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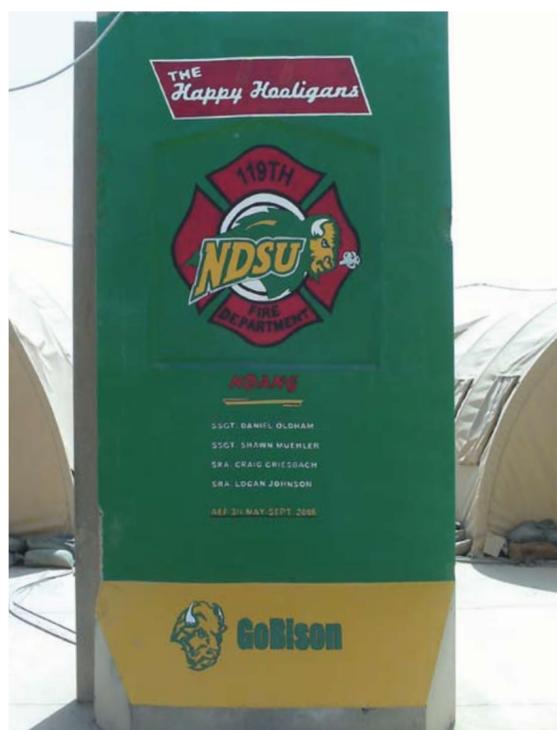
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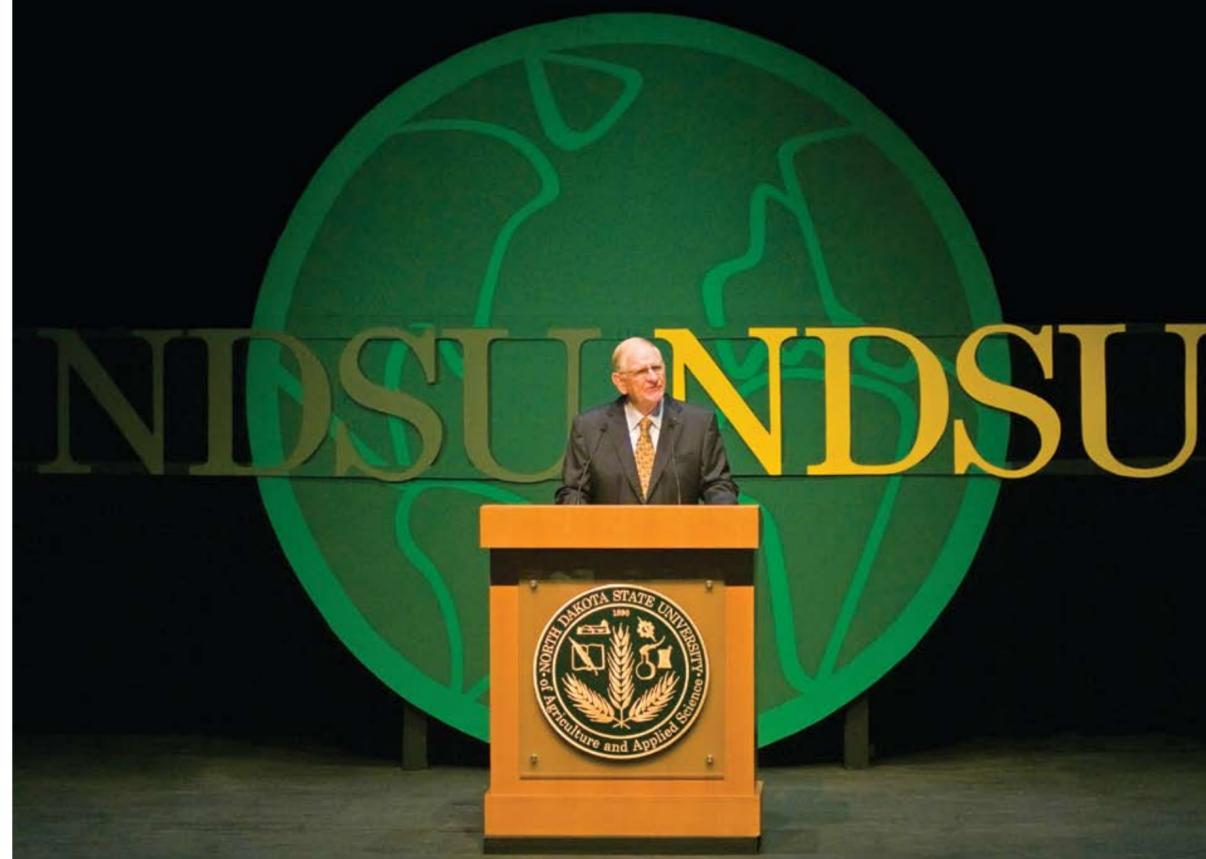
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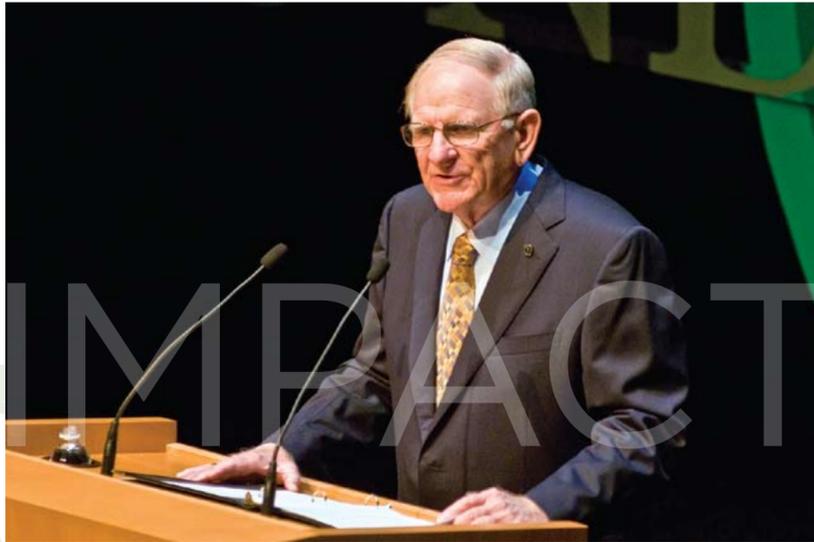
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North Dakota Air Guard firefighters from the 119th Wing deployed in Iraq showed some Bison spirit when painting a t-wall - a concrete barrier used for protection from shrapnel.

# GLOBAL IMPACT





## Chapman outlines plans for global impact

“EVERY ONE OF YOU IS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF NDSU. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. YOU ARE MAKING NDSU A PLACE OF IMPACT.”

Describing NDSU as “a place of impact,” President Joseph A. Chapman outlined bold initiatives for the future during his 10th annual State of the University Address on Oct. 2.

Chapman said NDSU began a transitional journey 10 years ago as each program developed its own next level of excellence. He said NDSU is preparing students for and assisting business with the global marketplace, noting that the land-grant ideal mandates preparation for society’s changes.

During this extraordinary decade, he said NDSU’s growth has meant an additional \$1 billion to the state’s economy. He praised the faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the university for their efforts during the process.

“We are part of a tradition of high quality education, cutting edge research and meaningful service to the people of North Dakota, the nation and the world,” he said. “Every one of you is an important contributor to the past, present and future of NDSU. You are making a difference. You are making NDSU a place of impact.”

He said NDSU has used five themes in its transformation: “It’s About People,” “Students are Paramount,” “Programs,” “Leveraging Support” and “Stature.” Now, he said, three qualitative principles will be added: “Inclusive,” “Responsive” and “Excellent.”

Chapman said NDSU must diversify its faculty, staff and student body. “Our students will not be fully prepared for a diverse, global work world if they are not part of an inclusive university environment,” he said, announcing that the Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach will facilitate inclusion through the establishment of a Diversity Center. The President’s Council on Global Outreach also will be created. “NDSU must be a player in the global, knowledge driven economy. By building true partnerships around the world, we can further expand our research, enhance our educational offerings and help further expand the economy of North Dakota.”

Chapman outlined several goals for the future, including:

- NDSU will further raise the caliber of its research enterprise.
- NDSU will be among the top 15 computer centers in the world, with computing power approaching 100 teraflops. A teraflop is a computing speed equal to one trillion floating-point operations per second.
- NDSU will continue to be one of the leading agricultural research programs in the world.
- NDSU will make advancements in the arts, humanities, health sciences, material science and science, and engineering and mathematics educational programs.
- NDSU will become one of the top 100 universities in the number of National Merit Scholars enrolled.

Chapman said NDSU will hire and promote more women on the faculty, and reward the good work of faculty and staff. He said university officials will meet with business leaders in the state and region to learn how NDSU can further assist with economic development. Chapman will revisit all of NDSU’s departments during the next year and the university will continue to involve students in decisions that affect them.

“It is our responsibility to further the excellence of this institution. The people of NDSU are our greatest strength, the reason to be optimistic about continuing our transformational journey,” Chapman said. “People are drawn to success. People are drawn to be part of something meaningful. You are our greatest asset and the enduring contribution of NDSU. You are carrying forward the best traditions of the best land-grant institutions.”

The full text is available at [www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/administration/president/chapman/address](http://www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/administration/president/chapman/address).



“APPAREO’S SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS AND REINFORCES THE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK’S MISSION TO STIMULATE ENTREPRENEURIAL GROWTH.”

— NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman

Pictured left to right: Tyler Ohlsen (in black shirt), Ben Wright, Tony Grindberg, Julien Batcheller, Barry Batcheller, Mayor Dennis Walaker, President Joseph A. Chapman and Gov. John Hoeven

## Appareo Systems groundbreaking held

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sept. 29 for Appareo Systems LLC in the NDSU Research and Technology Park. The new 40,000 square foot office and manufacturing facility is expected to be completed by July 2009.

“Appareo’s new building is significant for many reasons,” said NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman. “The company is a perfect example of how a public/private partnership can prove highly successful. Appareo is a ‘graduate’ of the incubator facility here in the park, showing how effective that effort can be in assisting fledgling companies prosper. Appareo’s success highlights and reinforces the Research and Technology Park’s mission to stimulate entrepreneurial growth.”

Appareo president and chief executive officer Barry Batcheller was president and CEO of Phoenix International Corp., now a John Deere Company, when the park was created. The company’s new product introduction facility became the first building in the complex. Batcheller’s new company was provided office space in NDSU’s first research building, later expanded to the second research building and is now located in the Technology Incubator Building. Appareo employs 40 people, with plans to double in size during the next three years.

“We are very pleased to have been able to participate in, and benefit from, our association with the NDSU Research and Technology Park,” Batcheller said. “It has been a very rewarding personal experience to be able to play a small part in the realization of the vision of President Chapman, and to benefit from the hard work of park director Tony Grindberg, and the support of Sen. Byron Dorgan and Gov. John Hoeven.”

Hoeven said he was pleased the company could be helped through the Centers of Excellence program. “Their partnership with the NDSU Center for Advanced Electronics Design and Manufacturing is already resulting in high-tech product development with real market potential, and a plant expansion right here in North Dakota. It’s work like theirs that is creating opportunity and higher paying jobs for our state.”

Dorgan said the groundbreaking was a major milestone in the success of the Red River Valley Research Corridor. “Appareo has been nationally recognized for their cutting-edge innovation in creating the Aircraft Logging and Recording for Training Systems. I look forward to working with this homegrown company in the future as a supplier for America’s defense needs,” Dorgan said.

NDSU will occupy about half of the new building for the interdisciplinary doctoral program in materials and nanotechnology.

## Dedication held for Material Handling Facility



Dedication ceremonies were held Oct. 24 for NDSU’s new Material Handling Facility. The 9,600-square-foot building at 1880 Centennial Blvd. houses waste chemicals generated by the university and serves as a receiving and storage area for selected new chemicals.

“This is a hugely important facility for us,” said President Joseph A. Chapman, who acknowledged the support of the State Board of Higher Education, state legislature and Gov. John Hoeven for making the \$4 million project a reality. “As NDSU has grown as a research university, we generate a lot of chemicals and other things that need to be properly handled. This is a facility that will service the institution and the needs of the state for many, many years to come.”

