the Harold R. Popp Memorial Award, the highest honor presented by the Minnesota Pharmacists Association. He was recognized for his outstanding service to the profession and his work in developing medication therapy management benefits for patients in Minnesota. He is the senior associate dean of pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and president of Seifert and Associates, a medical benefits management consulting firm. He and his wife **KATHY (DANIELSON)**, BS '75, pharmacy, live in Walker, Minn., and Ventura, Calif.

SHERM SYLLING, MS '75, education administration, was elected to the board of directors of the National Federation of State High School Associations. The national group represents 18,500 high schools and 11 million students involved in athletic and activity programs. He is executive secretary for the North Dakota High School Activities Association and lives in Valley City, N.D.

CAROL (WITT) VISNESS, BS '75, physical education, was inducted into the Minnesota State High School League Coaches Hall of Fame in Minneapolis. She retired from coaching in 2004 after 29 years as the head coach of Kittson Central High School girls' basketball, compiling a 555-147 record and winning the 2002 Class A championship. She also coached volleyball for 20 years, achieving more than 400 wins. She lives in Hallock, Minn.

JOSEPH CRAWFORD, MS '76, soil science, was hired to lead the disaster preparedness, response and recovery efforts at the North Dakota Department of Human Services. He coordinates efforts with the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services and FEMA. He lives in Bismarck, N.D.



GEORGE WELK, BS '76, civil engineering, was named a regional civil engineer for the states of North Dakota and South Dakota for URS Corp., a planning, design and engineering firm with corporate offices in San Francisco. He formerly was an assistant district engineer for the Mankato District at the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

He leads civil engineering business development activities for URS's transportation engineering practice in the Dakotas.

DENNIS HORNER, MS '77, bacteriology, was named Citizen of the Year by the New Richmond, Wis., Area Chamber of Commerce and was selected to serve as grand marshal for the community's Fun Fest parade. He has been New Richmond's city administrator and utilities manager for the past 25 years.

GRANT METZ, BS '77, agronomy, is publishing information for agriculture producers through his monthly column, "Notes from the Pod Doctor." The Rabbe Companies employ him as their research director, where he is involved in agronomic and genetic information for soybean varieties. He and his wife, Janis, live in Fairmont, Minn.



SUE (KLUBBEN) PETRY, BA '77, French, retired after a 27-year career with the Plains Art Museum in Fargo. She held several positions, including public information manager, special resources administrator and charitable gaming manager. She was a pioneer of charitable gaming in Minnesota and North Dakota, and helped develop laws and regulations to ensure gaming proceeds benefited nonprofit organizations. She and her husband, Charlie, live in Fargo.



HILLOL RAY, MS '77, environmental engineering, was invited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New York, as a guest speaker at the Region 2 Cultural Diversity program in June. He also was a presenter at the Office of Civil Rights Special Emphasis Programs regional Unity Day program in Chicago in September, and spoke at the Federal Asian Pacific American Community in Houston in May. Hillol works for EPA Region 6 in Dallas.



QUENTIN STEVICK, AD '77, agriculture, sends a photograph of the moment he held a North Dakota state flag while at the summit of Mt. Fuji in Japan on Sept. 6. He wrote that he stayed overnight at level 8 and re-ascended the summit to watch the sunrise on Sept. 7. He and his wife, Anne, live on a ranch near Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada.

JOHN HILL, BS '78, child development and family relations, is the foreign policy adviser to the Third Air Force commander at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a colonel in 2007 after 30 years of service.

PHIL MCSHANE, BUS '78, university studies, joined Fisher Enterprises in Fargo as vice president and business development officer. During his career, he has worked 35 years in the financial services industry in the Fargo-Moorhead area. He lives in Fargo.

STEVE SWIONTEK, BS '78, business administration, HD '06, was appointed to the Mutual Savings Association Advisory Committee of the Office of Thrift Supervision. He is the chair, president and CEO of Gate City Bank of Fargo.

HUGH DUFNER, MS '79, agricultural economics, markets organic potatoes through his operation in Halstad, Minn. Hugh's Gardens does not use synthetic fertilizers or chemicals in its potato production.

'80s

KEN ELLETT, BS '80, physical education, MEEd '85, education administration, was named Athletic Director of the Year by the Oklahoma Coaches Association. It was the fourth time he has been a finalist for the honor. He is the athletic director at Broken Arrow, Okla., High School, a position he has held for 20 years.

JOHN D. ERICKSON, BS '80, agricultural economics, was re-elected to a second term on the board of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. He is president and CEO of Otter Tail Corp. in Fergus Falls, Minn.

BOB JUST, MEEd '80, education administration, retired as principal of the Little Falls, Minn., Community High School after a 38-year career in education. During retirement, he plans to spend time with family and touring on his Honda Goldwing with his wife, Sonya. They live in Little Falls.

DR. MARK KOPONEN, MS '80, bacteriology, joined the University of North Dakota School of Medicine as an associate professor, teaching pathology and working as a medical examiner. He lives in Grand Forks, N.D.

REV. FRANKLIN MILLER, BS '80, agronomy, has been assigned as the new priest at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Harvey, N.D. The assignment is for a six-year term.

BRENT MONTGOMERY, BS '80, agricultural economics, was named president of First State Bank of North Dakota in Arthur, N.D. He and his wife have three grown children.

SHELLY (STURLAUGSON) WOLD, BS '80, home economics, joined Goose River Bank in Hatton, N.D., as a customer service representative. She and her husband, **KEVIN**, BS '79, animal science, live in rural Hatton.

GLENDON OLSON, BS '81, agricultural mechanics, was appointed president of First International Bank and Trust of Williston, N.D. He started with the bank in 1991. He and his wife, **CHERYL (MARKHART)**, AD '80, have two sons and live in Williston.

PEG PORTSCHELLER, MS '81, education administration, received an alumni award from Dickinson State University. She is working on her dissertation for her doctoral degree from the University of Wyoming. Portscheller lives in Aurora, Colo.

DR. MARK SCZEPANSKI, BS '81, pharmacy, was named a 2008 Top 50 Surgeon by Sightpath Medical. The list includes leaders in LASIK surgery and general ophthalmology. He practices at North Dakota Eye Clinic in Grand Forks, N.D.

JOHN STIBBE, BS '82, agricultural economics, was named senior trust officer and east region team leader for First International Bank and Trust, West Fargo, N.D. He previously worked at Bank of the West as regional trust manager. He lives in Fargo.

JERRY VOLESKY, MS '82, botany, received an alumni award from Dickinson State University. He conducts grazing and forage research as a faculty member at the University of Nebraska, and is associate editor of Arid Land Research and Management.

GARY CLARK, MS '83, education administration, was honored as North Dakota's High School Principal of the Year. He is the principal of West Fargo High School. He and his wife, Carol, and their family live in Horace, N.D.

DAVID GENEREUX, BS '83, agronomy, was recognized as an outstanding alumnus at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. A senior crop consultant with Centrol Inc. of Twin Valley, Minn. He and his wife, Linnea, live in Crookston where he also is the mayor.

JOHN GRUBB, BS '84, electrical and electronic engineering, is the plant manager of Xcel Energy's Monticello, Minn., Nuclear Generating Plant. He has worked at the plant for more than 20 years, holding positions such as operations manager and interim plant manager. He and his wife, Kelly, live in St. Michael, Minn.

SCOTT OLSON, BS '84, electrical and electronic engineering, was awarded the Great Wall Friendship Award from the Municipal Government of Beijing. The award is given to honor outstanding contributions by foreign experts toward Beijing's social and economic development. Olson works for Emerson Electric, a multinational company with headquarters in St. Louis. He and his wife, LeAnn, live in Beijing.



RON GRENSTEINER, BS '85, mass communication, was named president of American Equity Investment Life Insurance Co. of West Des Moines, Iowa. He has been in the insurance industry for 24 years and most recently was senior vice president and national marketing director of American Equity. He and his wife, Aimee, have two sons and live in Urbandale, Iowa.

BLAIR HOSETH, BS '85, agricultural economics, and his wife, Deb, were named the 2009 Emerging Leadership Couple for Mahnomen County in Minnesota. They have a cow-calf operation near Mahnomen, Minn.

JON JENSEN, BA '85, English, MA '91, theatre arts, earned his certified fluid power electronic controls specialist certification from the International Fluid Power Society. He was elected vice president of the society's board of directors for 2010, and is the national training manager of SMC Corp. of America. He lives in Naperville, Ill.

MARY (HEGNA) JOHNSON, BS '85, communication disorders, is a speech pathologist for the Ashby, Minn., school through the Fergus Falls Special Education Cooperative. She and her husband, Gary, and three sons live on Ten Mile Lake.

MARK TASTAD, BS '85, bacteriology, was named manager of the Dawson Division of Associated Milk Producers. The cooperative's Dawson, Minn., plant receives milk from producers in western Minnesota and northeastern South Dakota. He has worked for the cooperative for 17 years.

HAROLD HAGEN, BS '86, agricultural economics, was named president of the Barnesville, Minn., office of Midwest Bank. In addition, he was named the chief financial officer of Midwest Bank, which has headquarters in Detroit Lakes, Minn. He previously was chief financial officer of the Jamestown, N.D., branch of Farmers and Merchants Bank.

