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 1981 and 1982. 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 posted 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 outperform individuals.” As a Land Grant Research University the teams 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,” System said.

Other committee members include:

- Amber Abraham, NDSU student body president
- Sue Andrews, BS ’74, member of State Board of Higher Education
- Barry Rieckert, BS ’77, president and CEO of Appareo Systems and Chair of Board, NDSU Alumni Association
- James F. Burton, BS ’83, 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 Moeller, MA ’81, NDSU associate professor and president of NDSU University Senate
- Don Morton, Microsoft site leader for Fargo campus
- Eric Myers, NDSU vice president for equity, diversity and global outreach
- Ronnie Njoo, MBA ’98, NDSU vice president for information technology
- John Q. Paulsen, BS ’38 and Honorary Doctorate ’92, member of the NDSU Development Foundation board of trustees
- Kris Sheridan, president, Park Company Features
- Eicholtz Smith, president of State Board of Higher Education
- Mike Werner, BS ’72, independent businessman/agriculturist
- Kerin McCasil, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics
- Vance Olsen, 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 www.ndsu.edu/news/transition

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.
Fall semester enrollment reaches 10,842 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, Duerr and Co.

AUGUST 2001
The Department of Defense establishes a center of excellence at NDSU Research Park. A $4.4 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 Alan Technology Corp., Norbeck-Gruman 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.

MARCH 2002
Several programs and departments complete their move during spring break to the new Research 1 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 1,213 applications during the first three quarters of fiscal 2002, compared with 1,192 for the entire 2001 fiscal year. NDSU’s potential reclassification to NCAA Division I is discussed at an open forum.

MAY 2002
Groundbreaking ceremonies for the $60 million Living/Learning Center are held.

SEPTMBER 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 classrooms, 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 91,320-square-foot 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 11,433 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.

MARCH 2004
U.S. Sen. Byron Dorgan announces $130,000 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.

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 1,900 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 other 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 12,689 students in the university’s undergraduate and graduate programs.

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

MARCH 2006
Chapman endorses 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, Inc.”

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 12,238 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 its 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.
2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR
NDSU sends seven women to post-season play in the first full school year of eligibility by the university’s highly successful transition to NCAA Division I, marking the men’s basketball team’s appearance in the, 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 new research facility. Phase I and II of the project total $12.3 million, and are designed to provide faculty and modern students with the plant science research facilities among the best in the county.

OCTOBER 2009
Ritchie Hall, the new downtown home of the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics, North Dakota Trade Office, NDSCS Center for Global Initiatives and Leadership and related programs.

2000s
ALBERT H. MAHER, BS ’06, mechanical engineering, joined General Electric in Durango, Colo. During his career, he worked for a number of aerospace companies and now flies high in engineering.
ALFRED (RICK), BS ’08, mechanical engineering, joined General Electric in Fort Worth, Tex. He later was a business group and department lead at a Fort Range Community College-based firm.
EARL MARSJEN, BS ’07, mechanical engineering, was named director of research at Balfour Beatty/TYR Industries in N.D., following retirement from the bank board after 25 years service.
JEFF K. SHULTZ, BS ’07, mechanical engineering and education, was among the first two inductees into the Lance Wall of Honor at Fort Sill, Okla. He was credited with developing the school’s athletic programs when he was coach, counselor, and principal from 1986-1981. He was Minnesota Athletic Director of the Year in 1981.

60s
BRUCE ELLIS, BS ’60, N.D. agriculture education, retired after 25 years as president of Dakota Western in Fergus, N.D. He remains active in the bank board of directors of his alma mater. He also was involved in the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. He and his wife, Jean, have two grown children. He lives in Fergus, S.D., with a vacation home in Spooner, S.D.

VICKY (STAND) PUBLEG, BS ’66, mathematics, taught algebra for 20 years in the Alpena school district. She is currently a real estate agent in Mayport and Perry Hall in northern N.D. She was a founder of North Dakota Mathematics Teaching in 1987 and was president of the North Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics in 1992.