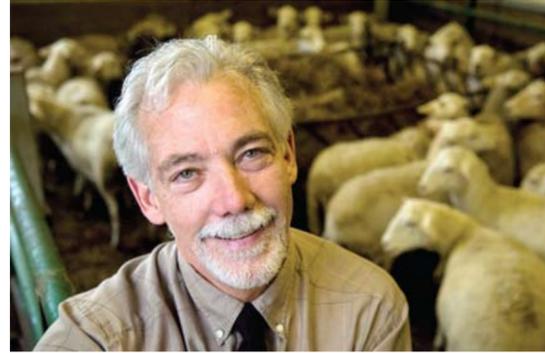
Approved as a state-bonded project during the 2005-07 legislative session, the facility will handle such things as flammable and combustible materials, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer and chemical waste. It also includes a large equipment wash facility.

“Education is the key that will carry us forward in our future, for each and every one of us, in a global, high-tech economy. It is how we will compete and create jobs of the future,” said Hoeven. “This facility is vitally important to the growth, research and development that the university is doing, all the exciting things. We need these kinds of facilities.”

The facility is state-of-the-art and the only one of its kind in this region. The second phase, requested for the 2009-11 biennium, will include receiving and storage of all chemicals, radioactive waste and a central location for the University Police and Safety Office operations.

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## Miller, Reynolds named University Distinguished Professors

NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman has recognized Jo Ann Miller, professor of music, and Larry Reynolds, professor of animal sciences, as University Distinguished Professors.

"To recognize the accomplishments of our faculty, we established the University Distinguished Professorships. These professors have at least 10 years at NDSU of outstanding instruction, research, service and reputation within their disciplines," Chapman said. "This is the highest honor we have to celebrate our outstanding faculty."

Miller joined NDSU's faculty in 1989 as director of choral activities. She conducts the Concert Choir

and University Chorus, and teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting and literature courses. She also is the graduate coordinator for NDSU's Master of Music and Doctor of Music Arts programs. Prior to coming to NDSU, Miller was on the music faculty at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse where she founded the La Crosse Chamber Chorale.

She earned her bachelor's degree at NDSU, master's degree at the University of North Dakota and doctorate at the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music.

Reynolds joined NDSU after holding a post-doctoral position at the U.S. Meat Animal Research

Center/USDA, Clay Center, Neb., from 1983 to 1985. He is the director of the Cell Biology Center and co-director of the Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy. Reynolds is widely recognized as one of the world's leading placentary physiologists, with his research focusing on mechanisms regulating placentary growth and vascular development by using in vivo and in vitro approaches.

Reynolds earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in reproductive physiology at Arizona State University.



## Klai Hall dedicated



Klai Hall, the new home for the NDSU Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, was dedicated at homecoming. The building was named in honor of alumnus John R. Klai II who contributed \$1.5 million to the project.

Klai was born and raised in Osnabrock, N.D., and earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from NDSU in 1978. A renowned architect in Las Vegas, Klai is president, principal and co-founder of Klai:Juba Architects Ltd., a 45-person firm that specializes in hospitality and gaming resort projects with offices in Las Vegas and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

A major part of the Klai Hall project was the addition of a third floor. This will be home to the architecture and landscape architecture library, two studios, a computer laboratory, seminar rooms and breakout spaces, faculty offices and a model building shop and materials lab.



## Center and new programs are approved

NDSU's Center for Disaster Studies and Emergency Management and several new academic programs have been approved by the State Board of Higher Education.

The mission of the Center for Disaster Studies and Emergency Management is to provide research, training, outreach, service and education on issues related to disaster studies and emergency management. It will focus on disasters such as tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, terrorist events and other man-made disasters.

The board approved a doctoral program with a major in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education. The program will help meet the need for science and mathematics teachers at both the grade school and post-secondary levels.

Bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctoral programs in range science were approved. NDSU expects to have 40 students in the program, with five to eight bachelor's degree graduates each year. An estimated 15-20 graduate students are expected per year. Range scientists pursue careers in livestock production and range management, natural resource conservation, wildlife habitat development, mine land reclamation and soil conservation.

The board approved a doctorate in English: Practical Writing, which is expected to fill a niche in technical communication and provide students with employable skills. The program will be housed in the English department and also rely on contributions from communication, history and sociology.

The board approved master of science and master of arts degrees in anthropology. No other higher education institution in the state offers a graduate degree in anthropology. The program opens opportunities to occupations related to cultural and human services, research, education, consultation, contract work and management.

The board also gave its approval to an upper-division program certificate in animal health management. The courses mesh well with majors in animal science, equine studies, veterinary technology, microbiology, biology and zoology.

Minors in manufacturing engineering, natural resource management and neuroscience also were approved.

## Distance and Continuing Education announces new online degrees

NDSU Distance and Continuing Education has announced four new online degrees. The new degrees are a bachelor's in sociology, bachelor's in university studies, a master's in communication and a master's in construction management.

The bachelor's degree in sociology offers curriculum flexibility that allows majors to pursue various interests. Areas of study include small groups, population, inequality, diversity, gender, social change, families, community development, organizations, health care and aging. The online bachelor's in sociology consists of 38 core credits with additional credits required.

The online bachelor's degree in university studies is individually tailored to meet unique needs of a particular student. The student designs each degree plan with the assistance of an academic adviser. The degree is not designed to replace any existing NDSU major and all students should seek an existing campus major when such a major is available.

Graduate study in communication is beneficial for those seeking advancement in business, industry, education and the allied health professions. The online master's degree in communication consists of 30 credits, including advanced study in communication theory and practice, as well as research methods.

The master's degree in construction management prepares students for managerial opportunities in the construction industry. Students focus on key elements of estimating, scheduling, equipment and project management. The degree consists of 31 credits, which can be completed in nine months.

NDSU Distance and Continuing Education now offers a total of 16 fully online degree and certificate programs. Other master's degree options offered include community development, dietetics, family financial planning, family and consumer sciences education, gerontology and merchandising. Online graduate certificates are offered in family financial planning, food protection, gerontology, merchandising and software engineering. One additional online bachelor's degree level program is offered, which is a licensed practical nurse/registered nurse to a bachelor's of science degree in nursing.

For more information, contact NDSU Distance and Continuing Education at 701-231-7015 or 1-800-726-1724 or visit [www.ndsu.edu/dce](http://www.ndsu.edu/dce).



# CLASS NOTES

## '40s

**IMMANUEL J. WILK**, BS '42, chemistry, was named senior scientist for Neohydro Technologies Corp. in Houston. A world-renowned chemist in the field of electrolysis, he will assemble and manage the company's chemical and microbiology team. He oversees the company's research and development in all waste-water treatment applications, leads the company in obtaining approvals for sterilizing medical devices for the medical industry and directs the company's "green initiative" using electrolysis to eliminate the spread of salmonella and E. coli for the food industry.

## '50s

**BOB GEE**, BS '51, agriculture, and his wife, Mae, were named Fair Persons of the Year at the 2008 Clay County Fair in Minnesota. They own Gee Dairy Farm, Moorhead.

**DR. DEL NELSON**, BS '58, pharmacy, has taken a part-time position at Southeast Medical Clinic in Ellendale and Oakes, N.D. He retired last year from HealthEast Health Care System in St. Paul, Minn., after working family practice for 42 years.

## '60s



**MAYO FLEGEL**, BS '62, industrial engineering, received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. He was recognized for his many years of service as the organization's international foundation president. A member of the group's North Star chapter in Minneapolis, Flegel's grandparents emigrated to Kulm, N.D., in 1892. During his career, he worked for Green Giant and Pillsbury before becoming president of an international engineering consulting firm.

**JEAN (THOMPSON) HANSON KNAAK**, BS '63, MS '71, home economics education, was named treasurer of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences at the AAFCFS 99th Annual Conference and Expo in Milwaukee. She has served in numerous leadership roles with the organization, including chair of the Annual Conference Committee and president of the Minnesota Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She also served as a regional vice president and president for the American Vocational Association. She is president of Convergent Systems Inc. She lives in St. Paul, Minn.



**VERNON J. FRANK**, BS '64, history, MA '69, history, economics, has written "The Concept of Faith: Faith, a Pathway to Answered Prayer," a book available through online bookstores. He is the director of First Impression Ministry at the First Church of God, Vancouver, Wash. He previously wrote "Ushers in Ministry," and had materials published in the Journal of Economic Education Experiences of Enterprising Teachers. He and his wife, Connie, live in Vancouver.



**ANGEL ANDRES "ANDY" LOPEZ**, BS '64, mechanical engineering, has retired as a professor of computer science at the University of Minnesota, Morris. In addition to his teaching duties, he served as assistant to the associate vice chancellor for enrollment in 2003-04, and received the University of Minnesota President's Award for Outstanding Service in 2002. He and his wife, Dian, are now exploring teaching positions in Central and South America. They live in Alexandria, Minn.

**DR. ALLEN VAN BEEK**, BS '64, bacteriology, received the University of North Dakota Alumni Association's Sioux Award recognizing his medical career. Van BEEK, who earned a bachelor's degree in medicine from UND in 1966, is most noted for reattaching the arms of John Thompson, a teenager injured in a farm accident in 1992. Van BEEK is a clinical adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota.

**KEN EHLEY**, BS '65, civil engineering, MS '71, mathematics, joined the Anamoose, N.D., school's teaching faculty as a mathematics instructor.

**ROGER WORNER**, BA '66, science and mathematics, MS '86, education administration, is set to retire in June as the superintendent of Centennial Schools in Circle Pines, Minn. Worner has spent 44 years as an educator, and plans to continue his adjunct teaching position at St. Cloud State University.

**ROGER DISRUD**, BS '67, agricultural engineering, retired as the U.S. Air Force Reserves 442nd Fighter Wing commander at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri after 36 years of service in the Air Force and Reserves. He writes to say he now enjoys hunting, fishing and farming on the family farm near Rolla, N.D., with his cousin, **RON DISRUD**, BS '67, agricultural engineering.

**NANCY (OLSON) CONDIT**, BS '68, music, retired from her position of career and technical counselor at the Hatton and Northwood, N.D., school districts in May 2008. She earned her master's degree in counseling in 1993, which led to her serving in the position for 16 years.

**BOB HANSON**, BS '68, economics, was appointed executive director of Argenta Return in Bismarck, N.D. The non-profit organization provides veterans with medical devices.

**PAM BURKHARDT**, BS '69, English, is the collections manager at the Clay County Historical Society Museum in Moorhead. She started with the society in 1984. She lives in Fargo.

**SUE (COLEBANK) HOFSTRAND**, BS '69, human development and education, MEd '75, business administration, was recognized when the Florida Counseling Association dedicated its 58th annual convention to her. A past president of the association, she was named Florida's High School Counselor of the Year in 1999. In 2000, she was selected as the national Secondary School Counselor of the Year. She became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2007. Hofstrand is the director of counseling and guidance at T. Dewitt Taylor Middle and High Schools in Pierson, Fla.

**TERRY IRGENS**, BS '69, MS '75, pharmacy, is a retired Navy captain who was inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Hall of Fame, Washington, D.C., for implementing medical supply efficiencies. He was recognized for extraordinary leadership as director of the Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia Medical Material Supply Chain, and for outstanding mission support from 1990-94.

## '70s

**DAVID HASTINGS**, BS '70, physical education, retired after a 38-year career as a physical education teacher in the Appleton, Minn., area. The past four years, he taught at the Lac Qui Parle Valley High School. He and his wife, Sherry, have a combined family of five children.

**STEVE MURDOCK**, BA '70, social science, received the Distinguished Rural Sociologist Award from the Rural Sociological Society. He is director of the U.S. Census Bureau and professor of sociology at Rice University. He has written or co-written 12 books and monographs and 80 refereed journal articles. He is past chair of the society's Natural Resources Research Group and was elected an RSS Council member. The society noted that his contributions "have changed the direction of public policies and (he) has been a powerful voice for rural America." He lives in Helotes, Texas.



**LARRY DEWHIRST**, BS '71, sociology, was named vice president of the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota, a group dedicated to maintaining the presence and strength of community banks. He is president of First International Bank and Trust in Williston, N.D. He also is president of the Mercy Hospital Foundation and chair of the Fort Union Association and Williston Area Economic Development.

**BARBARA AARESTAD**, BS '72, MS '77, textiles and apparel, is a career counselor and employment adviser at Arizona State University Polytechnic. She lives in Mesa, Ariz.

**TOM VARICHAK**, BS '72, physical education, is co-owner of Tom and Jerry's Bar in Chisholm, Minn. The community landmark is celebrating its 35th year of operation. He is past president of the Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce, served as vice chair for the Chisholm Community Foundation and is a past board member of Chisholm Community Education.

**LUIZ BUENO**, MS '73, agronomy, paid a visit Nov. 14 to the offices of Jim Hammond, professor of plant sciences, and emeritus professor Jack Carter. Bueno, who hails from Brazil, has been keeping contact with Carter and others in the department over the years. Hammond was his adviser during Bueno's graduate studies at NDSU.