ED STUDNISKI, BS '86, electrical and electronic engineering, was promoted to president of Gausman and Moore Associates, a 75-person mechanical and electrical engineering firm with offices in St. Paul and Duluth, Minn., and Los Angeles. He and his wife, Kris, and daughter, Jaclyn, live in Elk River, Minn.

KEN WEBER, BS '86, civil engineering, joined Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services in Bismarck, N.D., as a senior project manager. Originally from Mandan, he has more than 22 years of consulting engineering experience for water and wastewater systems.

SCOTT WOLFF, BS '86, agricultural economics, joined Choice Financial as vice president of agricultural banking at the south Fargo branch. He comes to Choice Financial from Bremer Bank in Casselton, N.D., where he was an agricultural and business banker.

ALBERT HAIRSTON, BUS '87, university studies, is a job placement specialist at JobWorks Inc. He lives in South Bend, Ind.

MARK ANDERSON, BS '88, environmental design, BArch '88, joined Grooters Leapaltd Tideman Architects in St. Cloud, Minn. He is a designer for the firm that specializes in education, senior health care and commercial spaces. He and his wife, Veronica, live in St. Cloud.

LT. COL. JAMES M. ASHLEY, BS '88, electrical and electronic engineering, MS '97, systems management, retired from the Air Force after 20 years of military service. He most recently was the deputy chief of the Budget, Congressional and Mission Support Division with the Directorate of Space Acquisition in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

WAYNE BREKHUS, BS '88, social science education, received the statewide 2009 Outstanding Adviser Award for faculty advising of students from the Missouri Academic Advising Association. A sociology professor at the University of Missouri, he also received the institution's 2009 Excellence in Advising Award. He and his wife, Rachel, live in Columbia, Mo.

DAVID L. JOHNSON, BS '88, soil science, has written a book about his experiences as a Navy corpsman during the Vietnam War. The book is titled "Corpsman Up! A Marine Medic Struggles With War, God and Patriotism." He lives in Forman, N.D.



JOHN P. LOEGERING, BS '88, biology and zoology, is a 2009 recipient of the prestigious Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. In addition to teaching four to five courses annually, he advises some 35 undergraduate students and is the adviser for the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society at the University of Minnesota-Crookston campus. An associate professor of natural resources, Loegering's teaching appointment includes a 50 percent joint appointment on the St. Paul campus that focuses primarily on outreach and research.

PATRICK WALSH, BS '88, physical education, MEEd '99, education administration, was named Principal of the Year for the southern Minnesota division by the Southeast Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals. He is principal at Kenyon-Wanamingo High School. Walsh, his wife, Nancy, and their children live in Kenyon.

ROLLIE BUCHMAN, BS '89, mathematics education, joined St. Mary's School in New Richmond, Wis., as a mathematics teacher for the fourth through eighth grades. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children.

ERIC MICHEL, BS '89, electrical and electronic engineering, was named president and CEO of Ulteig Engineers, Inc., succeeding Gerry Floden when he retires in January 2010. Michel joined Ulteig, which has corporate headquarters in Fargo, in 1989.

BRAD SWENSON, BA '89, English, was named chief operating officer of Ulteig, a Fargo-based engineering design firm. Ulteig has 450 employees and offices in four states. He lives in Fargo.

'90s

KURT KRUEGER, BS '90, agricultural economics, took part in the Regional Exchange and Awareness Program through the American Soybean Association and United Soybean Board. The Rothsay, Minn., farmer spent time in east central Virginia learning about agriculture in that state.

CHRISTINE (SCHREINER) LAWYER, BS '90, zoology, BSN '97, nursing, joined the Dassel-Cokato School District in Minnesota as a licensed school nurse. She and her husband, **MIKE**, BS '97, electrical engineering, and their two children live in Cokato.

PHIL MARTIN, BS '90, civil engineering, MS '94, environmental engineering, was appointed president and board chair of Landecker and Associates Inc. The land surveying, civil engineering and environmental services company has offices in Pequot Lakes, Walker and Grand Rapids, Minn. He and his wife, Kathy, and their two children live in Pequot Lakes.

MEL WAHL, MS '90, mathematics, had an article, "Finding Derivatives Without Limits," published in Math Horizons Magazine, which is produced by the Mathematical Association of America. He lives in Billings, Mont.

TIM ERBELE, BS '91, animal and range sciences, was among family members who received the North Dakota Stockmen's Association's Ranchers of the Year Award. The Erbele family runs a Logan County enterprise that includes a cow-calf operation, feed business and livestock auction barn. He and his wife, Ronda, live in Streeter, N.D.

LARRY S. FREDLUND, BS '91, environmental design, BArch '93, architecture, joined Pella Windows and Doors of the Twin Cities as an architectural representative. The firm has its headquarters in Plymouth, Minn. He previously was a senior project manager for eight years at Architects Rego + Youngquist.

SHERRY (WEISZ) FURCHT, BS '91, pharmacy, was named the 2009 Pride of Dakota Retailer of the Year. Furcht owns Plaza Drug in Bismarck, N.D. The Pride of Dakota program, which includes more than 400 companies, promotes the growth of farm-based businesses and firms that rely on agricultural commodities.

SERENA (LUND) JISKRA, BS '91, food and nutrition; and corporate and community fitness, has been hired as marketing manager at Edgewood Village Vista, Fargo. She has 14 years of experience in the long-term and senior living industry. She previously was sales manager for a senior living community in Fargo.



KELLY FISCHER, BS '92, agricultural economics, was elected to the board of directors of the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota. He is senior vice president at United Community Bank of North Dakota in Leeds, N.D. He and his wife, **CHERYL (SAUER)**, BS '93, nursing, have two sons.

LON NEGEN, BS '92, environmental design, BArch '92, architecture, was named to the board of directors of the Cold Spring, Minn., Chamber of Commerce. He is president and principal architect for Negen Architects in Cold Spring. He and his wife, Nida, have two children.

DOUG OLSON, BS '92, electrical and computer engineering, joined Phoenix International, a John Deere company, in Fargo. He is a senior software design engineer.

DAN SULLIVAN, BS '92, civil engineering, is a liaison between the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Transportation. His position focuses on ensuring that construction projects meet federal storm water permit erosion prevention and sediment control requirements, and best management practices are implemented to protect water quality of lakes, streams and wetlands. He lives in St. Paul, Minn.

V. KEITH JACOBSON, BS '93, social science education, BS '93, history education, MEEd '05, education administration, has been hired as principal at Stony Creek Elementary School in Williston, N.D. He previously held positions in New Salem, N.D.; Mandaree, N.D.; Bemidji, Minn.; Mahnomen, Minn; and Ada, Minn.

DR. JASON STEINLE, BS '93, zoology, joined the Owatonna Clinic - Mayo Health System in Owatonna, Minn. He is a board-certified radiologist who recently completed a musculoskeletal fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

DAVE STORDALEN, BS '93, music education, joined the faculty of Butterfield-Odin Public School in Butterfield, Minn., as the band director. He previously spent 11 years as the band director at St. James, Minn., Public Middle School. He and his wife, **JOAN (ENGEN)**, BS '92, child development and family science, have three children.

MIKE AUBOL, BS '94, civil engineering, was named Morton County, N.D., engineer. He formerly worked for Ulteig Engineers and the Burleigh County engineering department.

MIKE BENDER, BS '94, environmental design, BArch '94, landscape architecture, joined the Rapid City, S.D., office of Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson, an engineering, planning and surveying company. He works in the firm's municipal group. He lives in Rapid City.

PETE KAUTZMAN, BS '94, agricultural economics, was honored as one of the 2010 Kittson County Emerging Leaders at the Kittson County Fair. The award honors agricultural entrepreneurs from across Minnesota. Kautzman was chosen by his peers for his leadership in maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for families and communities with a focus on the agriculture business. He and his wife, Missy, and their two children, live in Karlstad, Minn.

CARMEN BRANDT WOLF, BS '94, environmental design, BArch '94, architecture, graduated from the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and passed the Nevada Bar examination. She is president of PowerHouse Imaging Ltd. of Fargo and Las Vegas. She lives in Las Vegas with her husband, Dr. Mitchell Wolf.

TANWEER JANJUA, BS '95, environmental design, BArch '97, architecture, received the Asian Pacific Leadership Award. He was recognized for his outreach efforts to increase the Asian American and Pacific Islander vote in the Cottage Grove, Minn., area. He serves as chair of that city's Human Services and Human Rights Commission and is a senior project manager at the University of Minnesota.

THOMAS JOHNSON, BS '95, pharmaceutical sciences, PharmD '97, was named a fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He is a professor of pharmacy practice at South Dakota State University and a clinical specialist in critical care at Avera McKennan Hospital. He lives in Sioux Falls, S.D.

CHRISTOPHER SEEGER, BS '95, environmental design, BLA '95, landscape architecture, was promoted to associate professor of landscape architecture at Iowa State University. He is the Extension specialist in landscape architecture and a geographic information system professional.

PAUL AHONEN, BS '96, corporate and community fitness, joined CSM of Fargo as an inventory control specialist. He previously worked for Swanson Health Products of Fargo.

CHAD HAUSMANN, BS '96, civil engineering, was named the new assistant county highway engineer for McLeod County in Minnesota. He previously worked for the Minnesota Department of Transportation and an engineering firm in the St. Cloud, Minn., area.

