Ice sculpture exhibition

Third-year landscape architecture students turned the plaza outside of NDSU Downtown, into an ice sculpture exhibition titled “Revelations: Exploring Space through Change.”

The students started preparing for the ice installation in mid-October with research of environmental artists who have created ephemeral earth works or land art, which is art that is specific to the site of its creation. The materials used to create the art are temporary, lasting from a few minutes to a few weeks or months depending on the environment of the site. The students also prepared for the project with lectures from local ice artists and testing of large-scale ice blocks.

Coming in the spring issue, a story about BisonArts, an association of arts patrons with a mission to advance theatre, music and the visual arts at NDSU.
Momentum campaign reaches successful conclusion

Momentum: The $75 Million Campaign for North Dakota State University has come to a dramatically successful conclusion. Announced by President Joseph A. Chapman during his State of the University Address on Oct. 4, President Chapman is pleased to announce that the campaign has exceeded its goal, bringing in more than $100 million. "We are delighted to participate in what’s going on here. Higher education is an important resource to North Dakota and obviously important to our foundation and family," said President Joseph A. Chapman.

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Looking to the years ahead, Chapman said, “NDSU has become the clear first choice of students seeking a higher education in North Dakota. We have seen steady enrollment growth for the last 10 years. This will continue for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, I have asked the cabinet to continue planning for even greater enrollment growth.”

Chapman concluded his speech by saying, “We have success. We have momentum.”

This was Chapman’s ninth State of the University Address as president of North Dakota State University. The campaign’s final total was more than $100 million. “We’ve enjoyed 27 gifts in excess of $1 million,” Chapman said of the campaign that began in 2002. “These are institutions changing gifts and their ability in our ability to reach our goal.”

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Chapman said NDSU has had many successes in recent years, including record enrollment growth to more than 12,500 students and research expenditures that exceed $100 million annually. “This campaign has exceeded that success. We set off on a journey to raise $75 million, and we surpassed $100 million,” Chapman said. “Like everything we begin to do,

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Klai Hall groundbreaking held

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Oct. 5 for Klai Hall, which will be home to the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Named in honor of alumnus John R. Klai II, the structure in the former Lincoln Mutual Life building, 711 2nd Ave. N., Fargo.

Another floor will be added to the building, and plans call for it to house the architecture and landscape architecture library, two studios, a computer laboratory, seminar rooms and breakout spaces, faculty offices, a model building shop and materials laboratory.

Klai, a renowned architect in Las Vegas, Nev., contributed $1.5 million to the project.

“What a marvelous day. We’re here today to celebrate the generosity of one of our truly great alums, John Klai, and to break ground for this incredible building,” said President Joseph A. Chapman during the ceremony. “John, on behalf of the students, faculty, staff and all of your friends in the NDSU family, thank you for this incredibly generous gift. I can think of nobody’s name that will mean more to the students in the future and to all of us who are here today than to have this Klai Hall.”

Klai is president, principal and co-founder of Klai Juba Architects Ltd., a 40-person firm that specializes in hospitality and gaming resort projects.

“I am truly pleased and honored,” said Klai, who was presented a three-dimensional model of the building project that had been made by students. “Giving back is my pleasure and my privilege. It’s all about my want and love to share. Never once did I ever imagine that I would play such an instrumental role in the furthering of the future of this, my university, North Dakota State University. Thank you again for this opportunity.”

Memorial Union rededicated

A ribbon cutting marked the rededication of the NDSU Memorial Union in ceremonies Oct. 2. The structure has undergone a $22 million remodeling project, including the renovation of 124,000 square feet of the previously existing building and an addition of more than 63,000 square feet.

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Wallman Wellness Center rededication held

The Wellness Center was renamed the Wallman Wellness Center during ceremonies Oct. 5 in honor of George Wallman, former vice president for student affairs. In addition, the center’s Naram Atum was named for Gary Narum, former associate vice president for student affairs.

The renaming came in conjunction with a rededication to acknowledge the completion of the center’s new $32 million expansion project. The work added cardiovascular and weightlifting areas, locker rooms, a climbing wall, racquetball courts, basketball courts and a multipurpose court for volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, and expanded childcare facilities. A running track is located on the mezzanine level.

I can’t think of any greater tribute to two people than to have the students of a great institution say that they want to name our new wellness center for George Wallman, former vice president for student affairs. In his time at NDSU, Wallman oversaw the addition of many programs and projects, but I believe the Wellness Center will be his legacy.” — Prakash Mathew, vice president for student affairs

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The program wanted to celebrate and honor Washington, D.C., to learn to become effective leaders. Participants attend year-round, and 1,776 graduate students, 114 above one year ago. The logo will bring the station an identity in the area it serves, and now will be recognized as a symbol of leadership and service. "The logo will bring the station an identity in the area it serves, and now will be recognized as a symbol of leadership and service."