**TERESA (BREMER) MCELROY**, BS '73, home economics education, teaches family and consumer science at the Finley-Sharon, N.D., school. She also is the Steele County WIC coordinator.

**CARLA (HANSON) SLETTEN**, AD '73, pharmacy, was named Nurse of the Year by the National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration of Long Term Care. She is the director of nursing at the Northwood Deaconess Health Center nursing home and hospital in Northwood, N.D.

**LINDA (FROELICK) EDGAR**, BS '76, design, celebrated 20 years of employment at EAPC as an interior designer. The company has offices in Grand Forks, Fargo, Bismarck, Minot, N.D., and Bemidji, Minn.

**MICHELE (SMITH) SCHMIDT**, BS '76, speech, retired from Rochester, Minn., Public Schools after spending the past 18 years of her 30-year career there as an educational audiologist.



**DOUG HALVERSON**, BS '77, agricultural economics, was named board president of the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments. The association provides leadership, support and training for parents to help children reach their full potential. He is managing partner of Halverson Investment, Fargo, which operates the Scandia Hotel and the Heritage House Senior Living Center.



**HILLOL RAY**, MS '77, environmental engineering, was selected for inclusion in the 2009 publications of Marquis "Who's Who in the World" and "Who's Who in America." Ray's biography also appeared in 2007-2008 Marquis "Who's Who in Science and Engineering" (10th Edition), and "Who's Who of Asian Americans." A poet, author and songwriter, Ray is an environmental engineer and manager of the Drinking Water Supply Enforcement Program with the Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas.

**GALE SKJOITEN**, BS '77, agricultural economics, was named agriculture/business banker at American Federal's south Fargo location.



**JOHN CULBERTSON**, MEd '78, counseling and guidance, was recognized by South Carolina's Department of Commerce as an Ambassador for Economic Development from Edgefield County, S.C. The chairman of the Edgefield County Chamber of Commerce, he is a retired educator with Newberry, Aiken and Edgefield County Public Schools and continues to instruct classes periodically at Aiken and Piedmont Technical Colleges.

**DAVID FARNSWORTH**, BS '78, civil engineering, received an honorary Technical Honor Society award from the Bismarck Technical Center. A registered professional engineer, he is the power generation and engineering leader at Great River Energy's Coal Creek Station, Bismarck, N.D.

**PERRY JOHNSON**, BS '78, joined Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, AE2S, as a senior project manager in the firm's Grand Forks, N.D., office. He previously was an associate and senior project manager for Carollo Engineers in Phoenix.

**CINDY (SHUCK) SANFORD**, BS '79, home economics, joined the Center for Technology and Business, Bismarck, N.D., as the state outreach specialist. She provides technical assistance and support for North Dakota's small businesses and work force. The center is a partnership funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the N.D. Department of Commerce. Active in the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce, Sanford chairs the Business Education Partnership Committee and co-chairs the Chamber's Ethics Day. She lives in Bismarck.



**SCOTT TEWKSBURY**, BS '79, agronomy, was named president of the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota, a group dedicated to maintaining the presence and strength of community banks. He is president of Heartland State Bank in Edgley, N.D. He also is a member of Edgley Improvement, Kulm Baptist Church, Choteau Hills Development, Edgley Lions and the Action Team Partnership for the Edgley Public School.

## '80s

**TERRILL (GIANNONATTI) BRADFORD**, AD '80, animal health technology, BS '97, veterinary technology, received the Graduate Student Teacher Award at the annual conference of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture held at Utah State University in June. She teaches a number of courses at the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

**MARY (CORWIN) HERRING**, BS '80, MS '89, physical education, is serving as president-elect of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), an international professional organization. AECT has 24 state and six international affiliates and more than 2,000 members whose activities are directed toward improving instruction through technology. She is an associate professor and interim associate dean of the College of Education at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

**JEROME JACOBSEN**, BS '80, electrical engineering, accepted a contract engineer position with Eaton Hydraulic Systems in Fort Worth, Texas, working on aircraft actuation systems. He previously worked for 26 years with Lockheed Martin in Grand Prairie, Texas, working on actuation and guidance systems for a variety of missile programs.

**CAROL (HELMES) GRIMM**, BS '81, sociology, was named director of health and wellness at Minnesota State University Moorhead. She was the director of health promotion and protection at Fargo Cass Public Health.

**LES OHLHAUSER**, BA '81, political science, called his 20th rodeo as the announcer for the Old West PRCR Rodeo in Crawford, Neb. He has called other rodeos in Elizabeth and Steamboat Springs, Colo. He works as an auctioneer, big game guide and outfitter in Aurora, Colo.

**DAVID COWAN**, BS '82, agricultural mechanics, and his wife, Susan, started a winery in 2005 in Prosser, Wash. Information about the business can be found at [www.cowanvineyards.com](http://www.cowanvineyards.com). They grow apples, pears, cherries, wine grapes and hops in the Yakima Valley, and they also started a vacation house rental operation. The Cowans live in Grandview, Wash.

**LYNDEE E. JOHNSON**, BS '82, agricultural economics, was named vice president of business solutions for CHS Inc., Inver Grove Heights, Minn. He previously was vice president of member services for CHS and Land O'Lakes. CHS is a Fortune 200 company owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Northwest and from the Canadian border to Texas. It supplies energy, crop nutrients, grain, livestock feed, food and food ingredients, along with business solutions such as insurance, financial and risk management services. The company also operates petroleum refineries and pipelines and manufactures and markets Cenex brand refined fuels, lubricants, propane and other energy products.

**DUANE MAATZ**, BS '82, agricultural education, was named executive director of the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association. In his new position, he will lead a trade association with more than 400 members and an annual budget of \$1.2 million. He previously was president of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association.

**DEAN MATTSO**N, BS 82, pharmacy, was featured in the "Business of the Week" column in the Roseau, Minn., Times-Region newspaper. The Mattson family owns Mattson Pharmacy and Dean's Photo Express in Roseau as well as Greenbush Pharmacy in Greenbush, Minn.

**DENISE (PODENSKI) SPANJER**, BA '82, English, was promoted to project director for the Center for Technology and Business, Bismarck, N.D. She formerly worked as a business development specialist for the RE&T Development Center of Mandan and also directed the statewide education program for the North Dakota Farmers Union. In 2004, she was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as "North Dakota's Outstanding Women's Business Advocate."

**STEPHANIE (BENEDICT) WALTER**, BS '83, physical education, joined Badger School as the special education teacher for grades 7-12. She and her husband, **JON**, BS '78, MS '81, live in Roseau, Minn.



**PETRICE BALKAN**, BS '84, business administration, has joined Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, Fargo, as director of the MediQHome advanced medical home program. She will help establish a statewide program that uses a patient-centered medical home care approach to ensure that members

receive the primary health care they need to improve the quality of their lives. Balkan had been employed by Dakota Clinic and then Innovis Health in Fargo for 18 years. She and her husband, Greg Jensen, live on Lake Maud in Minnesota. They have two grown sons.



**ALAN DOSTERT**, BS '84, BArch '84, is the president of EAPC, which was selected as an Honor Award recipient by the North Dakota group of the American Institute of Architects. The company was honored for its work on the NDSU Wallman Wellness Center expansion project. The firm did the architecture, civil, mechanical and electrical engineering for the project.

**DIANE (SMITH) HRABE**, BA '84, communication and speech, joined the Scott Soil and Water Conservation District in New Prague, Minn. She is the secretary and communications specialist, responsible for daily operations and a number of outreach activities. She also is editor of City News, New Prague's monthly newsletter. Hrabec, her husband, Ed, and their three children live in New Prague.

**LOUISE (SKARPHOL) JOHNSON**, BS '85, horticulture, is the owner of Animal Artistry in Aitkin, Minn. She also is co-publisher and co-editor of the Homespun magazine and is in charge of the Serpent Lake Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts.

**WAYNE ZINK**, BS '86, business administration, joined Choice Financial, Grand Forks, N.D., as senior vice president and business banking officer. He is responsible for commercial loans and deposits.

**JEFF BISEK**, BS '87, agricultural education, was named principal at Mahnomen, Minn., High School. He grew up in the area and graduated from the school in 1982.

**CAPT. DERRIK R. CLAY**, BS '87, pharmacy, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Navy. He is director for Clinical Support Services consisting of pharmacy, laboratory, radiology, physical therapy and clinical nutrition at Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Wash.

**JOHN CORY**, BS '87, industrial engineering and management, joined IdeaOne Telecom, Fargo, as an information technology technician in the central office.

**KELLY KEAVENY**, BS '87, pharmacy, and his wife, Deb, purchased Paynesville Corner Drug in Paynesville, Minn. The couple now owns eight drug stores in central Minnesota.

**KATHLEEN SCHMALTZ**, BS '87, child development and family science, is a counselor in the Bismarck office of Catholic Charities North Dakota.

**MAUREEN (KELLY) JONASON**, BA '88, MA '93, English, was named executive director of the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center in Moorhead.

**MARK EHRMANTRAUT**, BS '89, psychology, became pastor at North Highland United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, S.D. He worked in special education for 15 years prior to entering the ministry.

**KURT ISHAUG**, BS '89, accounting, was named chief financial officer at Datacard Group, Minnetonka, Minn., and is responsible for all of the company's financial functions. He joined Datacard Group in 2006 as vice president of planning and analysis.

**CMDR. NATHAN MARTIN**, BS '89, electrical and computer engineering, was promoted to commanding officer of the USS San Francisco, a nuclear submarine. He received the rank during a change-of-command ceremony in April at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor's Deterrent Park, Wash.

**SCOTT MITCHELL**, BS '89, industrial engineering and management, joined Greater Insurance Service's office in Deer River, Minn., as a sales representative. He has worked in the insurance industry for the past nine years. He and his wife, Kari, live in Deer River.

## '90s

**MARK IHRKE**, BS '90, physical education, was named executive director of the River Valley YMCA in Prior Lake, Minn. He is a former head football coach at Hopkins, Minn., West Junior High School.

**C. GREGG THIELMAN**, BS '90, civil engineering, was elected an officer at Houston Engineering in Fargo. He has been with the company for 11 years.

**REV. DAVE SYVERSON**, BS '90, food and nutrition, BA '95, philosophy-humanities, is the new priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Carrington, N.D.

**SARA (GROTH) VAAGENE**, BS '90, pharmacy, is the lead pharmacist at the Family Medicine Residency Pharmacy in Grand Forks, N.D. She and her husband, Brad, and their three children live on the family farm near Hatton, N.D.

**TIFFANI (FISCHER) KULLHEM**, AD '91, child development and family development, is the director of Stepping Stones Childcare Learning Center, Aitkin, Minn. The new facility serves infants and children ages six weeks to 12 years.

**SUE MILLER**, BS '91, civil engineering, became the president of the National Association of County Engineers at the group's 2008 annual Management and Technical Conference in Portland, Ore. She is the county engineer for Freeborn County in Minnesota.

**TOM WELLE**, BS '91, civil engineering, was elected to the board of directors of Ulteig, an engineering, planning and surveying company. He is a senior vice president for the firm and leads its water and wastewater division. Ulteig has regional offices in Fargo; Bismarck, N.D.; Detroit Lakes, Minn.; Minneapolis, and Sioux Falls, S.D. He lives in Moorhead.



**KURT WITT**, BS '91, music education, received the President's Award from Yamaha Corporation of Japan. He is the first employee of Yamaha Corporation of America to receive the honor, which recognized his work on the Disney Magic Music Days podcast. The podcast featured interviews with national band directors, students and staff who shared experiences about the event. Witt, who is a marketing manager for Yamaha wind instrument products in the United States, joined Yamaha in 1996. He also is a professional musician who has performed with the Grand Rapids, Mich., Symphony and several jazz groups in western Michigan.

**KELLY FISCHER**, BS '92, agricultural economics, was named senior vice president of United Community Bank in Cando, N.D. He and his wife, **CHERYL (SAUER)**, BS '93, have two children.

**DAN RIEHL**, BS '92, business administration, was hired as clinic director for LilyCare family practice clinic in West Fargo. He previously was a senior network engineer with NetWork Center in Fargo.

**CATHY (REAGAN) SHEFFIELD**, BS '92, political science, was selected for the "Fort Worth Forty Under Forty" by the Fort Worth, Texas, Business Press, which honors select men and women under the age of 40 who are helping to shape the future of Tarrant County through their business and community involvement. She is the director of finance and gift planning for Harris Methodist Health Foundation. She lives in Fort Worth.