MICHAEL LAVERDURE, BS '96, environmental design, BArch '97, architecture, was hired by DSGW Architects to lead design efforts for the recently formed First American Design Studio of Duluth, Minn. He lives in Duluth.

CHAD MURRAY, BS '96, computer science, joined Appareo Systems in Fargo as a senior software developer. He previously worked at Microsoft of Fargo.

ANGELA (FOWLER) BACHMAN, BS '97, political science, was appointed assistant for faculty recruitment with NDSU's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach. She previously worked for the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center in Fargo and Rasmussen College.

JEFFREY JOLLEY, BS '97, zoology, earned a doctorate in wildlife and fisheries sciences at South Dakota State University, and took a position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a fish biologist at the Columbia River Fishery program office in Vancouver, Wash.

GLEN KUEHN, BS '97, social science education, joined the staff at Lake Region Human Service Center in Devils Lake, N.D. He previously was a case manager at Northwest Human Service Center in Williston, N.D.

REV. ROSS LAFRAMBOISE, BS '97, biotechnology, BA '99, philosophy, is the new priest at St. Philip Neri Church in Napoleon, N.D. He previously was a priest at Little Flower Catholic Church, Rugby, N.D. He lives in Napoleon.

JEREMY ZWINGER, BS '97, biological sciences, was named to the board of directors of the Butte County Economic Development Corp. of California. The board leads regional collaboration, marketing and business attraction in northern

California. He is president and CEO of Farm and Trade commodities brokerage firm in Chico, Calif., and also publishes the research journal Rice Today and the weekly market report The Rice Trader.

NOAH ANDERSON, BS '98, zoology, joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, Baraboo/Salk County as an assistant professor of biological sciences. He recently earned his doctorate in biology from Idaho State University.

DAVE FARBER, BS '98, pharmaceutical sciences, PharmD '00, pharmacy, was hired as a full-time pharmacist at the Killdeer Pharmacy in Killdeer, N.D. He previously spent the last six years at the Mid Dakota Clinic in Bismarck, N.D. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Dickinson, N.D.

LONNI (DELL) FLECK, BS '98, civil engineering, was appointed to the five-member board of directors of Interstate Engineering. She is a senior project manager and administrative office manager of the corporation's Sidney, Mont., office. Interstate Engineering provides consulting engineering, land surveying and planning services to governments, companies and private individuals.



TIM GROSS, BS '98, accounting, has been promoted to senior manager at Eide Bailly in Fargo. He has been with Eide Bailly since 1999. He and his wife, **MELISSA (RAAB)**, BS '99, accounting, have two children and live in West Fargo, N.D.

GUY C. KLEIN, BS '98, mechanical engineering, joined Prairie Engineering PC in Bismarck, N.D., as a mechanical engineer. He previously had worked at Bobcat Co. in Bismarck.

ANDREA TWETEN-STEINMETZ, BS '98, facility management, was promoted to service support manager at the Wells Fargo Operations Center in Fargo. She was been with the bank for seven years. She and her husband, Jon, have five children and live in Fargo.

BRENT WAVRA, BS '98, mechanical engineering, passed the Leadership in Energy and Design professional examination. He is a partner in the firm of Obermiller Nelson Engineering Inc. in Fargo.

HEATHER (REDIG) EGENES, BS '99, facility management, was hired at Vanity's corporate office in Fargo as a planner.

KIRK LINDEMANN, BS '99, accounting, was promoted to partner in the Fargo office of Eide Bailly. Lindemann is a certified public accountant and joined the firm in 2000.

STACEY (BAKKE) MAJKRZAK, BS '99, mass communication, joined CSM in Fargo as the marketing and communications manager. She has more than 10 years of experience in the field.

JASON MANSFIELD SR., BS '99, mechanical engineering, graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School at Ft. Rucker, Ala. After serving 20 years as a helicopter maintainer, he has been appointed as an aviation maintenance technician in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. Mansfield, his wife, Lisa, and their two boys live in Muskego, Wis.

MICHAEL SCANLAN, BS '99, environmental design, BArch '99, architecture, and **MONIQUE SLETTA**, BS '02, environmental design, BArch '02, architecture, started a business called Roughly Square LLC. The Minneapolis company calls itself "A Studio and Workshop of Designers and Makers." a portfolio of their projects can be found at www.roughlysquare.com.

'00s

TIM BRAY, BS '00, civil engineering, was named highway engineer for Crow Wing County in Minnesota. He previously was a senior engineer and project manager for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. He lives in Crosslake, Minn.

KIMBERLY COWDEN, MA '00, speech communication, was hired as an associate professor for the communication program at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D. Cowden was an adjunct instructor at Concordia College and Minnesota State University Moorhead.

REV. AARON FLATAU, BS '00, mass communication, is an assistant pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Humboldt, Iowa. He and his wife, **LINDY (SCHAEFER)**, BS '01, pharmaceutical sciences, PharmD '03, pharmacy, have two boys.

Alumnus builds marketing firm

For NDSU alumnus Brian Meckler, success is the sum of doing your homework plus the willingness to put in a lot of time and effort.

A 1998 graduate who majored in business administration, Meckler and a former co-worker launched the award-winning Absolute Marketing Group in Moorhead, Minn., in 2006. The fledgling company began with three employees and has grown to nine full-time workers. In only three years, the firm has received 35 ADDY Awards from the Advertising Federation of Fargo-Moorhead for creative advertising excellence.

Those accomplishments came because of careful preparation and a dedication to hard work. “We really took an analytical approach,” Meckler explained, noting he took a long look at area competitors and potential clients before moving ahead with the new company. “We worked on a business plan for about nine months to do research and put everything together.”

When it became evident the potential for success was there, Meckler decided to leave the

interactive media and display advertising position he held for five years at The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead newspaper. He gave a 30-day notice, worked until his last day to train his successor, took a weekend off and opened the doors of the new company on a Monday.

“It was a leap of faith; I took a risk. Even if it didn’t work out, I felt it would still be a good learning experience,” he said. “For the most part, it’s worked out like we anticipated.”

Absolute Marketing Group, which works extensively with start-up businesses and smaller to mid-sized companies, currently has about 300 clients.

The growing company also takes pride in its commitment to training young people new to the industry. More than 30 students have interned at Absolute Marketing Group in the past three years, learning about writing, market research, design and Web projects.

“It’s a good opportunity for both sides – interns help us with certain tasks and they get real world experience,” Meckler said. “Most of our interns have

had a pretty easy time finding jobs after they’re done here. We hired two of them, two more are at large ad agencies in Minneapolis and quite a few found work at The Forum.”

Meckler credits his education at NDSU for providing the knowledge to prepare him for business ownership. “At the time, class projects involving accounting or human resources didn’t seem like things I was going to do after I was done with school,” he said. “But, I found out there’s always a chance they can play a real strong role in the future. I definitely ended up making use of them.”

Meckler lives in Fargo.



JEREMY HELGOE, BS ’00, sociology, has been hired as a mortgage loan officer at First International Bank and Trust, West Fargo, N.D. He previously worked in the finance industry for eight years, most recently with Wells Fargo. He and his wife, Amanda, live in Fargo.

RACHEL KAEHLER, BS ’00, animal and range sciences, was named dairy cattle show coordinator for the World Dairy Expo held Sept. 29 through Oct. 3 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wis.

DR. MARISSA WISDOM, BS ’00, chemistry, has joined the obstetrics and gynecology department at the Mid Dakota Clinic Center for Women, Bismarck, N.D. She recently completed a four-year residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

DR. AMANDA (PEARSON) BRADLEY, BS ’01, zoology, joined the St. Alexius Emergency and Trauma Center in Bismarck, N.D., following her emergency medicine residency at the Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

JOSH KADRMAS, BS ’01, management information systems, joined Intelligent InSites of Fargo as a quality assurance analyst. He previously worked at Microsoft.

LORI (SCHAEFER) WATSON, BS ’01, management information systems, was promoted to the development team lead/quality assurance and testing team at Intelligent InSites of Fargo.

MATT BARTELSON, BS ’02, electrical engineering, joined Phoenix International as an electronic design engineer.

MIKE CHRISTIANSON, MBA ’02, business administration, was named president of the Bismarck-Mandan Young Professional Network. He is a mortgage consultant with First Community Credit Union in Bismarck, N.D.

KATIE KOPPELMAN, BS ’02, zoology, joined United Blood Services of Fargo as a laboratory technician.

JUSTIN MADDOCK, BS ’02, animal and range sciences, was named a field investigator for the North Dakota Board of Animal Health. He has been the emergency preparedness and response coordinator with Lake Region District Health since 2002. He and his wife, **RACHEL (VETTER)**, BS ’02, business administration, and their three children live near Maddock, N.D.

CHRISTOPHER RAABE, BS ’02, physics, was the first American in 14 years to win Grandma’s Marathon in Duluth, Minn. With a time of two hours and 15 minutes, he was the top finisher in the 2009 men’s full marathon. He lives in Washington, D.C.

DAVID ALBRECHT, BS ’03, business administration, was named a business banker at the Starion Financial bank in downtown Bismarck, N.D. He lives in Mandan, N.D.