Chapman receives leadership award

NSDU President Joseph A. Chapman is the first recipient of a Rural Leaders of North Dakota Award named for him. He received the Joseph A. Chapman Leadership Award during the leadership group’s second class graduation and recognition ceremony.

"Our program sought to celebrate and honor President Chapman’s leadership through an award that bears his name and will be presented to an individual who demonstrates leadership attributes such as President Chapman has demonstrated for the program," said Marie Blanken, program director. "He supported the station’s financial and administrative needs through the NSDU Extension Service to develop a statewide leadership program for North Dakota. He was the spark that ignited the idea of starting the program."

"This is indeed an honor," Chapman said of the award. "It has been my great privilege to work closely with friends and colleagues from across North Dakota to help build a better future for our state. I believe that a key element of leadership is to provide opportunity for people to succeed, and that is what programs like Rural Leadership North Dakota are designed to do. It is educating tomorrow’s leaders."

NSDU sets another enrollment record

NSDU’s fall 2007 enrollment has set a record for the eighth year in a row, with 25,127 students in the university’s undergraduate and graduate programs. The official third week figure announced today is 208 more than one year ago.

In addition, NSDU graduate student enrollment is up 60 percent for the 10th consecutive year. "Our continuing growth, particularly in our graduate programs, is truly significant and exciting," said President Joseph A. Chapman. "NSDU is clearly an institution that is meeting the needs of the people of North Dakota."

NSDU is seeing growth in all areas, including 3,100 new first-year students, an increase of 96 students; 727 undergraduate transfer students, 4 more than last year; and 1,776 graduate students 116 above a year ago. NSDU’s international student population also reached an all-time high enrollment of 802 students.

"We are delighted with the enrollment figures, particularly after a record May graduating class, " said Prakash Mahato, vice president for student affairs. "The growth we are experiencing is a result of the wonderful education and experience our students are receiving at NSDU."

Don Freeman, department head of the Department of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota, has also taken a leadership role in the college’s efforts to attract and retain more students. He is an active member of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, and served on the NSDU Advisory Board from 1953 to 1954.

"The college’s success is due to the strong leadership and support of individuals who have dedicated their lives to education and the advancement of agriculture," said Freeman. "I am honored and humbled to receive this award as a symbol of those contributions."
MICHAEL A. NODOL, BS '97, graduated from basic military training at Fort Benning, Ga. in January. Since then, he has been working weeks studying for the Force mission, organization and military justice classes. He also served as an instructor at the Higher Education Center of Excellence.

CHAD RANCE, MS '97, joined Anchor Bank Apple Valley, Apple Valley, Minn., as a banker. He is responsible for client relationship management and new business development for Anchor Bank Apple Valley. He has more than 10 years of experience in the financial services industry as a business banker.

SHELLY (CASE) SCHOF, BS '97, joined the Grand Forks Holy Family Hospital, Grand Forks, N.D., as a clinical pharmacist. She previously practiced in PCC's Cardiovascular Pharmacy.

GREG VISGERA, BS '97, graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, Bismarck, N.D., and is pursuing his doctorate of pharmacy degree. He will complete his residency program at Saint Mary's Hospital, Stillwater, Minn.

ERIC ALPHEWIC, BS '97, is a contracts/program manager at Northeast Technology Center (NTC), Duluth, Minn. He joined NTC in 2009 and has assisted in multiple developments and has been in contract management since 2003. He currently oversees the operations and maintenance of five free-gas pressure systems.

KELLY GEIDER, BS '97, was promoted to manager at Second State Bank, Fargo. She has been with the bank for 15 years and has multiple certifications.

KADIE NICE, BS '97, joined the John DOE Seed Company marketing team. He is responsible for the seed-corn and soybean lines. He previously worked for AGCO Corp., Jackson, Minn., and Behlen Canada, Minot, N.D., as a marketing engineer. Nick is now in Valley City, N.D.

MELISSA (BACH) GUTIERREZ, MS '97, joined the St. Anthony Regional Healthcare. She is a registered nurse who has a new role in planning and development of the regional education program. She previously served as the regional nurse educator for St. Anthony Regional Healthcare.

JULIE JACOBS, BS '97, joined the Dover School District marketing team. She is responsible for the school’s social media and communications efforts. She previously worked for the AGCO Corp., Jackson, Minn., and Behlen Canada, Minot, N.D., as a marketing engineer. Nick is now in Valley City, N.D.

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BRAD ABELE, BS '97, joined Investors Group Financial Services, Minot, N.D. He is a veteran financial advisor with 14 years of experience.

BRIAN MUCKLER, BS '97, launched Absolutes Marketing Group, a full-service marketing agency. He has over 14 years of experience in marketing, sales, and advertising.

BRIAN COLLINS, BS '97, is an engineering technician for the Fargo/Moorhead Port Authority. Before joining the FMPA, Brian was a structural design engineer at Heartland Engineering for four years.