**BARBARA (CUNNINGHAM) BOESL**, MEd '93, counseling and guidance, is the new therapist in the counseling program at Catholic Charities North Dakota's Langdon office. She and her husband, Paul, and their two sons live in Langdon.

**CHERYL (YENDER) DOLL**, BS '93, animal and range sciences, joined the Carson, N.D., office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. A 16-year employee of NRCS, she has worked in offices in Morton, McIntosh, Burleigh, Mercer and Oliver Counties.

**BRETT WITTMAYER**, BS '93, interior design, was promoted to logistics manager at Tecton Products in Fargo.

**MAJ. CHRISTOPHER BARRY**, BS '94, business administration, earned a master's degree in telecommunications from Southern Methodist University's School of Engineering. He is in the U.S. Army and was recently assigned to NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. He and his wife, **SHEILA (SCHLECHT)**, BS '94, and their two children live in Kortenberg, Belgium.

**JONAS BEUGEN**, BS '94, social science education, was chosen from a list of eight interested persons to fill a vacancy on the Robbinsdale, Minn., District 281 school board. He is principal of the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District Area Learning Centers in Columbia Heights and Little Canada.



**JIM HARDWICK**, MEd '94, was elected to a four-year term on the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, the international fraternity's board of directors, at the organization's 152nd Anniversary Convention in Indianapolis. Hardwick was nominated by the undergraduate members of Phi Chapter at NDSU. As an alumnus member of the NDSU chapter, Hardwick has been involved on the regional and national level as a volunteer for nearly 20 years. He has served as a faculty adviser, regional counselor, workshop facilitator and member of the fraternity's leadership education committee and sesquicentennial anniversary planning committee. Hardwick is the vice president for student life at Carroll College in Helena, Mont. He and his wife, **SHARON LEMM HARDWICK**, BS '86, and their daughter Libby live in Helena.

**MICHAELA LUDWIG**, MEd '94, secondary education, is a member of the English department at Hawley, Minn., High School. She and her husband, **HERB**, MS '95, and their two boys live near Hawley.

**ROSS MANSON**, BS '94, MBA '04, accounting and business administration, was accepted into the partnership of Eide Bailly of Fargo. He joins 124 other partners in the eight-state, 13-office firm.



**MAJ. JAY C. BLOCK**, BS '95, political science, took command of Det 2, Ascension Auxiliary Airfield at Ascension Island. During ceremonies June 24, he received the command flag from NDSU alumnus **COL. BERNARD GRUBER**, BS '86, mechanical engineering, who is the 45th Operations Group Commander in the 45 Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. Block and his wife, Kelli, have three children; Madison, Tyler and Kennedy. Ascension Island is a dependency of the British territory of St. Helena, and is located about 950 miles off the coast of Africa in the South Atlantic Ocean.

**JASON BOUTWELL**, BS '95, mass communication, joined Marco as an account manager for its Fargo and Grand Forks offices. He previously served as a regional sales manager for Mitel Networks.

**TERRY BURCHILL**, BS '95, agricultural systems management, was hired as a product market analyst at Phoenix International in Fargo. He previously worked for John Deere.

**JULIE (SCHAFF) ELLINGSON**, BS '95, mass communication, was named executive vice president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. She and her husband, Chad, own and operate a certified Angus ranch near St. Anthony, N.D.

**BRIAN JENSEN**, BS '95, crop and weed sciences, and his wife, Betsy, were selected as the Marshall County representatives to the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership program. They farm near Stephen, Minn.

**T.J. SCHMITT**, BA '95, zoology, joined the teaching faculty at Barnesville, Minn., high school. He is teaching biology and life science.

**TONY BOEHM**, BS '96, MEd '98, agricultural education, was recognized as the Agriscience Teacher of the Year during the 81st convention of the National FFA Organization. The award honors outstanding teachers who emphasize agriscience technology in their curriculum. Boehm teaches at Southeast Region Career and Tech Center in Colfax, N.D. FFA, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, has more than 7,400 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

**MARK GEHRINGER**, BS '96, civil engineering, has joined Howard R. Green Co. as a water resources project manager in its St. Paul, Minn., office. With more than 12 years of experience, Gehringer has performed drainage and floodplain studies for land development, public works and transportation projects. He is a registered engineer in Minnesota and Texas. Gehringer is a member of the Minnesota Association of Floodplain Managers, City Engineers Association of Minnesota and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**TRACY (CUDWORTH) JORDRE**, BArch '96, recently started the architectural design firm of Jordre Architecture that specializes in sustainable retail and commercial design. She previously worked for The Preston Partnership of Atlanta and helped start a Denver branch office. She lives in Aurora, Colo., with her husband, **KEVIN JORDRE**, BS '95, and son, Cole.

**TARA (BRAATEN) TOMCZAK**, BS '96, PharmD '98, is the new pharmacist at the Duluth Clinic, International Falls, Minn. She has worked in International Falls since 2004.

**RON WEBER**, BS '96, leisure studies and recreation, was hired as a business development specialist by Manpower, Fargo. He previously was employed by Courts Plus Fitness Center, Fargo.

**ROELF AUFFOERTH**, BS '97, agricultural economics, and his wife, **PATCHES (WILDE)**, BS '97, animal and range sciences, were chosen as the Clearwater County representatives to the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership program. They live near Bagley, Minn.

**ALAN DEKEYREL**, BA '97, political science, was named vice president of fundraising development for Gamehaven Scouting in southeastern Minnesota. His work is to ensure funding for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing. A former Eagle Scout, DeKeyrel lives in Rochester, Minn.

**KRISTY (FLIEHS) HAJEK**, BS '97, physical education, is the new eligibility worker technician at Sargent County Social Services in Forman, N.D.

**MICHAEL LUNDBERG**, BS '97, civil engineering, joined Karvakko Engineering in Bemidji, Minn. The company provides municipal, aviation, land development, transportation, water and wastewater services to its clients.

**JEFF PATIENCE**, BS '97, accounting, was named vice president and business banking officer of State Bank and Trust in Alexandria, Minn. He lives in Alexandria with his wife, **REBECCA (NYHUS)**, BS '97, and their two children.

**PAUL RENKEN**, BS '97, agricultural economics, was named branch manager of the Oakes, N.D., branch of First Community Credit Union. He previously was a loan officer. Paul and his wife, Michelle, have two boys.

**BENJAMIN STEINER**, BS '97, sociology, completed his doctorate in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati and has accepted a faculty position in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina. He lives in Columbia, S.C.

**ROXANA (SKOKIN) UTTERMARCK**, BS '97, psychology, was named South Dakota School Psychologist of the Year by the South Dakota Association of School Psychologists during the group's annual conference in September. She has worked for the North Central Special Education Cooperative in Aberdeen, S.D., for the past nine years and has been a school psychologist since 1999. Originally from Bucharest, Romania, she considers Fargo her hometown.

**JEREMY ZWINGER**, BS '97, biological sciences, chaired the 2008 World Rice Commerce Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in October. He is the first American to chair the conference, which attracted brokers and growers from more than 30 countries. His brokerage company, Farm and Trade Inc., is located in Colusa, Calif.

**JUDY (CARTER) GRUNDSTROM**, BS '98, environmental design, BArch '98, is the founder and chief principal of IOTA (Inland Office for Tomorrow's Architecture), a boutique architecture and interior design firm in Minneapolis.

**JEN HANLEY**, BS '98, civil engineering, joined Ulteig Engineers of Fargo as a design engineer and environmental planner in the firm's planning, environmental and information services division.

**CHAD OSTBY**, BS '98, sociology, was named director of sourcing for Otter Tail Corp. of Fargo and Fergus Falls, Minn. He previously was a buyer for Coloplast and a purchasing supervisor at MinnKota Operations, both in Mankato, Minn.

**LISA (HANSON) VEDAA**, BA '98, history, is director of the Clay County Historical Society, Moorhead, Minn. She joined the organization in 2002. She and her husband, Rob, and son, Jacob, live in Fargo.

**MICHAEL GULSETH**, PharmD '99, is program director for anticoagulation services at the Sanford-University of South Dakota Medical Center's Department of Pharmacy Services in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**KENNETH JANZ**, MS '99, education administration, was appointed associate vice president for information technology and chief information officer at Winona State University, Winona, Minn.

**JACQUELYN (BERGER) LINDSEY**, BSN '99, nursing, joined the St. Luke's Hospital and Crosby, N.D., Clinic staff as a family nurse practitioner. She has seven years of experience in the medical field, and previously practiced in Cooperstown, N.D.

**DARREN NEFF**, BS '99, civil engineering, joined EAPC, Bemidji, Minn., as a senior structural engineer. EAPC is a regional firm that provides architectural and engineering services. Neff previously worked for Structural Design Group Inc. in Rochester, Minn.

## '00s

**TRACY FUGERE**, BS '00, mass communication, joined Basin Electric Power Cooperative in Bismarck, N.D., as a demonstration coordinator. She formerly was a news anchor and reporter at Reiten Television, Bismarck.

**BRANDI (DIEDE) LEBAHN**, BS '00, business administration, is the owner of Diva Designs, Fargo, which sells designer-inspired handbags and accessories.

**DARIN KARLGAARD**, BS '01, agricultural systems management, is owner/manager of Hwy. 1 Fuel and Service Inc., in Oakes, N.D. He previously worked at RDO in Lisbon, N.D., and LaMoure Feed and Seed, LaMoure, N.D.

**AARON RAMSDELL**, BS '01, electrical engineering, joined Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, N.D., as a distribution engineer.

**ROBYN (ANDERSON) AAMOLD**, BS '02, respiratory care, is a physician assistant at MeritCare Hospital, Fargo. She previously was a registered nurse.

**JEREMIAH CHRISTENSON**, BS '02, mechanical engineering, passed Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accreditation. He is employed at Obermiller Nelson Engineering in Fargo.

**RHET FISKNESS**, BS '02, environmental design, BArch '02, was selected as Intern of the Year by the American Institute of Architects of North Dakota. He works in the Fargo office of EAPC, which also has offices in Grand Forks, Minot, Bismarck and Jamestown, as well as Bemidji, Minn., and Norwich, Vt. He is president of the F-M Young Architects Forum.

**JESSICA MARTIN**, BS '02, civil engineering, joined the Ulteig engineering firm in Fargo as a project engineer in the water/wastewater division.

**RACHEL (BREKER) OLSON**, BS '02, family and consumer science education, is the new school counselor at Sargent Central Public School in Forman, N.D. She lives in Rutland, N.D., with her husband, **JEFF**, BS '98, zoology, who works at the Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge.

**ERIC SELLERS**, BS '02, computer science, has joined National Information Solutions Cooperative, Mandan, N.D., as a support specialist in the firm's Research, Development and Quality Division.

**NICK BAKKUM**, BS '03, biological sciences, graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and is practicing at the Jahraus Dental Clinic in Hazen, N.D.

**RENE LYNNE (CUNNINGHAM) CALDERWOOD**, BS '03, business administration, is marketing and bid manager for the Structured Finance Team at ABN AMRO, an international bank founded in The Netherlands that has more than 4,000 branches in 52 countries. She also writes that she earned her master's degree in strategic public relations at the University of Sydney, Australia. She lives in Rozelle, Australia.

**JOHN DIETRICH**, BA '03, English, joined Ulteig Engineers, Fargo, as director of marketing.

**SHAWN GADDIE**, BS '03, civil engineering, was promoted by Advanced Engineering and Environments Services Inc. to operations manager of the AE2S Grand Forks office.

**JOHN GOERING**, BS '03, MS '08, chemistry, teaches physical science, chemistry and physics at the Barnesville, Minn., high school.

**ALISON (HOLTAN) JUST**, BS '03, French, graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and has started her practice at Beulah, N.D., Dental.

**NICK LINDVALL**, BA '03, computer science, was hired as a software specialist in the Research, Development and Quality Division of National Information Solutions Cooperative, based in Mandan, N.D.

**ERIC RUHLAND**, BS '03, zoology, joined the Hastings, Minn., Veterinary Clinic. The practice covers the treatment and care of a wide range of animals.

**ANDREW SOLEM**, BS '03, animal and range sciences, joined AgCountry Farm Credit Services in Thief River Falls, Minn., as an associate loan officer. He lives in Thief River Falls with his wife, **MIRANDA (DOBITZ)**, BS '05, and daughter.