ADAM HANSON, BS ’03, civil engineering, was named Young Civil Engineer of the Year for the American Society of Civil Engineers Eastern Branch of South Dakota. He is employed at Banner and Associates in Brookings, S.D., and lives in Arlington, S.D., with his wife, Eva.

JEREMY MARQUARDT, BS ’03, music education, received the North Dakota National Band Association Allegro Band Award. The honor goes to a band teacher with five to 10 years of experience who demonstrates outstanding teaching. He teaches music at May-Port CG elementary, junior high and high schools, and he and his wife, Jessica, and two children live in Mayville, N.D.

TERESSA (RONDEAU) SCHLIEMAN, BS ’03, biological sciences, joined the Pelican Rapids, Minn., school district, teaching earth and physical science in eighth and ninth grades. She and her husband, **ROBERT**, BS ’02, civil engineering, live in Detroit Lakes, Minn.



JEREMY TAUTGES, BS ’03, mechanical engineering, recently became a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design professional in the Green Building Rating System, a voluntary national standard for developing sustainable buildings. He is a mechanical engineer in training with Widseth Smith Nolting, which has offices in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. He lives in Brainerd, Minn.

JARROD ASMUS, BS ’04, physical education, was hired as coach for the baseball program at Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Fergus Falls, Minn. Previously he coached American Legion baseball and other summer recreation programs. He and his wife, Heidi, have two children. They live in Fergus Falls.



KELLY (NOYES) BARTLOW, BS ’04, environmental design, BArch ’04, passed her architects registration examination and is now a registered architect with Grooters Leapaldt Tideman Architects of St. Cloud, Minn. She originally joined the firm in 2004 as an intern. She and her husband live in St. Cloud.



JOSEPH C. BUTLER, BS ’04, civil engineering, earned his professional engineering license. He also was promoted to project engineer at the Duluth, Minn., office of Braun Intertec. His responsibilities include geotechnical engineering, materials testing project management and drilling coordination. Braun Intertec has about 400 employees in several offices in the Upper Midwest.

DR. MATTHEW HANSON, BU ’04, university studies, graduated with a doctorate in chiropractic from Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, Minn., and has started a private practice. He lives in Minneapolis.

JIM JACKSON, BS ’04, civil engineering, joined the Bismarck, N.D., office of Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson. He is an engineer in the firm’s transportation group.

MEREDITH (BARNICK) JOHNSON, BS ’04, agricultural economics, was hired as a credit technician for AgCountry Farm Credit Services in Jamestown, N.D.

ANDREA LANG, BS ’04, child development and family science, joined The Village Family Service Center in Fargo as a facilitator in the family group decision-making program. Previously, she worked as an intern for The Village with the Big Brother Big Sister program.

DESIREE MONTONYE, BS ’04, sociology, is the executive director at PORT Group Homes. The organization has four group homes geared for at-risk girls and boys ages 10-18. She also is the program director for the Boys Group Home in Brainerd, Minn. She lives in Ironton, Minn.

NICHOLAS PRIBULA, BS ’04, civil engineering, is a registered engineer in North Dakota. He lives in West Fargo, N.D.

ANDREA QUENETTE, BS ’04, MS ’07, mass communication, received a fellowship and has entered The Ohio State University to pursue her doctorate. She lives in Neenah, Wis.

RYAN WATSON, BS ’04, environmental design, BArch ’04, architecture, joined Ulteig Engineers Inc. in Fargo as a structural engineering technician.

STEVEN WIRTZ, BS ’04, civil engineering, joined the Virginia, Minn., office of Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. as a graduate engineer in the firm’s Municipal Group. He prepares feasibility studies, plans, specifications and construction administration for public works projects such as utility and street improvements. The company has offices across the nation, including 12 in Minnesota.

JUSTIN ASKIM, BS ’05, natural resource management, is a wildlife biologist and natural resource specialist with Western Plains Consulting in Bismarck, N.D. He previously worked for the U.S. Geologic Survey in Jamestown, N.D.



RYAN DONAHUE, BAcc ’05, accountancy, was promoted to manager at Eide Bailly. A member of the North Dakota Society of CPAs, he has been with the company since 2005. He and his wife, Sarah, live in West Fargo, N.D.

JOHN FRANK, BS ’05 physical education, joined the Faribault, Minn., Middle School as a physical education teacher.

DR. DERIK HOERNER, BS ’05, zoology, joined A Lifetime of Smiles dental office in Bismarck, N.D. He recently earned his degree in dentistry from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

JEREMY JOHNSON, MBA ’05, business administration, joined Prudential LRES Realty in Fargo as a residential sales associate. He previously worked as an admission counselor at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

MITCH JORDE, BUS ’05, university studies, was seated for a three-year term on the United States Potato Board after being appointed by former Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer. Jorde, who lives in Cando, N.D., is also on the boards of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association, North Dakota Certified Seed Potato Growers Association and Towner County Crop Improvement association.

NATHAN SCHNECK, BS ’05, mechanical engineering, MS ’08, mechanical engineering, was named research engineer at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering at NDSU. He previously was a research engineer apprentice at CNSE. He lives in Fargo.

MATTHEW YAVAROW, BS ’05, civil engineering, was hired in the civil sector of Ulteig Engineers Inc., Bismarck, N.D.

RODNEY BISCHOF JR., BS ’06, environmental design, MArch ’07, architecture, joined JLG Architects in Fargo as a project designer. He previously worked with Holabird and Root in Rochester, Minn., and EAPC Architects and Engineers in Fargo.

JULIE (DOTZENROD) CARLSON, MEd ’06, counseling, is the new K-12 counselor and dean of students at the Battle Lake, Minn., school.

EMILY CLARK, BUS ’06, university studies, joined Integrated Health Center as a certified massage therapist in Alexandria, Minn.

CODY ELLINGSON, BS ’06, mechanical engineering, joined Obermiller Nelson Engineering of Fargo. He is a mechanical engineer.

ANDREW HOLMGREN, BS ’06, environmental design, BArch ’06, architecture, was a contestant on “The Price is Right” television show. The winner of a Showcase, he won a motorized kayak, \$1,500 in cash, a Caribbean cruise and a gold and diamond bracelet. He is a graduate student at UCLA working toward a master’s degree in architecture.

HOLLY LANGORD, BS ’06, zoology, joined Western Plains Consulting Inc. of Bismarck, N.D., as a wildlife biologist. She previously was employed by the U.S. Geological Survey in Jamestown, N.D., and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Riverdale, N.D.

JARED SCHROEDER, BS ’06, human performance and fitness, earned his doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Minnesota. He completed his certification examinations and joined Belvedere Rehab and Sports Medicine in Belvedere, Ill., as a licensed physical therapist.

JESS WIEMANN, BS ’06, zoology, was promoted to business analyst at the Fargo office of AgCountry Farm Credit Services. She was a property manager with Goldmark Property Management in Fargo before joining Ag Country last year.

RANDAL BROCKMAN, MEd ’07, educational leadership, was named principal at North Sargent Public School. He and his wife, Michelle, have three children. They live in Stirum, N.D.

BLAKE DAHLBERG, MS ’07, educational leadership, was hired as principal for the elementary school and the middle school in Newell, S.D. Previously, he was a teacher. He and his wife, Christina, have four children.

AMY HARDY, BS ’07, civil engineering, joined the Mandan, N.D., office of Interstate Engineering.

TYLER MARTHALER, BS ’07, economics, was promoted to commercial loan officer with Dacotah Bank in Watertown, S.D. He previously worked for Dacotah Bank in Minot, N.D. He and his wife, Lacey, live in Watertown.

KYLE MURIE, BS ’07, interior design, joined Christianson’s Business Furniture of Fargo as an interior designer.

JENNIFER REIERSON, MA ’07, speech communication, is an assistant professor at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn. She and her husband, Andy, live in Duluth.

HEATHER SCHMIDT, BAcc ’07, accountancy, passed all parts of the certified public accountant examination. She is an associate tax specialist at Ag Country Farm Credit Services in Valley City, N.D.

JESSE TRANA, BS ’07, computer science, joined Appareo Systems in Fargo as a software engineer. He previously worked for Eagle Creek Software Services in Valley City, N.D.

JESSICA WAGNER, BA ’07, French, has a company, Coffeehouse Translations LLC, which recently relocated to a new downtown Fargo office. A Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting was held June 9.

BRITTNEY AMMON, BS ’08, child development and family sciences, was hired to lead the Title I program at the Big Stone City School in Big Stone City, S.D. She previously was a substitute teacher for schools in the Big Stone City area. She lives in Milbank, S.D.

NATHAN BERGMAN, BS ’08, management information systems, joined Information Management Systems of Fargo as a consultant.

NICK BIGELOW, BLA ’08, landscape architecture, BS ’08, environmental design, won a logo design contest for the Sioux Falls, S.D., Argus Leader newspaper project called “Sioux Falls Next.” The project encourages residents to discuss hopes and dreams for the their community. He lives in Brandon, S.D.

THOMAS DEMKE, BS ’08, civil engineering, was hired to the civil sector of Ulteig Engineers Inc., Bismarck, N.D.

TINA EVENSON, MS ’08, nursing, joined CentraCare Clinic in Melrose, Minn., as a certified family nurse practitioner. She lives in Alexandria, Minn.