RICK FORSEIDEN, BS ’66, art and sciences, wrote a novel production, “Return to the Roots,” a sequel to the play he previously produced, “Start the Band.” The play focuses on relationships and biology. He and his wife, Jill, live in Minot, N.D.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN, BS ’67, animal science, MS ’72, agriculture education, was named deputy commissioner for the North Dakota Department of Education in 2011. He has served in state’s agriculture tax commission since 1967, and previously was the state director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Conservation Service.

RICHARD DEBETIN, BS ’67, MS ’71, agriculture education, received the Golden Ticket Award from the North Dakota Homecoming Association. He previously was a vocational agriculture teacher at Indian, N.D., high school in the 1960s. He lives in Great Falls, Mont.

ROBERT TOSTERUD, BS ’68, microbiology, BS ’68, economics, was honored by South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds for his involvement in the 1980s at “67’s” Round Up Fest in his state. Tosterud was the coach of South Dakota State University’s men’s basketball team for 28 years, a record that may never be broken. He was mango 84-45 Schoolteacher of the Year, 1987-88. He is the first president, executive director and chairman of the Board of Directors for the State Board of Education.


DAVID MATTISON, BS ’69, history, learned the Walker’s art, a native of North Dakota, and a ’69 graduate, was named president of the American Institute of Constructors at the 2009 AGC Forum in Milwaukee. The organization established the award more than a quarter-century ago to recognize outstanding individuals who have made an important and far-reaching contribution to the management of projects.

HERBERT OHM, BS ’69, agronomy, was appointed interim vice president of Purdue University’s Department of Agronomy. A distinguished professor of agronomy, OHM is a Purdue faculty member since 1970. He has recruited numerous faculty, including the Purdue Agronomy (Outstanding Graduate Education Award and the Agronomy Achievements Award) Several members of the American Society of Agronomy. He lives in West Lafayette, Ind.

WAYNE WEBER, BS ’69, agricultural engineering, retired after a 27-year career with the federal Land and Water Conservation District. He retired with the district as a technical and 12 years as a field district planner. He lives in Canton, South Dakota.

RICHARD DEBETIN, BS ’67, MS ’71, agriculture education, was named a regional civil engineer for the U.S. Department of Transportation for 28 years and four years as a research engineer. He retired as a major general. He has begun a two-year assignment as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers chief of staff.

JIM HOFFSTETT, BS ’69, agriculture education, was named a regional civil engineer for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

MARY JANE (DOOLY) KURBACHT, BS ’68, animal science, worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, took early retirement after a career with the Department of Justice, High School District to California. She wrote a book that became a bestseller, “The Emily Project” and then the book was made into a major motion picture, “The Emily Project.” She will serve as a keynote speaker and host for the 2011 Conference of十六、二、十一、二，organized by two of our students. She lives in Bronte, Calif., and is a public speaker in Minnesota, where she lives with her four brothers and sisters.

SHARON MILLER, AKD ’69, business development and finance, retired after 34 years as an administrative assistant at the University of North Dakota, Barnes County. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Valley City, N.D., where she taught for 10 years.

JOHN KENNEDY, BS ’69, English, has been named vice president of non-profit SHF Synergy, Fargo. He has 37 years of legal and compliance experience, including 17 years as an attorney with the firm. He lives in Fargo, Minn.

MARGE (CAMPBELL) RICKSTORP, BS ’69, human resources and administration, retired after 34 years as an administrative assistant at the University of North Dakota. She and her husband, Ron, live in Grand Forks, N.D. and Fargo.

RANDEL SEIFERT, BS ’67, pharmacists, became a member of the Minnesota Pharmacists Association. He was recognized for his outstanding service to the profession and his work in developing leadership positions.

GEORGE WELK, BS ’74, civil engineering, was the director of engineering for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture.

DENNIS HORKIN, BS ’77, technology, was named City of the Year by the North Dakota State, Rich, Anne Chamber of Commerce. He was a recognized leader in the development of the state’s technology industry.