**MIRANDA (MIKKELSEN) BAUGH**, MS '04, nursing, is a nurse practitioner in radiology at MeritCare Hospital, Fargo. She previously practiced at Cavalier County Memorial Hospital, Langdon, N.D.

**JOSH BECKER**, BS '04, ag systems management, joined the Bozeman, Mont., Police Department as a patrol officer. His wife, **MERIDEE (ANDERSON)**, BS '04, management information systems, joined First West Insurance, Bozeman, as a commercial insurance representative. They live in Bozeman.

**KATE BERLINGER**, BAcc '04, accountancy, joined AgCountry Farm Credit Services as an associate tax specialist serving customers in the Morris, Minn., area. She previously was an intermediate accountant at Allina Hospitals and Clinics in Minneapolis.

**JEFF CARLSON**, MS '04, history, is the new interpretive coordinator of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. He lives in Bottineau, N.D.

**JESSICA (SHARBONO) CLARK**, BS '04, history, is the education and office coordinator for the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead. She also serves in the North Dakota Air National Guard.

**SCOTT DAHMS**, BS '04, environmental design, BArch '04, was hired by JLG Architects, Fargo, as a project designer. He previously worked for RL Engebretson and Simonson Lumber. He is president of the F-M Young Architects Forum.

**JONATHAN DONNELLY**, BS '04, business administration, joined State Bank and Trust, Fargo, as a personal banking officer. He previously worked at Vision Bank, Fargo.

**CALEB GETZ**, BS '04, biological sciences, joined Litchfield, Minn., High School as a chemistry and physical science teacher.

**MIA (FYRE) KOZOJED**, BSN '04, nursing, is a nurse practitioner in family medicine at MeritCare Hospital, Fargo. She previously worked as a registered nurse in critical care services.

**BRADLEY NEUERBURG**, BS '04, environmental design, BArch '04, passed the architectural registration examination to become a registered architect. He has worked for Mohagen/Hansen Architectural Group of Wayzata, Minn., since 2006.

**LACEY SCHETTLER**, BS '04, business administration, is the marketing and communications coordinator for the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota in Bismarck, N.D. She also owns Simple Elegance wedding decorators in Bismarck.

**JOSHUA ZEITHAMER**, BS '04, business administration, is the owner of Exterior Designs, a landscaping company in Alexandria, Minn.

**BRAD BALTRUSCH**, BS '05, electrical engineering, joined Applied Engineering of Bismarck, N.D., as an electrical engineer.

**MATTHEW BENEDA**, BS '05, agricultural economics, was promoted to assistant vice president at Marshall Bank, Hallock, Minn. He joined the bank in January 2006.

**JAKE FRIEDL**, BS '05, management information systems, joined Microsoft Corp., Fargo, as a support engineer.

**BRANDON JOHNSON**, BS '05, business administration, was promoted to information technology specialist with Choice Financial, West Fargo, Johnson, who joined the company in 2007, had been a customer service representative.

**JEREMY PETER**, BS '05, agricultural systems management, joined Phoenix International in Fargo as a warranty and reliability analyst.

**EMILY BAIR**, BS '06, music education-instrumental, is the new K-12 music teacher for schools in Ellsworth, Minn. She lives in Laverne, Minn.

**DANIELLE FRASER**, BS '06, zoology, joined the Pfeffer Chiropractic Clinic, Osakis, Minn. She specializes in exercise and nutritional coaching.

**MINDIE KNOLL**, BS '06, social science education, is teaching junior high science at Sargent Central Public School in Forman, N.D. She lives in Forman with her son, Chayse.

**JENNA LENERTZ**, BS '06, business administration, is a membership sales representative for Courts Plus Fitness Center and Courts Plus Southwest Express, Fargo.

**KAREN OLSON**, BS '06, hospitality and tourism management, joined Courts Plus Fitness Center and Courts Plus Southwest Express, Fargo, as a membership sales representative.

**BRIAN PALMER**, MEd '06, educational leadership, is the new superintendent of Mt. Pleasant School District in Rolla, N.D.

**BRIAN PATTENGALE**, BS '06, civil engineering, joined the Fargo office of Houston Engineering.

**GRETCHEN (JOHNSTON) SCHMALTZ**, MS '06, agriscience and applied economics, joined Nodak Electric Cooperative, Grand Forks, N.D., as an energy services analyst. She works with Nodak's commercial accounts as well as load management control.

**KRISTIN THOMPSON**, BS '06, business administration, joined J.M. Smucker Co., West Fargo, as a human resources coordinator. Thompson was previously a recruiting supervisor for Spherion, Fargo.

**SCOTT AYASH**, BS '07, physics, joined the University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center as a research scientist.

**DUSTIN BRAUN**, BS '07, criminal justice, was sworn in as a deputy in the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department.

**TERRY BURINGRUD**, MEd '07, educational leadership, has joined Sargent Central Public School, Forman, N.D., as the elementary principal. He has 15 years administrative experience, with 32 total years in education.

**BREANNE (HUETHER) CARLSON**, BS '07, business administration, has joined the First National Bank in Lisbon, N.D., as a loan officer.

**ANDY DELABARRE**, BS '07, physical education, is a teacher and coach at Langdon, N.D., Public Schools. He teaches physical education and is the head football coach and assistant track coach. He and his wife, Beth, have a daughter, Norah.

**NAOMI ECHTERNACH**, BS '07, environmental design, MArch '08, joined JLG Architects in Grand Forks, N.D., as a project designer

**CODY GEISER**, BS '07, mathematics education, was hired as a mathematics teacher at Frazee, Minn., High School.

**KATY GILDERHUS**, BS '07, psychology, was promoted to lead teller at the Choice Financial branch in south Fargo.

**AMANDA GIRODAT**, BS '07, facility management, joined InterOffice Workspace Furniture and Design, Fargo, as a sales and design specialist.

**ALAN KEMMET**, BS '07, civil engineering, is an engineer-in-training at the Bismarck, N.D., office of Houston Engineering Inc.

**MICHELLE MELQUIST**, BS '07, child development and family science, is teaching fourth grade in the Dassel-Cokato, Minn., school district.

**MIKE PEETERS**, BS '07, soil science, was certified by the American Society of Agronomy as a certified crop adviser. He works for Crop Production Services in Wadena, Minn.

**KRYSTAL (BARNHART) PETERSON**, BS '07, family and consumer science education, is the new family and consumer science teacher at Lancaster, Minn., High School. She previously was a teacher at Tri-County School in Karlstad, Minn.

**KIMBERLY SEM**, BS '07, environmental design, MArch '08, joined EAPC as an intern architect in the firm's Grand Forks, N.D., office.

**NICK SLOAN**, BS '07, environmental design, MArch '08, joined the architecture department of Widseth Smith Nolting's office in Bemidji, Minn.

**SZYMON WOZNICA**, BS '07, agricultural and biosystems engineering, was hired at Microsoft Corp., Fargo, as a development engineer.

**BLAKE COLBY**, BS '08, construction engineering, joined Wanzek Construction, Fargo, as a project engineer.

**KELSEY FILPULA-DIDRIKSON**, BA '08, English education, teaches English to juniors and seniors at Warroad, Minn., High School. Her husband, **THOR DIDRIKSON**, BS '08, animal and range sciences, farms near Roseau, Minn.

**TRENT FROEMMING**, BS '08, animal science, and his brother, Darrin, have opened TFC Poultry in Ashby, Minn. The company offers processing of chickens, pheasants, turkeys, ducks, geese and other birds.

**ANGELA KELLER**, BS '08, crop and weed sciences, was appointed to the North Dakota Department of Agriculture's Pesticide, Feed and Fertilizer Team in Bismarck as a pesticide program specialist. She works with department field staff, collects inspection information, tracks investigations and assists in case development.

**JILL LACINA**, BS '08, business administration, joined AgCountry Farm Credit Services in Fargo. She is a customer service representative for the LaMoure, N.D., branch.

**PHIL NIEMELA**, BS '08, physical education, has joined the Dassel-Cokato, Minn., School District. He is teaching Developmental Adapted Physical Education at the high school, middle school and Cokato Elementary.

**LINDSEY NITSCHKE**, BS '08, child development and family science, has joined the teaching faculty at Sargent Central Public School in Forman, N.D. She is teaching the fifth grade.

**MARK POTTS**, BS '08, journalism/broadcast/mass communication technologies, joined the Williston, N.D., Herald newspaper as a reporter. He will specialize in news and sports reporting.

**NATHAN SAILER**, BS '08, mechanical engineering, joined Applied Engineering in Fargo as a design engineer.

**MATTHEW SALZER**, BS '08, instrumental music education, is the new band director for the Wheaton, Minn., Area Schools. He is working with grades 5-12.

**BRUCE SOUTHARD**, DMA '08, music, joined the faculty of Dickinson State University. He is the university's director of choral activities.

**MELISSA THORESON**, BS '08, interior design, joined InterOffice Workspace Furniture and Design, Fargo, as an interior designer.

**SAMANTHA WEDE**, MEd '08, counseling, is the sixth grade counselor at Clearwater Middle School in the Waconia, Minn., school district.

**CHUCK WICKLUND**, BS '08, economics in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources, joined the Fargo office of Otter Tail Corp. as an internal auditor.

# O B I T U A R I E S

**RONALD ABRAHAMSON**, 73, BS '61, business, was president of Enterprise Capitol Corp. in Denver. He previously was president of Melroe Multi Wheel in Longmont, Colo., and general manager of KXJB-TV in Fargo. He lived by Otter Tail Lake in Minnesota.

**HELEN (THORBERGER) ANDERSON**, 61, BS '69, music, taught music in many schools, including Chaffee, N.D., and Kinney, Lancaster, Goodridge, Backus and Brainerd, Minn. She was active in the Minnesota Music Teachers Association and a founding member of the Central Lakes College band. She lived in Merrifield, Minn.

**LYLE E. ANDERSON**, 85, BS '50, pharmacy, worked for many years as a pharmacist at Golden Valley Health Center. He lived in Rogers, Minn.

**WILLIAM H. ARNOLD**, 90, FS '40, mechanical engineering, was a commercial airline pilot for 35 years, including being captain on jumbo jets to Asia. He lived in Redington Shores, Fla.

**GERTRUDE (BACUND) ARNTSON**, 93, BS '36, was a native of Deer River, Minn., and lived her adult life in Crystal, Minn.

**HOWARD H. BARRETT**, 91, FS '40, mechanical engineering, retired from Control Data as an engineer in 1984. A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, he was the son of Ben H. Barrett and Addie (Stafford) Barrett, both members of the NDSU class of 1912. He lived in Mound, Minn.

**CHARLES BARTHOLOMEW**, 72, BS '57, chemistry, retired as a general in the U.S. Air Force in 1988. He last was assigned vice commander of Air Force Communications Command, with headquarters at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. A command pilot, his many decorations included the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air medal with nine oak leaf clusters. After retirement, he served a variety of roles for Computer Technology Associates, Proflight Medical Response Inc. and Aviation Technology Group. He lived in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**MELVIN BERG**, 91, BS '42, agricultural economics, was chief of business development at the Farmers' Home Administration, Bismarck, N.D. Prior to that, he was a county agent in Renville County and worked for the Extension Service in Fargo. He was president of the Fargo-Moorhead Sales Executives Club and Sons of Norway, and was a district governor for the International Sierra Club. He lived in Bismarck.

**ERNEST BERGESON**, 89, BS '42, civil engineering, was the Ransom County Auditor from 1973-70, and then became a tax assessor for Ransom and Sargent Counties until his retirement. He lived in Lisbon, N.D.

**NANCY (AVERY) BOSLEY**, 63, BS '66, speech pathology, worked for King County schools in Washington and later was a flight attendant for Western Airlines. She also was a sales representative for Simmons Co., retiring in 1998. She lived in San Jose, Calif.

**ROBERT CRIPPEN**, 89, MEd '54, education administration, taught school in Williston, Wishek and Fargo. After his retirement from Fargo South High School in 1981, he worked as a crop hail adjuster for Dawson Insurance Co., Fargo. He lived in Fargo.

**LYLE W. CURRIE**, 93, BS '39, animal science, was a county agent in McKenzie, Rollette and Walsh Counties in North Dakota. He later worked for the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association and operated a potato brokerage in East Grand Forks, Minn. He lived in Grand Forks, N.D.

**FRANK DEIBLER**, 77, BS '58, agricultural mechanics, spent 30 years in the implement business, including 20 years as the owner-operator of the John Deere dealership in Garrison, N.D. He later entered the insurance and real estate fields. He lived in Garrison.