TRENT FROEMMING, BS ’08, animal and range sciences, and his brother, Darrin, purchased Farmers Produce in Ashby, Minn., and renamed the business TFC Poultry. The company provides custom processing of turkey, ducks, geese and chickens.

MEGHA GHOSAL, BS ’08, computer engineering, joined Phoenix International of Fargo as a manufacturing test engineer.

BRADLEY HALVERSON, BS ’08, mechanical engineering, was named research specialist at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering at NDSU. He currently is an instrument specialist for CNSE’s materials characterization and analysis laboratory. He previously was a research specialist apprentice and undergraduate research assistant.

KAYLA HENRICH, BS ’08, apparel and textiles, joined the corporate office of Vanity in Fargo as an allocator in the planning and allocation department. She previously worked for Completely Home Design Center; Bed Bath and Beyond; and Maurice’s.

KENDRA HINNENKAMP, BS ’08, animal and range sciences, joined the Elrosa, Minn., office of North American State Bank. She will specialize in agriculture and business banking.

AARON KROMANN, BS ’08, biological sciences education, was hired as a science instructor at Watertown High School in Watertown, S.D. He previously worked as a substitute teacher with the Fargo Public School District.

ELIZABETH LEE, BS ’08, chemistry, was named research specialist at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering at NDSU. She previously was a research specialist apprentice and undergraduate research assistant at NDSU. She currently is an instrument specialist for CNSE’s materials characterization and analysis laboratory. She lives in Fargo.

MATTHEW LUNDE, BS ’08, environmental design, MArch ’09, architecture, joined JLG Architects, a firm with offices in Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D.; and Minneapolis and Alexandria, Minn.

LAUREN MARTIN, BS ’08, apparel and textiles, joined the Vanity corporate staff in Fargo as an assistant in the fit and production department. Martin was previously in management with Macy’s.

NICOLE M. MOEN, BS ’08, hospitality and tourism management, joined the Fargo-Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau. She was named convention sales manager for the North Dakota and Washington markets.

MATT SALZER, BS ’08, instrumental music education, joined the McGregor, Minn., school as the band teacher. He also instructs the school’s jazz band and drum line.

ELLE TAYLOR, BS ’08, interior design, joined Christianson’s Business Furniture of Fargo as an interior designer.

CRAIG WALD, BS ’08, civil engineering, joined Ulteig Engineers in Fargo in the company’s civil sector.

ZACHARY WEIS, BS ’08, mechanical engineering, was hired by the North Dakota Department of Commerce to be the state energy engineer in the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. He lives in Bismarck, N.D.

PHILIP WESTBY, BS ’08, computer engineering, joined Basin Electric Power Cooperative as an electrical engineer in the Bismarck, N.D., headquarters. He previously was a research assistant at NDSU’s Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

CALLI WOLD, BS ’08, animal sciences, is the animal systems agent with Fort Berthold Extension in New Town, N.D. Her duties include education programs about livestock, farming, gardening and the range.

JOE HEILMAN, BS ’09, business administration, is an account manager at Pedigree Technologies in Fargo. The company is located in the NDSU Research and Technology Park.

JERRET HILLIUS, BS ’09, civil engineering, joined Barlett and West Inc. as an engineer in the firm’s Rural/Regional Water Division. The company, with headquarters in Topeka, Kan., has offices in Bismarck, N.D.; South Dakota; Iowa; Missouri; and Texas. He and his wife, Brianne, have one daughter.

JAKE KLOBUCHAR, BS ’09, finance, is a credit analyst at First International Bank and Trust in West Fargo, N.D.

MANDEL MERTZ, BS ’09, environmental design, joined JLG Architects of Grand Forks, N.D., as a student intern. He is pursuing a master’s degree in architecture.

JUSTIN SCHOENBERG, BS ’09, civil engineering, joined Sandman Consulting at the company’s structural engineering office in Moorhead, Minn.

TJ SEVERANCE, BS ’09, electrical engineering, joined the energy sector of Ulteig in Fargo as a design engineer.

AARON VOLLMER, BS ’09, civil engineering, was hired as a design engineer at the Moorhead, Minn., office of Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services. He previously interned for the city of Maple Grove, Minn., and consulting firms.

O B I T U A R I E S

DORIS (OLIVER) AAS, 85, BS '46, MA '68, human development and education, was a teacher at North Dakota schools for 40 years. She also was president of Episcopal Church Women. She lived in Fargo.

HAROLD AMSTRUP, 85, BS '49, agricultural education, worked for Dow Chemical Co. in Walnut Creek, Calif., from 1955 to 1985. He previously was the Extension agent for Wells County in North Dakota. He lived in Yerington, Nev.

MARK AMUNDSON, 49, BS '83, electrical and electronic engineering, worked for Honeywell as applications engineer with the magnetic sensors division, and held 23 patents during his engineering career. He also was a musician who played in country and rock bands. He lived in Cambridge, Minn.

CHARLES ASKEGAARD, 93, BS '39, agricultural food systems, BS '59, pharmacy, owned Askegaard Drug in Detroit Lakes, Minn., and later worked for White Drug and managed the Detroit Lakes Clinic pharmacy. A World War II veteran, he retired from the Amy Reserves after 39 years of service at the rank of lieutenant colonel. He lived in Detroit Lakes.

LEE BAHLs, 32, BS '02, electrical engineering, was an engineer at Fargo Assembly Co. He also received patents for some of his inventions. He lived in West Fargo, N.D.

LLOYD BELING, 78, BS '53, civil engineering, was a consulting engineer with Beling Pro-Tech. He also served in the U.S. Air Force. He lived in New Brighton, Minn.

PAUL BERGE, 88, BS '43, civil engineering, farmed near Rawson, N.D., from 1947 until he retired in 1982. He lived in Williston, N.D.

MERVYN BEYNON, 85, BS '51, social science, served more than four decades in the U.S. Army Air Corps and Air National Guard, retiring as an air technician in 1984. He was a past member of the Fargo Elks, Fargo Legion, Masonic Lodge and El Zagal Shrine. He lived in Moorhead.

ROBERT BOARDMAN, 83, BS '51, agriculture, was district manager during a 40-year career with 21st Century Genetics, which began as a cattle breeding technical unit for the Minnesota Valley Breeders Association. He lived in Frazee, Minn.

CHRIS BOHN, 48, BS '83, agricultural economics, worked at Agway Inc. and later CHS in Grandin, N.D. Active in the community, he was involved in the Northern Cass Booster Club, Grandin Fire Department, Northern Cass Summer Recreation board and Grandin City Council. He lived in Grandin.

JEAN (HOEFFT) BOLZ, 87, BS '43, English, was active in the League of Women Voters, Literacy Volunteers of America, Greater Worcester Humanists and Unitarian Universalist Church. She lived in Worcester, Mass.

EDWARD W. BOULGER, 93, BS '37, MS '40, chemistry, was the director of research at American Marietta Paint Co., and later served in that capacity for both Stresen-Reuter Inc. and Standard T Chemicals. He also was affiliated with J.W. Martell Co. and General Mills. He was president of the Chicago Society for Coatings Technology in 1968. He lived in Kankakee, Ill.

DR. ROBERT BRANDENBURG, 90, BS '40, zoology, HD '93, was chair of the cardiology department at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and later was president of the American College of Cardiology. After retirement, he taught at the University of Arizona Medical School and was a consulting physician at the Tucson Veterans Affairs Hospital. He received an NDSU Alumni Achievement Award in 1972. He lived in Bloomington, Minn.

MICHAEL O. BRIEN, 59, BA '72, psychology, worked for IBM as a computer programmer. He lived in Rochester, Minn.

FRED BURBIDGE, 60, BS '70, agricultural mechanics, was the general manager of Northern Plains Steel in Fargo. During his career, he also worked for Westgo and Alloway Manufacturing. He lived in West Fargo.

VERNON BURSCH, 85, BS '46, pharmacy, owned and operated Bursch Pharmacy in Henning, Minn., until his retirement in 1995. He lived in Henning and spent winter months in Brownsville, Texas.

DON CARLSON, 78, BS '56, animal science, was a faculty member at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and University of California, Davis, teaching biochemistry. He earned a master's degree at the University of Illinois and a doctorate from Michigan State University. He held national offices with the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He lived in Dumfries, Va.

PATRICK COBBAN, 62, BS '69, business management, worked for Federated Insurance from 1975 until his retirement in 2006. He was a member of the American Legion, Owatonna Gun Club and Owatonna Country Club. He lived in Blooming Prairie, Minn.

MERRILL W. CONITZ, 79, BS '52, civil engineering, was a faculty member at the University of Idaho and University of Pittsburg. He also worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development and was director of the East African Regional Remote Sensing Facility in Kenya. In 1995-96, he assessed the status of surveying, mapping and remote sensing programs in Africa for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. He wrote a novel, "The Wells of Belisa Kulal," set in East Africa. He lived in Moscow, Idaho.

MARCELLA (LINDEMAN) DAHL, 92, BS '39, food and nutrition, home economics education, was a home economics teacher in Cromwell, Janesville and Ada, Minn. She received the FHA Hero Award and was named Carlton County Teacher of the Year. She also was a board member for the Arrowhead Library. She lived in Wright, Minn.