GRANT MILLER, BS ’77, agronomy, is publishing information for agriculture producers through his monthly column, “Notes from the Field.” He advises mineral crops,’ and then began a two-year assignment as an administrative assistant at the University of North Dakota, Barnes County. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Valley City, N.D., where she taught for 10 years.

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RUE (HUBBEN) PETTER, BS ‘77, Franchise owner, Hardee’s. Served as director of the Fargo-Moorhead Hospitality, Tourism and Convention Visitors’ Bureau. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a former board member of the Northwest Festival, and a member of the Heritage Foundation. He is an active community volunteer.

JOHANNES (JOHANNA) READ, MS ‘77, environmental engineering, was elected the 1990-91 president of the Student chapters. She is a former professor of biology at the University of North Dakota and currently a teacher at the Mayville Public School. She has been a member of the ND Society of Environmental Engineers since 1991.

ESTHER (ESTHER) RICKETTS, BS ‘77, home economics, was named the 1987 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. She is currently the director of the North Dakota State University Extension Service. She has been a member of the ND Society of Home Economics since 1988.

QUENTIN STEVICK, BS ‘77, agriculture, was named the 1987 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the vice president of AgriLife Systems at the University of Minnesota. He has been a member of the ND Society of Agriculture since 1988.

HUGO DUFFNER, MS ‘77, agricultural economics, was named the 1987 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. He has been a member of the ND Society of Agricultural Economics since 1988.

JOHN HILL, BS ‘77, child development and family relations, was named the 1987 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Preventive Health Coalition. He has been a member of the ND Society of Child Development and Family Relations since 1988.

PHIL MICHAELE, BS ‘77, veterinary medicine, was named the 1987 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Health. He has been a member of the ND Society of Veterinary Medicine since 1988.

STEVE SWINTON, MS ‘77, business administration, was named the 1987 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Commerce. He has been a member of the ND Society of Business Administration since 1988.

80’s

KEN ELLET, BS ‘80, biological sciences, was named the 1980 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Health. He has been a member of the ND Society of Biological Sciences since 1988.

JOE BOYD, MS ‘80, administration, was named the 1980 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. He has been a member of the ND Society of Administration since 1988.

J. D. RICKER, BS ‘80, agricultural economics, was named the 1980 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. He has been a member of the ND Society of Agricultural Economics since 1988.

RON GUSTAFSON, BS ‘80, biology, was named the 1980 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Health. He has been a member of the ND Society of Biology since 1988.

ROBERT BJORAN, BS ‘80, agriculture, was named the 1980 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. He has been a member of the ND Society of Agriculture since 1988.

LLOYD ROGERS, BS ‘80, biology, was named the 1980 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. He is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Health. He has been a member of the ND Society of Biology since 1988.

LOIS SCHMIDT, BS ‘80, chemistry, was named the 1980 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. She is currently the executive director of the North Dakota Department of Health. She has been a member of the ND Society of Chemistry since 1988.

90’s

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JEREMY HELGEO, 28, marketing, has been hired as a mortgage loan officer at First Interstate Bank in Watertown, S.D. He previously worked in the finance industry for eighteen, most recently with Web Fargo. He is bi-lingual, Free, and Fluent.

RACHEL KADLER, 28, animal and range sciences, was named dairy cattle-show coordinator for the Daily Dairy Expo held through Oct. 4 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

MATT BARTLESON, 29, BS '02, electrical engineering, joined Phoenix International as an electronic design engineer.

JOSH KADMIERZ, 27, MBA '06, management information systems, joined LifeNet Health as a project manager for the Company's electronic health record system.

BART TARCZON, 28, BSEE '09, electrical engineering, joined Electro-Med, Inc., as a design engineer.

JOSHUA JUOUTTS, 29, BS '04, mechanical engineering, previously served as a lead engineer in Energy and Environmental Design and as assistant project engineer at Green Building Rating System. He is an expert in thermal comfort, a national consultant, and a LEED AP with a focus on Education programs. He joins the financial engineering team at Milbrandt, Inc., which has offices in Madison, North Dakota and South Dakota. He lives in Brookings, S.D.