**GERALDINE RAE (CLAREY) DEUTSCH**, 86, BS '48, bacteriology, was a science teacher at Dakota High School in Arthur, N.D., from 1966-74, served two terms on the Central Cass School Board in Casselton, N.D., and was president of the Casselton American Legion Auxiliary. She lived in Fargo at the time of her death.

**MARTHA (MELBY) DODDS**, 86, BS '45, educational administration, owned and operated Oregon Gardens, Canby, Ore. She previously taught home economics in Lancaster, Minn., and Portland, Ore. She lived in Canby.

**PHILIP EDMAN**, 76, BS '58, general agriculture, was a farmer in the Alvarado, Minn., area. A member of Gideons International, he also served on the Farm Credit Services board for more than 25 years. He lived in Alvarado.

**MARIETTA EKBERG**, 86, MS '70, College of Human Development and Education, was a fellow of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. She was the principal owner of Meyer Broadcasting Co. and was chair of the board during the time of development of television, FM radio and cable television. She was the first woman elected to the Vestry of St. George's Episcopal Church and served on the boards of Charles Hall Youth Services and the Bismarck State College Foundation. She lived in Bismarck, N.D.

**DONOVAN L. ERICKSON**, 75, BUS '74, university studies, worked for Texas Instruments at Plano, Texas, and later was a salesman at Sears stores in Minot and Grand Forks, N.D. He also sold insurance in Owen, Wis. He lived in Ashley, N.D.

**EARL "BUSTER" FANKHANEL**, 82, BS '50, business, owned Fankhanel's Variety Store in Hillsboro, N.D. He was active in the Hillsboro Civic and Commerce Association, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He lived in Hillsboro.

**LAWRENCE O. FINE**, 90, BS '38, soil science, was a faculty member in the agronomy department of South Dakota State University, Brookings, from 1946 to 1982. Following his retirement, he was a consultant for the Northern Border Pipe Line. He was a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America and American Institute of Chemists. He lived in Rapid City, S.D.

**WAYNE T. FISCHER**, 54, BUS '77, university studies, was the owner of Wayne Fischer Homes, a custom home construction company. He lived in Kent, Wash.

**JIM FLOYD**, 82, BS '50, arts and sciences, was a management assistance officer for the Small Business Administration in Fargo. In retirement, he was a volunteer counselor for seniors through the Internal Revenue Service. He lived in Fargo.

**JERRY GOULET**, 62, BS '75, horticulture, supplied nursery plants and flowers for merchants in the Junction City, Ore., region. He lived in Junction City.

**CHARLES GRUMAN**, 71, BS '71, agricultural economics, was a farmer who served on the North Dakota Barley Council from 1991-97. He lived in Hannaford, N.D.

**MARJORIE (WARREN) HARMON**, 79, BUS '74, university studies, worked as a registered nurse in Indiana, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado and North Dakota. She also was a nursing instructor at St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo. She lived in Fargo.

**DONNA (HELLEN) HARSTAD**, 77, BS '53, education administration and social sciences, was a teacher in Hawley, Minn.; McHenry, Gackle and Noonan, N.D.; and Poplar, Mont. A former state board member of the Montana Music Educators Association, she was active in the Williams County Council of Aging, Sons of Norway and Women of the Moose. She lived in Fortuna, N.D.

**RYAN HAVELKA**, 29, BS '01, animal and range sciences, worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Burleigh, Ward, Logan, Oliver and Adams counties in North Dakota. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Society for Range Management and the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America. He lived in Hettinger, N.D.

**JOYCE (ANDERSON) HEITMANN**, 74, MEd '88, counseling and guidance, was a surgical nurse at St. Aloisius Hospital in Harvey, N.D., before moving to Jamestown, N.D., where she worked at the North Dakota State Hospital for 35 years. She lived in Jamestown.

**DALE D. HOGOBOOM JR.**, 90, BS '38, economics, retired from the U.S. Army as a colonel in 1972. Among his duties were serving in the Pentagon Office of Comptroller, where he was awarded the Legion of Merit. He later was the business manager for The Chronicle of the Horse and Whitewood Farm of Middleburg, Va. He lived in Winchester, Va.

**HAROLD HOLGERSON**, 84, BS '50, mechanical engineering, had a diverse career, including working for McDonald Douglas Corp. in Long Beach, Calif; Garrison Dam project in North Dakota; Corps of Engineers on a missile project in South Dakota; and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Plant Management staff in Littleton, Colo. He retired as an administrative engineer for the Division of Facility Management Staff.

**IRVIN HOLMAN**, 83, BArch '50, architecture, was a partner in Clark, Holman and Moorhead Architects, which later became the IMAGE Group, Moorhead, Minn. Recognized as an honored alumnus in 1997, Holman was past president of the North Dakota American Institute of Architects, an avid NDSU Team Maker and a board member of several organizations. He lived in Fargo.

**KATHLEEN (STRANDVOLD) JACOBSON**, 87, BS '42, College of Human Development and Education, was the resident services director of The Towers, a retirement section of Bethany Homes in Fargo. She had previously worked for Social Services of both Cass and Clay counties. She lived in Fargo.

**MICHAEL "MICK" JAMES**, 61, BArch '70, and his wife, Rona, moved to Phoenix in 1971. He established the award-winning architectural firm of Cox James Architects in 1977.

**WILFRED "BENNIE" JOHNSON**, 82, BS '52, agriculture, was a farmer, teacher and county agent. He was a long-time member of the Grand Forks Country Club, Jaycees, Soil Conservation District and the Chamber of Commerce. He lived in Billings, Mont.

**KENNETH KADRMAS**, 64, BS '66, owned and operated a diversified farm and livestock operation from 1975-97. He then became a mail carrier. He also was a service representative as part of the agriculture negotiator program for North Dakota Ag Mediation. He lived in Dickinson, N.D.

**ANNABEL LEE KANE**, 89, BS '40, applied arts and sciences, lived in Henderson, Nev., and Los Angeles. She helped establish the Thomas Kane and Anton Lee Memorial Accounting Scholarship at NDSU.

**MAXINE (MAURITSON) KASSING**, 85, BS '45, College of Human Development and Education, was a registered dietitian at the former St. Luke's Hospital in Davenport, Iowa, before retiring in 1984. She lived in Bettendorf, Iowa.

**GEORGE KIHNE**, 75, BS '55, pharmacy, lived in Seattle.

**LAURENCE T. KIRK**, 83, BS '52, general agriculture, was a farmer in the Crary, N.D., area from 1963 until his retirement in 1989. Earlier in his career, he worked for the Wahpeton newspaper and the Soil Conservation Service. He lived in Devils Lake, N.D.

**DANIEL JAMES KLEIN**, 66, MS '73, chemistry, was a chemistry and biology teacher at Strasburg, Oakes, Bismarck High School and Century High School in Bismarck, N.D. He lived in Bismarck.

**KERMIT KLUDT**, 85, FS '45, ran the Sheridan County Abstract Co. and also worked with a number of companies developing the oil fields of west and central North America. He lived in Spearfish, S.D.

**HOWARD A. KNUTSON**, 93, BS '50, social science education, taught high school English in Oxnard, Calif., until retiring in 1975. He lived in Oxnard.

**LARRY KRIEGER**, 48, BS '81, animal science, was a massage therapist in Tioga and Williston, N.D. His previous employment included working the oil drilling rigs in the Texas Gulf, a gold mine in Nevada and a buffalo ranch in Wyoming. He lived in Williston.

**HOWARD KVAM**, 84, BS '50, BS '58, worked for the Chiclet Co. and the American Greeting Card Co. He later worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He lived in Bismarck, N.D.

**CHARLES B. LARSON**, 55, BS '74, agronomy, was a farmer, who also raised Hereford beef cattle. He was a member of the Cass County Farmers Union board and Lions Club. He was a volunteer fireman and secretary-treasurer of the Argusville Rural Fire Protection District. He lived in Argusville, N.D.

**ELIZABETH ANN LARSON**, 85, BS '45, home economics, and her husband, Wade, owned Little John's Resort in Brainerd, Minn. Earlier, she was a teacher in Cass Lake and North St. Paul, Minn. A former member of the Upper Mississippi Mental Health Board and Northern Pines Mental Health board, she lived in Cass Lake.

**NAOMI LARSON**, 98, BS '31, home economics education, was a teacher at a number of schools, including Fargo's Agassiz Junior High School, Valley City State University and public schools in Galesburg and Rockton, Ill. She lived in Plano, Texas.

**WILLIAM LAYNE**, 84, BS '63, mechanical engineering, designed aircraft for McDonald Douglas Corp. in St. Louis until his retirement in 1991. He relocated to Walker, Minn., in 1992 and lived there until his death.

**ROBERT LEWIS**, 74, BS '66, animal science, owned and operated Howard's Pizza, The Other Place and The Other Place West restaurants in the Livingston and Bozeman, Mont., areas. He also was a rancher. He lived in Livingston.

**SUSAN (KNIGHT) LIEBELT**, 59, BS '07, College of Human Development and Education, taught the family and consumer living course and FCCLA at the Fessenden/Bowdon Public School for several years. She also served as Berlin Township clerk and was a 4-H leader. She lived in Bowdon, N.D.

**ALFRED LINDEM**, 76, BS '54, agricultural mechanics, worked for 25 years at the University of North Dakota rising to the position of director of academic programming. He retired in 1997 and moved to Carol Stream, Ill.

**JOHN LOMMEL**, 74, BS '56, pharmacy, owned and operated Herman Drug in Herman, Minn., for more than 20 years. He previously was a pharmacist in Breckenridge, Minn. He lived in Herman.

**WAYNE K. LUND**, 60, BArch '71, started Lund Associates in Rapid City, S.D., in 1980. He was a member of the American Institute of Architecture, South Dakota American Institute of Architecture, Elks Lodge and past president of the Jaycees. He lived near Hot Springs, S.D.

**HARRIS LUNNEBORG**, 74, BS '54, agricultural mechanics, was an employee of Bobcat Co. for 33 years, and also farmed for more than four decades. In addition, he was a rural mail carrier for 14 years. He was a member of the Satellite Club, the Milnor Airport Authority, Milnor Community Housing, Milnor Aviation and Lakeside and Dunbar Cemetery Associations. He lived in Milnor, N.D.

**LOWELL LYSAKER**, 82, MS '69, education administration, worked at the Minnesota and North Dakota Departments of Human Services until his retirement in 1987. He lived in Moorhead.

**LORNE PETER MCEWEN**, 49, BS '89, agricultural economics, worked for Hanger Orthotics and Prosthetics in Wichita, Kan., and Rapid City, S.D. Prior to that, he worked for Farm Credit Services in the Finley-Sharon, Cooperstown and Grand Forks, N.D., branches. He lived in Emerado, N.D.

**RAPHEAL "RALPH" MILLER**, 73, BS '60, pharmacy, owned and operated a drug store in Rugby, N.D. He previously worked as a pharmacist in Missoula, Mont., and Bottineau, N.D. Active in the Rugby Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce, he lived in Rugby.

**E. JOYCE MOHBERG**, 77, BS '54, MS '55, zoology, was a professor of biochemistry and physiology at Governors State University, Park, Ill., for 30 years. She previously was a visiting research professor at the University of Leicester, England and University of Innsbruck, Austria, and was a scientist at the McCordle Laboratory for Cancer Research at the University Wisconsin, Madison.

**HELEN MOLBERG**, 91, BS '38, College of Human Development and Education, was a high school mathematics teacher and a WAVE during World War II. She lived in Bottineau for much of her life, except for five years in Wisconsin and Utah.

**RICHARD MUNDINGER**, 79, BS '54, science and mathematics, MS '54, chemistry, was employed by Dow Chemical, Borg-Warner and 3M during his 30-year career. He was chair of the Society for Coating Technology. An avid golfer, he played the game in all 50 states. He lived in Hudson, Wis.

**BRUCE NESS**, BS '61, English, established a security company in the Minnesota lakes region. Earlier in his career he was editor of TKE magazine in Indianapolis. Formerly of the Pelican Rapids, Minn., area, he lived in Las Vegas at the time of his death.

**JUDY O'KEEFE-WARME**, 64, BUS '73, university studies, was a partner in a career counseling practice called HOPE, Unlimited and later set up her own career counseling and personal development practice. She lived in Evergreen, Colo.

**DENNIS O. OLSON**, 65, BS '64, general agriculture, owned and operated Valley Feed and Fertilizer, Jordan, Minn., and later moved to McMinnville, Ore., where he worked for Con Agra and Jim Hicks and Co. He lived in LeSueur, Minn.