GEORGE DIKE, 91, BS '41, animal science, was an Extension specialist and professor of agricultural economics at Michigan State University for 25 years. A decorated U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he fought in the battle of Iwo Jima during World War II and retired with the rank of colonel. He lived in East Lansing, Mich.

KENNETH EBELING, 67, BS '65, MS '67, industrial engineering, taught industrial engineering and manufacturing at NDSU for 38 years. He was instrumental in the development of the engineering doctoral program at NDSU. An active member of the Knights of Columbus, he lived in Cold Spring, Minn.

AUDREY (JACOBSON) ECKERT, 87, BS '43, home economics education, taught home economics in the North Dakota communities of Rolla, Maddock, Minnewaukan, New Rockford, Minot, Park River, Hoople and Rolette. She also served as an Extension home economist in Wells, Ramsey and Ward Counties. She lived in El Paso, Texas.

MATT C. EMERSON, 83, BS '50, industrial engineering, held a variety of positions, including working for the North Dakota State Water Commission. A World War II veteran, he was a member of the Elks, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He lived in Bismarck, N.D.

GARY ENGBRETSON, 66, MS '80, secondary administration, had a teaching career in Karlsruhe and McGregor, N.D., and Medicine Lake, Mont. He also served as superintendent of schools in Ray, Killdeer and Rolla, N.D. He retired in 2005.

RICHARD ERICKSON, 68, BS '64, economics, had a career in the U.S. Navy as a flight officer. After his active service, he taught flying, rebuilt airplanes and worked for United Airlines in San Francisco. He lived in Martinez, Calif.

RON ERICKSON, 43, BS '89, agricultural mechanics, was active with the Northern Plains Electric Board, Maddock/Harvey Farmers Union Oil Board, Maddock Economic Development Corp., Benson County Crop Improvement Association and Benson County Farmers Union Board. He lived in Esmond, N.D.

PEGGY (DULLEA) FELL, 74, BS '61, social science, was an economics and biology teacher early in her career and later was a bookkeeper on her father's farm. She lived in Fargo.

DR. LYNN FREDRIKSON, 95, BS '36, science and mathematics, practiced medicine in Spirit Lake, Rathdrum, Bayview and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, from 1947 to 1976. He later worked for the National Health Service Corps in Estancia, N.M. He was president of the board of North Idaho College and served on the board of the Panhandle Health District. He lived in Port Orchard, Wash.

FRANK GARDNER, 78, BS '59, pharmacy, owned and operated Staples Rexall Drug in Staples, Minn., from 1968 to 2001. A private pilot and Army veteran, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He lived in Staples.

THOMAS GARHOFER, 52, BS '85, zoology, worked for Centre Crop Consulting and Cenex, as well as MTI telemarketing company. He lived in Rugby, N.D.

LEARY GETZ, 71, MS '71, education, was teacher, principal, coach and superintendent of the Trenton (N.D.) School System. He later served as superintendent at the Selfridge and Riverdale, N.D., school systems. Getz was an active Mason, Shriner and Lion's Club member. He lived in Bowman, N.D.

LAWRENCE GILBERTSON, 91, BS '40, agricultural economics, taught agriculture, farm shop and ornamental horticulture classes at Snohomish, Wash., High School from 1948 to 1978. After retirement, he moved to Orient, Wash., where he had a nursery. He lived in Spokane, Wash., at the time of his death.

HANS GRUNSETH, 86, ME '70, educational administration, had a teaching career that spanned 42 years at Langdon, Lakota and Mandan, N.D. In addition, he was a football coach, basketball coach and referee.

THEODORE HABERER, 78, BS '54, pharmacy, worked at Fick Rexall Drug and the Pharmacy Shoppe in Park Rapids, Minn. Active in St. John's Lutheran Church, he lived in Park Rapids.

DON HANSON, 73, BArch '57, architecture, BUS '87, university studies, was facilities administrator for the Agricultural Experiment Station at NDSU. He was a registered professional engineer and previously worked for Mooney, Henning and Associates Consulting Engineers in Fargo; Elken and Hanson Architects and Engineers in Moorhead; and Geston and Hanson Architects and Engineers in Fargo. He was a state senator representing District 45 from 1976 to 1982. He lived in Fargo.

KEVIN HARMS, 39, BS '95, civil engineering, was a highway maintenance engineer for Olmstead County in Minnesota. He was active in the Professional Engineer Association. He lived in Oronoco, Minn.

ELDEN HAUGEN, 61, BA '73, social science, served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era. A sailboat enthusiast, he lived in Houston.

BRUCE HEATH, 53, BS '77, electrical and electronic engineering, worked as an electrical engineer for Ottertail Power, Westinghouse, Control Data, Siemens Corp, EnCorp and Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. He lived in Pullman, Wash.

ERNEST HECTOR, 89, BS '46, arts and sciences, farmed in the Crosby, N.D., area for 29 years, as well as farming property in Saskatchewan, Canada. He lived in New Hope, Minn.

DONALD HINZ, 85, BS '47, electrical and electronic engineering, worked for Western Electric, Engineering Research Associates Inc. and Honeywell during his career. He was among five people to develop the first digital computer, and earned several patents. He lived in Wayzata, Minn.

JEANNE (OTTERNESS) HOCHHALTER, 47, BS '83, food and nutrition, was a specialist for the NDSU Extension Service's Early Family Nutrition Program. During her career, she also worked for the Extension Service in Mercer and Sheridan Counties, in addition to being the WIC program director in Richland County. She lived in Barnesville, Minn.

ADAM HOEKSTRA, 24, BA '08, communications and public relations, was a regional director for Ducks Unlimited. He lived in Farmington, Minn.

ALAN HORSAGER, 59, BS '73, agriculture, was a pharmaceutical representative for 27 years for J&J/Ortho Pharmaceuticals, and retired in 2006. He lived in Bismarck, N.D.

LINCOLN HUSEBY, 61, BA '71, arts and sciences, formed the independent H&H Insurance Agency and was later a vice president for First International Insurance, overseeing operations in North Dakota, Minnesota and Arizona. He served on the task force that developed continuing education standards for insurance agents, and he was a member of advisory boards for insurance companies. He lived in Fargo.

THORIS HUSO, 82, BS '52, agriculture and food services, farmed for many years in the Aneta, N.D., area, was a sales representative for EEE Inc. of Page, N.D., and later co-founded Aneta Technologies. He lived in Aneta.

BYRON ISZLER, 72, BS '63, pharmacy, owned Steele Drug in Steele, N.D., from 1965 to 1983. He moved to Arvada, Colo., in 2003.

JOHN M. JENKINS, 94, BS '36, mathematics education, held several student services and administration positions at Minnesota State University Moorhead and served in the Army Reserves, retiring as a colonel. He was an alderman on the Moorhead City Council and a member of the Moorhead Planning Commission. He lived in Sun City, Ariz.

BARB (WALKINSHAW) JOHNSON, 59, BS '72, textiles and clothing, was an office assistant for a New York Life agency in Lisbon, N.D., for more than 20 years. She was an active member of the Beta Beta Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta, serving in several leadership positions. She lived in Lisbon.

WILLIAM "MICKEY" JONES, 82, BS '50, economics, founded Jones Marketing International after careers in construction and real estate. He lived in Bloomington, Minn., for 40 years until his retirement in 1997, when he moved to a home on Leech Lake near Walker, Minn.

TIMOTHY J. KELLER, 59, BS '73, economics, worked 38 years for the Bureau of Reclamation in Harvey, N.D.; Grand Island, Neb.; Billings, Mont.; and Bismarck, N.D. He received numerous honors, including a Citation for Superior Service and an Honor Award from the U.S. Department of Interior. He lived in Bismarck.

NORMAN KMOCH, 79, BS '59, electrical and electronic engineering, worked with Sperry Univac Corp. until retirement in 1989. In 1995, he returned to the family farm near Dent, Minn., where he lived until his death.

DARYL LAHREN, 47, BS '83, business administration, was vice president of Kindred State Bank. He was active with the Kindred Ambulance serving as its president. He lived in Kindred, N.D.

RICHMOND LAPP, 79, BS '52, pharmacy, owned and operated Grafton Drug in Grafton, N.D. He was active in the Grafton Curling Club, Fair Oaks Golf Club, Heritage Village, Walsh County Historical Society, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and North Dakota Pharmaceutical Association.

NOEL LOFTHUS, 76, BS '60, agricultural education, was a vocational agriculture teacher in Littleton, Colo., before moving back to the family farm near McVillie, N.D. He served on the Nelson County Commission for 19 years. He lived in McVillie.

JANET (BARNARD) LOVE, 92, MS '59, teaching certificate, taught botany at NDSU from 1959 to 1963, and later taught education courses at Bemidji State University. She joined the Peace Corps in 1966, serving in Iran and the southern Caribbean. She lived in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

MARK MAREK, 41, BS '90, electrical and electronic engineering, was an engineering group leader for Black and Veatch in Kansas City, Kan. His group specialized in upgrading power plants around the world, including projects in China and Vietnam. He died in Changzhou, China.

JEFFREY MILENDER, 44, BS '88, electrical and electronic engineering, was employed at Goodrich Corp. in Jamestown, N.D., where he worked with aviation cargo systems. During his career, he also worked for Case and Vansco in Valley City, N.D. A Minnesota state archery champion, he lived in Valley City.