CATHY (STERLING) WELDON, BS '97, is in Texas. Her new role includes overseeing the business and industrial community in Brownsville.

STEVEN JEDIJO, BS '97, is a sales consultant for Dynatec Systems, Inc., St. Paul, Minn. His role is to help companies improve their business operations through the use of automation technology.

CHRIS TAYLOR, BS '97, joined the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health as an epidemiologist. He previously worked for the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health as a research associate.

JULIE JACKSON, BS '96, joined the Dowling Community Bank, Dowling, Iowa, as a bank employee. She previously worked for the University of Iowa’s Office of Campus Relations.

JASON LINDSEY, BS '96, joined the Denver Water Board as a water quality technician. He previously worked for the City of Colorado Springs as a water quality technician.

JEFF CAMPBELL, BS '96, joined Alliant Energy as a customer service representative. He previously worked for Alliant Energy as a customer service representative.

JON SOLBERG, BS '95, completed a medical internship and is now a registered nurse in the emergency medicine program at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash.

MATT CADDMERWOOD, BS '95, worked for Elfers Playground Equipment. He is now a general manager at the company. Matt previously held roles in engineering and sales.

KARA (BAKER) KLUVENS, MS '94, joined Wausau Advertising as an advertising sales account manager for Bergstrom, Inc., Wausau, Wis. She previously worked for Wausau Advertising.

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Pioneer in agriculture seed treatment dies at age 83

Wayne Franklin Gustafson, 85, died April 20, 2006, at the age of 83.

Gustafson was a well-known pioneer in seed treatment equipment and disease prevention chemicals.

Gustafson fathered the first mechanical seed meter in North Dakota in the 1920s. The equipment allowed chemical seed treatment and was commonly used on farms and seed elevators throughout the Northern Plains states. His father’s invention was the principal means of seed-borne disease control through World War II.

After serving in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 and finishing his studies at NDSU, the younger Gustafson began to change the nature of Gustafson Teeters. He married Dorothy Anne Gustafson in 1947.

In cooperation with DuPont Company, Gustafson developed the first slurry seed Prince for the hybrid corn industry.

He established a production line in Minot, N.D., to supply producers with the growing need for seed treatment products. Gustafson’s production of seed treatments for hybrid corn and soybeans expanded rapidly and by the early 1960s was considered a pioneer in the industry. He died April 20, 2006.

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Outstanding alumni honored at Homecoming

Jean Dale says her favorite memories of NDSU are you naming it. She earned her bachelor’s in physical education in 1980 and was a founding businesswoman and volunteer in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Dale began her career as a sales coordinator at Westfield Farm Equipment, an agricultural sales firm. There she built her career over a span of 28 years, leaving the company as the U.S. branch manager. She received several accolades in recognition of her accomplishments as the Woman of the Year in Business Award, the Athena Award and several others from the National Ag Marketing Association. Dale currently directs new business development at Farnum Communications and Media Productions, Fargo.

DeWaal says she “learned too much” and is still a committed women’s rights activist. Outside of her legal career, she has written a book on women’s rights and published numerous articles in the field.

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BISON excel in fall sports

NDSU athletic teams enjoyed exceptional seasons during the autumn.

The Bison football team finished 10-1, with the only blemish on the team’s record coming in a 28-24 loss at South Dakota State University in the last game of the season. For much of the season, the Bison held the national No. 1 ranking in the Football Championship Subdivision Coaches’ Top 25 and the No. 2 slot in the Gridiron Power Index. The team finished 3-1 in its final year of Great West Football Conference competition; the Bison join the Gateway Football Conference next season.

The women’s volleyball team had an outstanding 26-8 overall record and a 12-4 mark in its first year of competition in the Summit League. The Bison ended their season with a loss to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne in the semifinals of the Summit League tournament. The Bison had earned the second seed in the tournament.

The Bison women’s soccer team finished the 2007 season with an overall record of 11-7-1, with a 3-4-1 in its inaugural year in the Summit League. It was the third-straight 10-win season for the Bison and their fourth in the past five seasons. The Bison finished in fifth place in the Summit League.

A casual observer walking into the Metrodome at noon Oct. 20 may have had a hard time determining which team was playing on its home field. The crowd of 63,000 fans was well populated by Bison fans, evidenced by both the heavy patches of green scattered throughout the stadium and the thunderous volume of the support. The roar of the crowd when the Bison took the field was daunting enough to drown out the massive University of Minnesota marching band. For the die-hard fans, the supportive aluno, the curious unlikely sports fans, the Bison delivered an adrenaline-fueled 27-21 victory that kept most of the crowd on its feet more than in its seats. The green parade of beaming faces leaving the dome that afternoon included several impromptu choruses of Bison fight songs and cheers. Even Big Ten Gopher fans had to admit they’d just witnessed a great game from a great team. It’s doubtful another event could have made Bison fans any more proud to be from North Dakota State University, home field, or not.