JARED SCHROEDER, 28, BS '08, mechanical engineering, joined JLG Architects, which has offices in Bismarck, N.D., as a structural engineering intern.

STEVEN WIRTZ, 30, BS '06, mechanical engineering, worked in a variety of roles at Leica Geosystems before joining JLG Architects.

JULIE DOTTENBERG, CARLIE MILK, 26, accounting, in the new U.S. Customs and Border Protection training facility in Bottineau, N.D.

EMILY CLARK, 30, uranium studies, joined the UNESCO Arctic Programme as a certified management trainee in Moscow.

KEVIN SCHENG, 30, BS '09, environmental science, joined Absolute Marketing Group in the past three years, working primarily on business development, research, and Web projects.

JEREMY MARQUARDT, 25, music education, received the North Dakota National Federation of Music Clubs Award for outstanding performance as a junior-senior high school student. He is a member of the music faculty at Fort Hays State University, Christopher School of Music, and has taught at the University of Kansas, Kansas City, and Kansas City, Mo.

TERESITA (RONDEAU) SCHLIEMAN, 26, biology, returned to the Polk County Health Department in Polk County, teaching earth science and physical science in eighth and ninth grades. She and her husband, ROBERT ROBERTS, 29, civil engineering, live in Devils Lake, N.D.

ANNE SCHLIEMAN, 26, biology, teaches at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

ANYA QUENTINE, 22, MT '07, women's communication, received a fellowship and has entered the Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, which has offices in Madison, North Dakota and South Dakota. He lives in Brookings, S.D.

NICHOLAS PRIBUL, 26, civil engineering, joined the United States Air Force as a civil engineer in the group's housing engineering division.

JULIE NORTON, 28, BS '04, psychology, founded the Healthy Homes Coalition in 2007 to provide homeownership education and help people access affordable housing.

JASON TAYLOR, 30, BS '04, mechanical engineering, joined Sandman Consulting at the company's structural engineering office in Fargo.

BOBBY WATSON, 28, environmental design, joined Ulteig Engineers Inc. of Bismarck, N.D. as a structural engineer.

CHERYL HANCOCK, 22, BS '07, zoology, joined Western Plains Animal Health in Cheyenne, Wyo.

ETHAN REISER, 28, economics, worked as a management consultant for Citigroup in the corporate office of Vanity in Fargo as an allocator in the Corporate Strategy and Business Development sector.

JOHN FRANK, 37, BS '06, physical education, joined the Railroad Commission of Iowa in Des Moines.

DEBORAH HOENKER, 30, veterinary medicine, joined Audubon Petcare in Des Moines.

JERRY JOHNKIN, 37, BS '00, business administration, joined Prudential LLC in Fargo as a financial service representative for Prudential Securities.

MATT JORDAN, 30, BSEE '01, electrical engineering, joined Ulteig Engineers Inc. of Bismarck, N.D. as a design engineer.

JESSICA WAGNER, 30, BS '07, business administration, joined F&M Bank in Sioux Falls.

KYLIE PILLET, 29, BS '06, interior design, joined Johnson’s Furniture of Fargo as an interior designer.

JENNIFER JERVIS, 30, MT '07, speech communication, is an assistant professor at the College of Saint Mary in Des Moines, Iowa. She and her husband, Andy, live in Des Moines.

HEATHER SCHMIDT, 31, BS '07, communication, joined Pella Corp. in Pella, Iowa.

JAMES GERLACH, 31, economics, joined the University of Minnesota.

MICHAEL PILLET, 30, BS '06, civil engineering, joined Ulteig Engineers Inc. of Bismarck, N.D. as a design engineer.

BRIAN PETERSON, 31, BS '06, mechanical engineering, joined United States Hydropower Co. in Traverse City, Mich.

TAYLOR MARTIN, 30, BS '05, business administration, joined Ulteig Engineers Inc. of Bismarck, N.D. as a design engineer.

ADAM HANSON, 32, BS '02, civil engineering, named Young Professional of the Year for the American Society of Civil Engineers, Montana District.