JERRY MOE, 66, BS '70, economics, BS '70, psychology, was an engineering supervisor during a 30-year career with General Motors, including 16 years in the company's Mexico operations. He lived in El Paso, Texas.

MARY (SCHERLING) MOORE, 83, BS '48, mathematics, belonged to the One Dozen Roses Club at NDSU. She was an active member at Salem Evangelical Free Church, Fargo, and Moorhead Evangelical Free Church, Moorhead, Minn. She lived in Fargo.

JANET R. (OLSEN) MOUSTAKAS, 76, BS '54, food and nutrition, home economics education, worked as a hospital dietitian. She lived in Roseville, Calif.

ORPHEA (HIGH) MUMMERT, 95, BS '36, home economics and food and nutrition, was a teacher for 41 years in Idaho, Indiana and Colorado before retiring in 1987. She was an active member of Peak Community Church where she taught Sunday school. She lived in Fort Collins, Colo.

MICHAEL A. NELSON, 59, BS '72, pharmacy, was a pharmacist at Milwaukee County Hospital for 27 years and at Walgreens for 25 years. He lived in New Berlin, Wis.

EMERSON "SPEED" NEUMANN, 90, BS '41, pharmacy, owned Neumann Rexall Drug in Cando, N.D., for 35 years. He was an avid sportsman and Detroit Tigers baseball fan. He lived in Cando.

PETER W. NIELSEN, 85, BS '50, economics, was a retired executive vice president and director of the trust department at First National Bank and Trust Co. of Grand Forks, N.D. He was chair of the Grand Forks Parking Authority and a board member of United Health Foundation, Valley Memorial Home and North Dakota Community Foundation. He lived in Grand Forks.

MICHAEL ORLOVICH, 91, FS, had a career with Hanna Mining Co. as a maintenance mechanic. He also was active as a coach and trainer in all sports and served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He lived in Pengilly, Minn.

PATRICK O'TOOLE, 75, agriculture short course '55, farmed near Crystal, N.D. He served on the Crystal City Council, Pembina County Water and Garbage Board and Red River Valley Potato Board. He lived in Crystal.

RUBY (LIVEDALEN) PETERSON, 94, BS '38, home economics, was one of the early editors of Betty Crocker cookbooks. Considered one of the nation's first "food stylists," she enjoyed a vibrant freelance career with General Mills, International Multifoods and Griggs Cooper. She taught at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and created the position of director of consumer services for Byerly Foods. She lived in Edina, Minn.

JOHN PIFER, SR., 79, agriculture short course '54, was a farmer for 29 years and later was a caretaker at the Larimore, N.D., Cemetery. He lived in Larimore.

JAMES PLEMEL, 79, BS '51, agronomy, was deputy auditor for Anoka County in Minnesota. He later was commander of the Buffalo City, Wis., American Legion. He lived in Coon Rapids, Minn.

SHELDON POMUSH, 68, BS '61, pharmacy, lived in Wauwatosa, Wis.

LINDA (LANDIS) REYNOLDS, 65, BS '67, home economic education, was a stained glass artist who created pieces for churches and customers across the country from her "Dimensions in Glass" studio. A longtime member of the Order of Eastern Star, she also taught home economics and art classes. She lived in Florence, Mont.

VERDINE RICE, 91, BS '39, agricultural engineering and agricultural education, taught vocational agriculture in Wishek, N.D., from 1939 to 1956, and then taught at Williston, N.D., for another 24 years, retiring in 1980. He was president of the North Dakota Agriculture Teachers Association, and was named the state's Vocational Agriculture Teacher of the Year in 1971. He was director of the National Hard Spring Wheat Show. Elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives for eight years, he also received the Distinguished Service Award from Future Farmers of America. He supported the Rice Family Scholarship at NDSU. He lived in Williston and Mesa, Ariz.

WILFRED H. ROMMEL, 93, BS '37, history, retired in 1974 as an assistant director of the Office of Management and Budget. A graduate of George Washington University's law school, he received the Bureau of the Budget's exceptional service award and the National Civil Service League's career service award. He lived in Rockville, Md.

WILFRED "BILL" ROSENCRANS, 72, BS '59, MS '69, animal science, was the Agricultural Extension Agent for Adams County in North Dakota. A member of the Hettinger, N.D., Chamber of Commerce for nearly 40 years, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1985, was awarded the State Meritorious Service Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Extension Fraternity, and he was honored for his work at the 1996 NDSU Harvest Bowl. He lived in Hettinger.

NOLAN SAMB, 54, BS '77, pharmacy, owned a retail pharmacy in Wahpeton, N.D., and later worked at Miller Pharmacy in Cadott, Wis., and O-W Pharmacy in Withee, Wis. He lived in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

GERALD SCHLICHTMANN, 65, BS '65, animal science, was a loan officer for the Farmers Home Administration in Grand Forks, N.D., and McIntosh, Crookston and Thief River Falls, Minn. He was a board member for the Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, Minn. He lived in Red Lake Falls, Minn.



MARK SCHMIDT, 54, ME '94, agriculture education, EdSpec '98, education administration, was an assistant professor in NDSU's School of Education. He began his education career as a high school teacher at Minot, Walhalla and Bisbee, N.D. He lived in Fargo.

CALVIN SCHOLL, 64, BA '66, zoology, MA '70, entomology, was a county agent in Ward and Bottineau Counties of North Dakota. He later was an inspector with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, working in several western and southern states. He lived in Halstad, Minn.

KEITH D. SCHOLLANDER, 85, BS '49, human development and education, became a quadriplegic at the age of 17 after a diving accident. During his career, he founded one of the first exercise spas in the Southwest, and was involved in many other businesses and real estate developments, including a Dairy Queen franchise. At the time of his death, he was believed to be the longest lived quadriplegic in the world. He lived in Los Chavez, N.M.

JERRY SCHRADICK, 66, MA '68, counseling and guidance and education administration, was a counselor at Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal College in Sisseton, S.D. Earlier in his career, he was a counselor at Richland County Vo-Tech and schools in Campbell, Minn., and Fairmount, N.D. He also was superintendent at Wolford, N.D. and principal at Lamoure, N.D. He served on the Wahpeton, N.D., School Board for 10 years and was a charter member of the National Sunflower Association. He lived in rural Wahpeton.

RON SCHWINKENDORF, 75, BS '56, electrical engineering, founded Technical Associates Tekcom and Chip Process Inc., all businesses in the semiconductor electronics industry. The companies had plants located in Texas, Minnesota and Arizona. A private pilot, he lived in Scottsdale, Ariz.

JOHN SHIMA, 84, BS '50, pharmacy, owned Shima's Hastings Drug Store in Hastings, Minn., until 1972. He then worked for Snyder's Drug and Walgreens. He lived in Hastings.

VALDIS (KNUDSON) SISSON, 91, BS '40, food and nutrition and home economics education, had a career as a dietitian. She served as a hospital dietitian in the Army during and following World War II. She retired as chief dietitian for Saga Food Services in Menlo Park, Calif. She lived in Gig Harbor, Wash.

DONALD SKJONSBY, 84, BS '52, mechanical engineering, was a member of the NDSU engineering and physics faculty in 1957-58. He also owned and operated the New York Hairdressing Academy in Fargo and Don's Bar, Hotel and Restaurant in West Fargo. He lived in Las Vegas and Harwood, N.D.

ROBERT STAUFFER, 46, BS '88, agricultural mechanics, was an easement specialist for SRT in Minot, N.D., and assisted with the Stauffer family farm near Zahl, N.D. He lived in Minot.

DANIEL TEHLE, 77, MS '74, education administration, was an educator, coach, principal and superintendent in the Wahpeton, N.D., Public School System for 38 years. He was a member of the Elks, Kiwanis and American Legion. He retired in 1995. He lived in Westminster, Colo.

BERYL JEAN (SCHWARZ) THOMPSON, 82, BS '49, English, was a homemaker, worked for the Devils Lake, N.D., Journal from 1970 to 1980 and later was co-owner of Champeau Travel in Devils Lake. She lived in Duluth, Minn., at the time of her death.

HUBERT D. THOMPSON, 81, BS '51, civil engineering, was a retired aeronautical engineer with General Electric and was a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church. He lived in Richmond, Va.

JOYCELYN (MANTHEI) THOMPSON, 58, BS '72, home economics education, ME '97, counseling and guidance, was a teacher at Argusville, N.D., High School, Cass Valley North and Northern Cass. She later served as a school counselor. She lived in Argusville.

ROQUE JOHN VILLARREAL, 68, BA '63, physical education, taught Spanish at Northfield, Minn., High School and Cretin-Durham Hall in St. Paul, Minn., during a 42-year teaching career. A former Bison football player, he lived in Apple Valley, Minn.

JOHN "JACK" WERLEIN, 79, MS '69, zoology, was a retired sales manager at Chicago Tube and Iron. Born in Chicago, he had homes in Sarasota, Fla., and Peshtigo, Wis.

WAYNE WEATHERFORD, 75, BS '56, arts and sciences, worked for Univac in the Twin Cities for 18 years before starting the Insty-Prints printing business in Fargo. He retired in 1998 and moved to Alexandria, Minn.