**KAREN FAYE OLSON**, 26, BS '06, hospitality and tourism management, worked at Caribou Coffee, Courts Plus and, most recently, Eckroth Music in Fargo.

**HOWARD M. OLSON**, 87, BS '48, honorary doctorate '89, agricultural engineering, was superintendent of the NDSU Research Extension Center at Williston, N.D., and the Carrington Research Extension Center. He received many awards, including the NDSU Honored Alumnus Award, Agriculturist of the Year from the NDSU chapter of Alpha Zeta and the Garrison Conservancy District's Mr. Irrigation Award. A new variety of hard red spring wheat was developed and given his name, Howard, in his honor. He lived in Fargo.

**JAMES K. O'TOOLE**, 80, BS '50, chemistry, had a long career in psychiatry, including being a staff psychiatrist at the Fergus Falls, Minn., Regional Treatment Center; superintendent at the Central State Hospital at Norman, Okla.; a faculty member at Kansas University School of Medicine; and associate medical director of Prairie View Mental Health Center in Newton, Kan. He lived in St. Cloud, Minn.

**WAYNE OWENS**, 94, BS '35, education and history, MS '41, agricultural economics, was a high school teacher in a number of North Dakota communities before joining the NDSU Extension Service. He retired in 1972. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the National County Agents Association and the Meritorious Service Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi. He lived in Fargo.

**JEFFREY S. PETERSON**, 51, BS '80, agronomy, was a farmer in the Milnor, N.D., area. He served on the Aliceton Township board, Milnor Rural Fire Department board and the Farmers Union Oil board. He lived in Milnor.

**JOSEPH N. PFLIGER**, 78, BS '52, retired from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant colonel after a 20-year career. He then worked for the EROS Data Center and Johnson Control World Services. He lived in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**DIANE (ANDERSON) PLASSCHAERT**, 55, BS '74, home economics, was an assistant food service manager and a medical office assistant for several medical practices. She lived in Chase City, Va.

**JEWEL RONINGEN**, 85, BS '43, agricultural economics and animal science, was a dedicated fan of Bison football. A former Marine, he lived in Fargo.

**CRAIG RYSTEDT**, 39, BS '91, MS '96, crop and weed sciences, was an agronomist for Farmers Union Oil, Stanley, N.D., and Monsanto Co. He lived in Powers Lake, N.D.

**JERRY SAILER**, 52, BS '83, civil engineering, was a civil engineer in San Diego and St. Cloud, Minn., before moving to North Carolina in 1995, where he worked with JN Pease Associates and CH2M Hill Inc. He lived in Gastonia, N.C.

**RICHARD SANDNESS**, 60, BUS '77, university studies, worked for Job Service North Dakota for 28 years, retiring in 2003. He served on a number of local boards, including the Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Boy Scouts. He lived in Jamestown, N.D.

**JOHN SCALF**, 98, BS '32, had a career with the Soil Conservation Service. He was a Gold Gloves boxing champion from 1929-32. He lived in Shreveport, La.

**DIANE E. SCHAFER**, 45, BS '87, food and nutrition, lived and worked in Texas, Louisiana and Idaho, and was employed in New Orleans as a certified diabetes educator at the time of her death. Schafer lived in Chalmette, La.

**MARILYN (CULL) SCHROEDER**, 51, BS '80, horticulture, held positions at American Crystal Sugar Co., Seedtec, Pioneer, NDSU and Scheels. She lived in Fergus Falls, Minn.

**DARREL W. SCHWEITZER**, AD '78, nursing, worked at St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, and in cardiac intensive care units, home health and as a triage nurse in the Twin Cities. He lived in Redwood Falls, Minn., at the time of his death.

**DANNY SHORT SR.**, 60, BUS '96, university studies, was a military criminal investigator for the U.S. government until his retirement in 1985. He lived in Fargo.

**PAUL STEIDL**, 73, BArch '59, architecture, was a civilian employee with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for more than 30 years. His career included several overseas assignments in Europe, the Middle East and Johnston Island in the Pacific Ocean. He was honored as the Resident Engineer of the Year in 1988 by the American Society of Civil Engineers. He lived in Tooele, Utah.

**DANIEL STILLER**, 47, BS '84, agricultural engineering, worked for more than 20 years with the Toro Co. He most recently was the international marketing manager in the company's commercial division. He lived in Prior Lake, Minn.

**PAUL STRAND**, 61, BS '71, agricultural economics, was a business owner in Anoka, Minn.

**JENS TENNEFOS**, 78, FS '51, civil engineering, along with his father and brother, founded Tennesfos Construction. He served in the N.D. House of Representatives and State Senate for a total of 23 years. He was president of the state chapter of the Association of General Contractors and was board chair of the North Dakota Construction Employees/Trust and Welfare Plan. He lived in Fargo.

**THERESA (VOELKER) THOMPSON-DAFFORN**, 47, MEd '00, counseling and guidance, served the Hatton, N.D., school district for 25 years, first as a kindergarten teacher and then as a school guidance counselor. She lived in Hatton.

**CHERYL (PORTZ) THROLSON**, 60, BS '70, food and nutrition, farmed for many years near Sheyenne, N.D. She most recently was a paraprofessional at Four Winds Elementary School. She lived in Sheyenne.

**DEAN TORGRIMSON**, 51, BS '86, electrical engineering, was a business system analyst for TW Telcom Inc. He lived in Centennial, Colo.

**RAMONA (NIEMANN) UNKE**, 53, BS '77, fashion merchandising, worked for Four Season Clothing in Crookston, Minn., and did much of the buying for the store. A member of the NDSU Glee Club during her time at the university, she was member of the Our Savior's Lutheran Church choir and a church organist. She lived in Crookston.

**RAYMOND VOLK**, 83, BS '50, agriculture, lived in Fargo.

**WADE WALL**, 58, BS '72, agriculture education, lived near Mercer, N.D. He operated a small grains farm for 36 years, and raised registered Charolais cattle for 29 years.

**ROBERT WERNER**, 91, BS '60, chemistry, was a chemist who worked for the federal government and also was a high school teacher and administrator. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, VFW and American legion. He lived in Farmington, Utah.

**MARY ELLEN (MCLEOD) WILSON**, 98, BA '30, food and nutrition, retired in 1975 from Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Fontana, Calif. She was their first American Dietetic Association dietitian. She lived in Riverside, Calif., since 1944.

**WAYNE WISEMAN**, 70, BS '59, agricultural economics, was director of administration for GETA Feeds and founder and president of Fin-Ag Inc., a Cenex-Harvest States Agriculture Finance company. He retired in 2001. He lived in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**LOWELL F. WOOD**, 94, MS '37, was a former vice president for Frost Paint and Oil Corp., Minneapolis. He was a model railroad enthusiast and antique engine collector. He lived in Bloomington, Minn.

**LYNN J. ZERULL**, 60, BS '70, chemistry, retired from the Air Force in 1998 as a colonel following an illustrious career in which he earned the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He later was a car salesman and financial planner. He lived in Oro Valley, Ariz.

## NDSU Arizona Week will be February 17-22

### Tuesday, February 17 – Tucson

Fred '70 and Linda (Kane) '73 Paavola invite alumni and friends to their home for a "Taste of North Dakota" social. Enjoy North Dakota food items and Bison spirit.

### Thursday, February 19 – Sun City Area

#### Golf tournament

Tod Gunkelman '47, Ray Horne '55, Myron Johnsrud '57 and the Department of Athletics invite NDSU alumni and friends to participate in an 18-hole, four person scramble tournament at Union Hills Golf Course, 9860 Lindgren Avenue in Sun City. The shotgun start is at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$100 per person. Lunch, golf cart, greens fees and range balls are included.

#### Glendale outing

Not interested in golfing? Take a trip to historic Glendale offered as an alternative to golf on Thursday hosted by Do (Shanks) Gunkelman '47, and Bev Horne '55. After lunch at Union Hills Country Club, a bus will take the group to Cerreta Candy Company for a tour and chocolate making. Cost is \$25 per person; lunch and transportation are included. Call 701-231-6807 to RSVP.

### Social, dinner and entertainment

Enjoy a social and dinner at Union Hills Country Club. President Joseph A. Chapman will give a university update and the Bison Arts Singers will perform. Cost is \$35 per person. Call 701-231-6807 to RSVP.

### Friday, February 20 – Mesa

The NDSU Alumni Association invites you to "Meet the Herd in Mesa Lunch" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Landmark Restaurant, 809 W. Main St. NDSU student body president Joseph Heilman will present a university update and the Bison Arts Student Singers will provide entertainment. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP to 701-231-6807.

### Friday, February 20 – Scottsdale

Join NDSU Athletics at Gainey Ranch Country Club, 7600 Gainey Club Drive, for the Gainey Ranch Golf Tournament sponsored by Eide Bailly. Shotgun start for the shamble tournament begins at 8 a.m. Cost is \$195 per person; greens fees, golf cart, lunch and range balls are included. Register at 701-231-7447.

### Saturday, February 21 – Mesa

Join NDSU Athletics for a golf outing at Red Mountain Ranch Country Club, 6425 East Teton. Shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person; includes greens fees, golf cart, dinner and range balls. Register at 701-231-7447.

### Saturday, February 21 – Tucson

Show your Bison pride and cheer on the women's softball team at the University of Arizona's Wildcat Invitational at Hillenbrand Stadium. The NDSU will take on Utah at 1:30 p.m. For game tickets, call 520-621-2287 or 800-452-2287. Go to [www.gobison.com](http://www.gobison.com) for a complete tournament schedule.

### Sunday, February 22 – Maricopa

Join NDSU Athletics at The Duke at Rancho El Dorado, 42660 West Rancho El Dorado Parkway for a golf outing. Shotgun start is at noon. Cost is \$75 per person; includes greens fees and cart.

For questions about Arizona Week, or to ensure you are on the invitation list, contact Beth Roybal, Stephanie Martin or Kristi Weston at the NDSU Alumni Association at 800-279-8971. For more details and registration information, visit [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com).

## Five elected to NDSU Alumni Association Board of Directors



David Berg is chief executive officer for Crystal Sugar Company in Moorhead, Minn. Prior to joining Crystal Sugar, he was a commodity market analyst and ingredient buyer for General Mills, Inc. Berg earned his bachelor's in mass communication in 1978 from the University of Minnesota Moorhead, and a master's in agricultural economics from NDSU in 1982.

Berg and his wife, Becky, have two sons and one daughter, and live in Fargo.



Mike Favor is principal at Robbinsdale Cooper High School in New Hope, Minn. He earned a bachelor of university studies degree from NDSU in 1991, and continued his education at Hamline University earning a master of arts degree in education. He completed his sixth year license and certification and superintendent license at St. Cloud State University.

Favor began his career in education as co-director of St. Joseph's Home for Children and then moved to St. Louis Park High School. He has served on the City of Minneapolis Violence Prevention Steering Committee, Patchwork Quilt Board, P-16 Partnership's

Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Working Group, and the Intercultural Advisory Committee with the University of Minnesota. He has dedicated his career to ensuring the equity of all people.

Favor has two daughters and lives in New Hope, Minn.



Scott Handy earned a bachelor's degree from NDSU in 1980 with a major in agricultural systems management and a minor in agronomy. He is president and chief executive officer of Cass County Electric Cooperative Inc.

Handy serves on many community boards including: chairman of the board, Greater Fargo-Moorhead Economic Development Corporation's Growth Initiative Fund; director, Quentin N. Burdick Center for Cooperatives; past chairman of the board, Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead; Valley City State University Foundation Board; Cass County Community of Care steering committee; and North Dakota Alliance for Renewable Energy Board.

Handy is a native of the Fosston, Minn., area and lives with his wife, Mary, in rural Fargo. They have two married daughters and one granddaughter.



Joel Honeyman earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1993 and a master's degree in agricultural economics in 1996 both from NDSU. He is vice president of North American sales for Bobcat Company.

Honeyman and his wife, Stephanie Dahl, BS '95, zoology, and their two sons live in Fargo.



Kathy (Kappel) Meagher earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from NDSU in 1981. She is president/chief executive officer of Special Olympics North Dakota.

Her roles with Special Olympics International and Special Olympics North America included serving as management director for the Team USA committee and North Central Regional Representative on the United States Leadership Council. She has held several officer positions on the board for the Charitable Gaming Association of North Dakota and is the chair of the North Dakota Attorney General's Gaming Advisory Board.

Meagher and her husband, Jerry, have two children and live in Grand Forks, N.D.