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LITTLER, 32, interiors, has been named the new K-12 counselor and dean of students at the Battle River High School in High River, Alta.

JASEY KLOCHEK, 32, BS '05, civil engineering, joined Ulteig Engineers Inc. of Bismarck, N.D. as a design engineer.

NICK BIGELOW, 34, BS '05, civil engineering, was named Young Professional of the Year for the American Society of Civil Engineers, Montana District.

MITCH JORDAN, 36, BS '03, civil engineering, joined Prudential LLC in Fargo as a financial service representative for Prudential Securities.

JESSIE WAGNER, 31, BS '07, business administration, joined F&M Bank in Sioux Falls.

SAKIA TAYLOR, 31, BS '04, animation, joined Ulteig Engineers Inc. of Bismarck, N.D. as a design engineer.

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OBITUARIES

DORS (DOVER) AAS, B.S. '58, M.S. '64, veterinary development specialist, passed away in November 2009. She was a past president of Sigma Xi and a member of NDSU Alumni. She lived in Minneaplis, Minn.

CARL OFER, B.S. '49, M.S. '51, retired engineering manager, passed away on March 12, 2009. He was a retired member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.
### Upcoming events

For more details, visit www.ndsualumni.com.

#### 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, Turon
- 10 Bison Arts showcase, Mora
- 11 Bison golf tournament at The Legend at Arroyo Golf Club, Glendale
- 11 Arroyo Country Club dinner with President Richard Hanson, Glendale
- 12 NDSU women's softball (ASSI Tournament) and Bison Friday afternoon post game social
- 13 Bison golf outing at Quinnes, Peoria
- 14 Bison golf outing at The Duke, Maripeva

#### March
- 14 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 prearranged around the country. Below is the 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.
  - Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz.
  - Denver, Colo.
  - Washington, D.C.
  - Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minn.
  - Richer, N.D.
  - San Antonio and Houston, Texas
  - Seattle, Wash.

### 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-MVC First team. Second team selections included defensive tackle Matthew Gratzek and linebacker Preston Evans. Dunkers, while offensive guard Brandt Frazier and offensive center Austin Richard received honorable mention. Linebacker Branden Jenne was nominated to the league’s All-Newcomer team.

Among the highlights were the football team’s 9-1 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 tallies throughout the years,” said NDSU head football coach Craig Bohl, “and that was a doggone good run.”

Looking back at the season, Bohl gave the 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 Ja Reuer was the top finisher for the Bison in the fall 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 Gipe, freshman Hannah McEldoon and sophomore Jordan Knudtson.

Meanwhile, the men’s cross-country team came in sixth at the league championships, and placed 16th at the NCAA Regional held in Springfield, Mo. The squad was led by sophomores Travis Frazek, Jake Hemmerson and Tyler LeWortung.

### Alumni Association seeks nominations for outstanding alumnus

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

- **Alumni Achievement Award** recognizes alumni who have outstanding professional accomplishments.
- **Horizon Award** recognizes alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years and have achieved 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.
- **Henry J. Kelley Academic Achievement Award** honors individuals who have attained outstanding achievements in the area of education as teachers, researchers and/or administrators.

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.

### 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 10-6-2, and finished 7-2 in Summit League play.

“Troy has never accomplished that before,” head coach Pete Cuadrado said after the season. “Winning the regular season title is a standard for 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 Brodyn Dykes were named to the first team, while senior Lauren Thompson and junior Quin Ryan were selected to the second team.

During the Summit League tournament, the Bison were the third seed and faced USD in the opener. Even though they outshot the opponent 21-8, the Bison dropped 2-1 and missed the trip to the Summit League final. Senior Brooke Hunskei was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans 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 Morgan Dean was a second team academic all-district selection.

“I’m happy with our season. It’s a good stepping stone 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 that’s good that we get a taste of the tournament,” he said. “I think our experience will pay off as we move forward.”

### Volleyball team wins season title, falls in tournament

The NDSU volleyball team is a unit...