JORDAN WHEELER, 88, BS '50, human development and education, was a science and band teacher, who taught classes in Bowdle and Pierre, S.D., and Fosston and St. Paul, Minn. In addition, he worked many summers as an entomologist for the state of Minnesota. He lived in Minneapolis.

EMMA (BRITTIN) WHITEFORD, 96, BS '38, food and nutrition, served on the faculties at Bowling Green State University, Florida State University, University of Cincinnati and University of Minnesota. As an associate member of the international Federation of Home Economics, she participated in the XIII Congress in Ottawa, Canada, and in the XIV Congress in Manila. She was a member of American Dietetics Association and American Home Economics Association, and the Kappa Delta Pi, Omicron Nu, Pi Lambda Theta, and Delta Kappa Gamma honor societies. She retired to Urbana, Ill., in 1980.

LEONA (TIX) WINTERS, 79, BS '53, human development and education, worked as a teacher from kindergarten to high school. She also taught early childhood education at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore., retiring as department head. She lived in Eugene, Ore.

STANLEY WITTEMAN, 76, BS '55, industrial engineering, farmed for many years near Mohall, N.D., and also owned Witteman Tax Service. A member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and American Legion, he lived in Minot, N.D.

CYRIL "CY" ZWEBER, 96, BS '33, pharmacy, owned and operated a hospital pharmacy in Farmington, Minn., and a Walgreen drug store in Rice Lake, Wis. He later worked for Walgreen Co. in St. Paul, Minn., as a registered pharmacist until his retirement in 1977. A longtime member of the Knights of Columbus, he lived in White Bear Lake, Minn.

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Upcoming events

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January

- 9 NDSU vs. Iowa State men's basketball game watch in 10 cities

February

- 9-14 NDSU Arizona week
9 Taste of North Dakota social, Tucson
10 BisonArts showcase, Mesa
11 Bison golf tournament at The Legend at Arrowhead Golf Club, Glendale
11 Arrowhead Country Club dinner with President Richard Hanson, Glendale
12 NDSU women's softball (ASU Tournament) and Bison Friday afternoon post game social
13 Bison golf outing at Quintero, Peoria
14 Bison golf outing at The Duke, Maricopa

May

- 14 Spring 2010 graduate/professional Commencement ceremony, 4 p.m., Fargodome
15 Spring 2010 undergraduate Commencement ceremony, 10 a.m., Fargodome

July

- 31 NDSU Kennebunkport lobster bake at the family home of Tom and Ann Riley, Kennebunkport, Maine

September

- 4 NDSU Bison vs. University of Kansas Jayhawks football game, Lawrence, Kansas
27-30 Homecoming week

October

- 1-2 Homecoming week continued
1-2 Concert Choir reunion
22 NDSU Harvest Bowl

NDSU vs. Iowa State Men's Basketball Game Watch

On Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, the NDSU men's basketball team will take on the Iowa State Cyclones in Ames, Iowa. The game will be broadcast on ESPNU. Ten game watch sites have been organized around the country. Below is the site listing as of December 1. Check www.ndsualumni.com for additional information and updates on new locations. Join fellow Bison fans and cheer on the Bison.

GAME WATCH SITES:

Little Rock, Ark.	Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.
Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz.	Bismarck, N.D.
Denver, Colo.	San Antonio and Houston, Texas
Washington, D.C.	Seattle, Wash.

Alumni Association seeks nominations for outstanding alumni

The NDSU Alumni Association is accepting nominations for four alumni awards.

Alumni Achievement Award recognizes alumni who have attained outstanding professional accomplishments.

Horizon Award recognizes alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years and have attained great success in their profession OR have been engaged in outstanding community service.

Heritage Award for Alumni Service recognizes alumni who have provided outstanding volunteer service for the benefit of NDSU.

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For more information and online registration forms, please visit www.ndsualumni.com and select Recognition or contact Marilyn Doeden at marilyn@ndsualumni.com or 701-231-6808 / 800-279-8971. Nominations are due Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.

Nominations sought for Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its 32 member board of directors. 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.

If you are interested in nominating an individual or yourself, please contact Marilyn Doeden at 701-231-6808 / 800-279-8971 or marilyn@ndsualumni.com. Nominations can be submitted online at www.ndsualumni.com, select Get Involved and click on Alumni Association Board. Nominations are due Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.

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Soccer team shares Summit League crown

It was a terrific season for the NDSU soccer team. The Bison won their first-ever Summit League regular season title and earned a bid to the league tournament for the first time.

The Bison shared the regular season title with South Dakota State and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. The team completed the season with an overall record of 10-8-2, and finished 7-2 in Summit League play.

"We've never accomplished that before," head coach Pete Cuadrado said after the season. "Winning the regular season sets a standard for us that we can compete, and we have the ability to be a top team."

Four Bison earned all-league honors. Junior Abbey Stratton and freshman Brooklyn Dyce were named to the first team, while senior Lorraine Thompson and junior Quin Ryan were selected to the second team.

During the Summit League tournament, the Bison were the third seed and faced IUPUI. Even though they outshot their opponent 21-8, the Bison dropped a 1-0 contest to the Jaguars. Senior Laura Murphy and Thompson were named to the all-tournament team.

Team members also excelled in the classroom. Senior Becky Iwanicki was named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America® second team, after earning her third academic all-district award. She is the fifth Academic All-America selection for the

Bison since making the transition to Division I.

Sophomore Megan Dean was a second team academic all-district selection.

"I'm happy with our season. It's a good step forward for us," Cuadrado said. "The team matured a lot over the course of the season."

Cuadrado added the stage is set for a bright future for the team. "It leaves the team hungry and sets us up for a good off-season. We'll have a veteran team next year, and it's good that we got a taste of the tournament," he said. "I think our experience will pay off as we move forward."



Stratton



Dyce



Thompson



Ryan



Iwanicki



Dean

Fall sports roundup

The Bison football team struggled to a 3-8 record overall, including a 2-6 mark in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. The season, however, saw a number of outstanding individual performances, and several Bison players received post-season honors.

Running back Pat Paschall was among the national leaders in rushing, and offensive guard Keith Buckman joined him on the All-MVFC first team. Second team selections included defensive tackle Matthew Gratzek and linebacker Preston Evans, while offensive guard Ryan Foster and offensive center Austin Richard received honorable mention. Linebacker Brandon Jemison was named to the league's All-Newcomer team.

Among the highlights were Paschall's 91-yard TD run against Wagner College on Sept. 19 that broke a school record set by Cy Peschel in 1928. "I've seen some great tailbacks through the years," said NDSU head football coach Craig Bohl, "and that was a dog-gone good run."

Looking back at the season, Bohl gave this assessment. "We were competitive in every football game. I think our future really looks bright with the players we have coming back. They know they will need to play better," he said. "I was certainly pleased with our players' efforts. This team was a pleasure to coach. They worked hard. It's disappointing when the ball isn't bouncing your way, but that's college football."

The women's cross country team exceeded expectations and finished second at the Summit League Championships. Freshman Lauren Rice earned second team all-league honors, while junior Amy Jo Reuter was the top finisher for the Bison in six of seven races this fall.

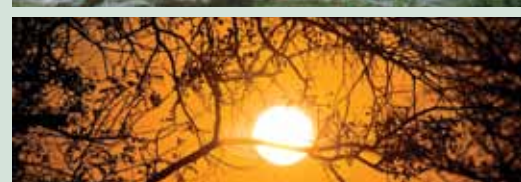
At the NCAA Cross Country Midwest Regional in Springfield, Mo., on Nov. 14, the Bison women's team was represented by junior Brittany Gigstead, freshman Hannah McAllister and sophomore Jordan Krahn.

Meantime, the men's cross country team came in sixth at the league championships, and placed 18th at the NCAA Midwest Regional held in Springfield, Mo. The squad was led by sophomores Travis Fitzke, Jake Henderson and Tyler Leverington.

NDSU travel destinations

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Per person starting from

\$2,670

\$3,090

\$2,955

\$3,390

\$2,540

\$3,243 (includes airfare from select cities)

\$3,900

\$3,390

\$3,999 (includes airfare from select cities)

\$5,810



Volleyball team wins season title, falls in tournament

The NDSU volleyball team's outstanding, record-breaking season came to a swift and dramatic conclusion.

The Bison were defeated by Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne in the Summit League tournament final, ending the season with a 23-4 overall record. The stunning, five-set loss on Nov. 21 denied the Bison of a second straight trip to the NCAA Division I tournament.

"We knew it was this opportunity or nothing for us," head coach Erich Hinterstocker said. "Hopefully, it just makes us hungry. We were on the outside looking in, but we felt we were a good enough team to get an at-large bid."

The season was a memorable one, as the Bison were undefeated in conference action for the second consecutive regular season. During the season, the Bison set a new record with 37 consecutive Summit League victories; topping the old mark of 34 straight wins set by Northern Illinois University from 1992-93.

The loss in the tournament championship snapped the team's 20-match home winning streak.

Awards and honors were plentiful for the team. Sophomore Chrissy Knuth repeated as Summit League Player of the Year, and senior Kelly Lopez was named the Defensive Player of the Year for the second straight time. Hinterstocker was selected Coach of the Year for the second year in a row. In addition, Knuth and Lopez were named to the all-tournament team.