## NDSU celebrates 35 years of excellence in agriculture and Bison Athletics

The 35th annual Harvest Bowl at North Dakota State University was held Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

As the state's land-grant university, NDSU plays a major role in contributing knowledge through research, academic programs and the Extension Service. More than 1,800 agriculturists have been recognized and more than \$76,000 in scholarships have been awarded to NDSU student athletes with agricultural backgrounds.



An agribusiness award recipient is chosen annually. This award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of agriculture and business in North Dakota and beyond. The late Eugene Dahl, one of North Dakota's premier business owners, was the 2008 award recipient.

Dahl may have been responsible for more manufacturing jobs in North Dakota than anyone else. The companies that he was most directly involved with, Bobcat and Steiger, are household names in North Dakota. Dahl was recognized posthumously for outstanding development of world acclaimed businesses and for inspiration and mentorship of many North Dakota entrepreneurs.

The NDSU Harvest Bowl program annually recognizes the success, dedication and hard work of outstanding agriculturists in 53 counties in North Dakota and five counties in Minnesota. The 2008 agriculturists in North Dakota include:

#### North Dakota

##### County

##### Honoree

Adams Ronald and Heather Nester  
Barnes Mike and Pam Clemens  
Benson Oscar and Gloria Kleven  
Billings Dwight "Ike" and Teresa Hecker  
Bottineau Mike and Ruby Artz  
Bowman Robert and Leann White  
Burke Steve Overlee  
Burleigh Alan and Fran Rodenburg  
Cass DuWayne and Jane Ellison  
Cavalier Ray and Shirley Rollness  
Dickey Darrel and Louise Werre  
Divide Greg and Carmen Bendixson  
Dunn Thorris and Lynell Sandvick

Eddy  
Emmons  
Fort Berthold  
Foster  
Golden Valley  
Grand Forks  
Grand Forks  
Grant  
Griggs  
Hettinger  
Kidder  
LaMoure  
Logan  
Logan  
McHenry  
McIntosh  
McKenzie  
McLean  
Mercer  
Morton  
Mountrail  
Nelson  
Oliver  
Pembina  
Pierce  
Ramsey  
Ransom  
Renville

Richland  
Rolette  
Sargent  
Sheridan  
Sioux  
Slope  
Stark  
Steele  
Stutsman  
Towner  
Traill  
Walsh  
Ward  
Wells  
Williams

Glenn and Mary Walz  
Dean and Ardella Deis  
Wade and Kim Howard  
Gregory and Jody Endres  
Mel and Edith Bosserman  
Gerald and JoAnne Uglem  
Don and Karen Uglem  
Harlan and Sharon Klein  
Rick and Addie Reiten  
Darrel and Janice Ottmar  
Tracy and Joni Magstadt  
Connie and James Bitz  
Cleo and Joan Boschee  
Richard and Cheryl Boschee  
Kevin and Deborah Reinowski  
Ralph and Debbie Neu  
Clark and Bonnie Bohmbach  
Ryan Plesuk  
Troy and Marcy Sailer  
Ken and Mary Ann Duppong  
Wayne and Daleen Johnson  
Terry and Dee Ann Ellingson  
Reynard and Joletta Schmidt  
Keith and Shirley Kiner  
Michael and Maloye Lesmeister Jr.  
Larry and Barb Ivesdal  
Norm and Clarice Cross  
Lana Anderson-Southam and Jim Southam  
Todd and LeAnn Toppen  
Dale and Margaret Pederson  
David R. and LaVonne Nelson  
Troy and Sheila Stein  
Ivan and Susan Kary  
Gary and Stacey Miller  
Daryl and Laurie Zarak  
Donald and Sheila Nygaard  
Mike Huebner  
Clinton and Dianne Weisz  
Peter Lovas  
Lee and Judy McLaughlin  
Mike and Marla Rose  
Gerald and Lynne Klindworth  
David and Bridget Kjorstad

#### Minnesota

##### County

Clay  
Marshall  
Norman  
West Polk  
Wilkin

##### Honoree

Ken and Jeanette Just  
Philip and Gloria Thompson  
Dick and Bev Arnston  
Matt and Patricia Erickson  
Andy and Marilyn Beyer

Eight scholarships also were awarded to outstanding male and female athletes. The 2008 Harvest Bowl Scholarship recipient is Christine Bruins, a member of the NDSU track and field team. Bruins is from Watford City. Matt Gratzek is the recipient of the Harvest Bowl Scholarship in memory of Robert Johansen. He is a defensive tackle on the NDSU football team and is from Argyle, Minn.

The Bob and Darlene Yaggie Football Scholarship recipient was Michael Arndt, an offensive tackle on the NDSU football team. Arndt is from LaMoure, N.D. Inger Hodgson received the Bob Lauf Memorial Scholarship. She is a guard on the NDSU women's basketball team and is from Barneveld, Wis. Gerald Ebel, an offensive lineman from Yankton, S.D., was recipient of the Ron and Karen Offutt Scholarship.

The Red River Commodities Scholarship was awarded to Laura Murphy, a member of the NDSU soccer team. Murphy is from East Bethel, Minn. The LeVon Kirkeide Scholarship went to Whitney Carlson, a member of the NDSU women's track and field team. Carlson is from Buchanan, N.D. The Robert and Bruce Yaggie Harvest Bowl Scholarship went to Ryan Foster, an offensive guard on the NDSU football team. Foster is from Eleva, Wis.



Bruins Gratzek Arndt Hodgson



Ebel Murphy Carlson Foster

## NDSU Career Center provides alumni options

Since July 2007, more than 700 NDSU alumni have registered with the NDSU Career Center. The electronic alumni job board weekly posts an average of 10 to 25 jobs.

Alumni are encouraged to register with the Career Center at [www.ndsu.edu/career](http://www.ndsu.edu/career) to access job openings and post their resume online.

For questions, contact the NDSU Career Center at 701-231-7111.

## Broadcast E-mail

The Alumni Association sends news briefs via e-mail approximately every six weeks. These messages usually note three or four topics with a direct link to more information. If you would like to receive broadcast e-mail messages, contact us at [office@ndsualumni.com](mailto:office@ndsualumni.com) and indicate you want to participate.

## Address change

Are you moving? Do you have a winter address? Please notify the NDSU Alumni Association at 800-279-8971 or by e-mail at [office@ndsualumni.com](mailto:office@ndsualumni.com).

Upcoming events

February

17-22 NDSU Arizona Week

March

- 10 NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Conference Reception, Seattle
- 12 NDSU Concert Choir Concert, Minneapolis, reception following
- 15 NDSU Concert Choir Concert, Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, reception following
- 21 NDSU Concert Band Tour, Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn., reception following

April

- 4 American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, and Alumni Social, San Antonio
- 30 American Institute of Architects Convention Reception, San Francisco

May

- 15 Spring 2009 Graduate Commencement, Fargodome
- 16 Spring 2009 Undergraduate Commencement, Fargodome

June

16-17 Conversations Across the Land - North Dakota Tour

September

- 3 Iowa State football pre-game party and game, Jack Trice Stadium, Ames, Iowa
- 11-12 50 Year Reunion, Fargo
- 28-30 NDSU Homecoming Week begins

October

- 1-3 NDSU Homecoming Week continues
- 2-3 NDSU Gold Star Band Reunion, Fargo
- 23 NDSU Harvest Bowl Dinner and Ceremony, Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo

For more details, visit [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com)

NDSU Alumni event photos online at [www.ndsualumni.com](http://www.ndsualumni.com)



Thundar named to Capital One All-America Mascot Team

College football fans across the nation now know the name of "Thundar." The fierce, fun and furry Bison mascot was named to the seventh annual Capital One All-America Mascot Team and finished second in voting for National Mascot of the Year.

Thundar was one of 12 mascots selected for the All-America Team, which was announced in August. A season of national voting followed, and a series of play-offs narrowed the field to the last two contenders - Thundar and Cy of Iowa State University. In the final round held Dec. 8-15, Thundar received 38,090 votes among the ballots cast at [www.capitalonebowl.com](http://www.capitalonebowl.com), finishing behind Cy's 51,612 votes.

"This was one of the most closely watched and fiercely fought competitions to date, featuring two mascots with varying talents," said Steve Schooff at Capital One. "This contest was designed to recognize the unsung heroes of college football, so we're thrilled to see so many fans get behind their mascots with over 4.5 million votes cast. We're proud of all our All-Americans, who sacrifice their tail feathers, sweat, fur and tears to support their schools."

The contestants were an interesting bunch, including three birds, three cats, one bison, one horse, one wolf, one turtle, one bear and a dog.

In addition to Thundar and Cy, the All-America Team included Aubie from Auburn University, Buster Bronco of Boise State University, Brigham Young University's Cosmo Cougar, Mike the Tiger from Louisiana State University, University



of Maryland's Testudo, Mr. Wuf of North Carolina State University, UCLA's Joe Bruin, Cocky of the University of South Carolina, Smokey from the University of Tennessee and U.S. Air Force Academy's The Bird.

"The Capital One Mascot Challenge was a great opportunity for Bison fans and Thundar to take on great mascots from across the country," said Stephon Thomas, NDSU assistant director of marketing and promotions.

Volleyball team earns first Division I tournament appearance



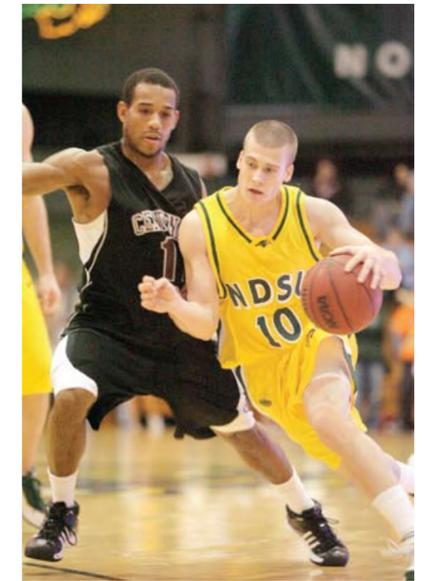
For the first time, the Bison competed in the NCAA Division I women's volleyball tournament. NDSU's appearance came after the squad won the Summit League tournament championship.

During the 64-team NCAA tournament, the Bison lost their first round match-up with nationally ranked University of Minnesota on Dec. 5. The loss snapped NDSU's 19-match winning streak, but the Bison finished an outstanding season with a 24-4 record.

Head coach Erich Hinterstocker said few people would have expected an NCAA Division I appearance so soon after NDSU completed the five-year process to join Division I. "We've got to make sure that we look at that and we cherish what we did this year because it was pretty special. We had an opportunity to go undefeated in our conference and that doesn't happen very often. And we've done it with a lot of young players in our program," Hinterstocker said at the NCAA post-game news conference. "I'm proud of our team. I'm proud of our program, and I'm really fortunate to be a part of it and to work with these young ladies every day has been something I've really enjoyed."

The Bison qualified for the NCAA Division I post-season tournament by winning the Summit League tournament championship Nov. 22 in Tulsa, Okla. Helping lead the Bison were Summit League All-Tournament Team selections outside hitter Kristen Hille, middle hitter Chrissy Knuth and outside hitter Brooke VandenBergh.

NDSU's last post-season tournament appearance was in 2003 when the Bison finished second in the Division II North Central Regional behind national runner-up Concordia St. Paul.



Woodside becomes Bison career scoring leader

Senior guard Ben Woodside became NDSU's career scoring leader on Dec. 22 during a 90-68 victory over Northern Arizona University in men's basketball. He broke Denver TenBroek's six-year-old record of 1,813 points at the 13:10 mark of the second half when he blew past two defenders for a layup.

Woodside is majoring in business management. He is the son of Paul and Robbi Woodside of Albert Lea, Minn.

Gold Society publishes cookbook



The Gold Society, an NDSU Team Makers fundraising group, has partnered with Bison Illustrated to collect the best recipes from NDSU Team Maker members, fans, athletes and their parents, coaches and administration.

The cookbooks are on sale for \$15 each or two for \$25, and can be purchased at c.lizzy's, Sherry's Boutique or Boutique Retreat, all in Fargo. They also can be purchased by e-mailing [bisonrecipes@aol.com](mailto:bisonrecipes@aol.com). All proceeds will directly fund NDSU athletic scholarships.

The cookbook contains more than 300 well-loved recipes from appetizers to desserts to tailgating favorites. Recipes include the contributor's name, enabling you to find the recipes of family and friends. Contact Shirley Solberg at [bisonrecipes@aol.com](mailto:bisonrecipes@aol.com) or call Jamie Swenson of Bison Illustrated at (701) 306-8985 for more information.