North Dakota State University has joined the nation’s top 108 public and private universities in the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education’s elite category of “Research Universities/Very High Research Activity.” The complete list can be found at: http://classifications.carnegiefoundation.org/lookup_listings.asp?pg=v3&g=17%2242s232005&u=3623535&313553153135532&313553153135530.

“The Carnegie Commission announcement is an exciting recognition of NDSU’s emerging national status,” said NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani, noting the university’s annual research expenditures as measured by the National Science Foundation exceeded $114 million in 2008 and are anticipated to exceed that in upcoming 2009 NSF rankings. “NDSU is a student-focused, land-grant, research institution that has reached a level of contribution to our state and country on par with the nation’s best universities.” We are honored by the Carnegie Foundation’s acknowledgment of our achievements, and the opportunity for a North Dakota university to join the nation’s most sought after higher education classification.

According to the foundation, the classifications “are intended to group institutions into meaningful, analytically manageable categories in order to allow researchers to make reasonable comparisons among similar institutions.”

Other universities in the “Very High Research Activity” category include Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Georgia Tech, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Ohio State University, Princeton University, Stanford University, Texas A&M University, University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Notre Dame, University of Southern California, University of Wisconsin, Vanderbilt University and Yale University. The Carnegie classifications were developed in 1970, and dramatically revised in 2005, which is the last time the lists were updated. According to the Carnegie website, the classifications “provide the framework in which institutional diversity in U.S. higher education is commonly described. It is now the leading taxonomy of all accredited colleges and universities in the United States, currently developed using nationally available data from the U.S. Office of Postsecondary Education, the National Center for Education Statistics’ Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, the National Science Foundation and the College Board.”
Report: NDSU Research and Tech Park helps regional economy

The NDSU Research and Technology Park positively impacts the economy, while creating jobs and generating revenue for local and state governments, according to a new independent report by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc.

“Research universities are uniquely positioned to foster and create a more diversified economy, and the unprecedented success of NDSU’s research park in the few years of its existence serves to illuminate that point,” said NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani.

The research examined a range of economic indicators to analyze the NDSU Research and Technology Park’s performance from 2007 to 2010, with projections for 2011. The report noted the total number of jobs in the park jumped from 331 to 891, or about 147 percent, during the past five years. By 2011, out-of-state revenues flowing to businesses in the park are expected to be grown 74 percent, and international revenues will have grown 77 percent.

Joint master's degree in public health program approved

The State Board of Higher Education unanimously approved a first-of-its-kind collaborative master’s program between NDSU and UND.

The program will partner NDSU’s College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences with UND’s School of Medicine and Health Sciences and other departments at both universities.

“Program exemplifies the advantage and potential impact of the state’s two flagship research universities working together to solve a critical state need,” said NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani. “With support from the State Legislature, UND President Kiley and I timed for this to be the first of many such collaborations.”

Charles Peterson, dean of pharmacy, nursing, and allied sciences, said the new joint program serves as a model academic collaboration for the rest of the country. “This is a program that has been created by North Dakota for North Dakota and it will help us state advance public health initiatives all across the state,” he said. “This program will place North Dakota in a leadership role nationally related to public health education and training because of its unique configuration and innovative approach in training health professionals. This is a historic day for North Dakota, for NDSU and for our college.”

According to the proposal, both UND and NDSU agree to split funding for the program. Each university would benefit from the academic strengths of the other in areas of health and medicine. UND is a national leader in rural health services and research that leads to better access to health care in underserved areas. NDSU has proven strengths in medical research.

Other highlights of the economic impact report include:

• The 19 businesses located at the NDSU Research and Technology Park account for $811 direct, on-site jobs and an additional 311 indirect, off-site jobs.
• Out-of-state sources pay for an estimated two-thirds of all jobs, earnings and local tax revenues generated by the park.
• Industries in the park pay out $30.8 million in wages annually and account for another $22.7 million in indirect off-site wages, due to multiple effects, for a total of $73.6 million in labor income in North Dakota.
• The park generates an estimated $10.9 million per year for state and local governments, which includes $7.3 million in government revenues through sales taxes, personal and corporate state income taxes and other charges, both directly and indirectly.
• The park generates an estimated $1.6 million annually for governments through property taxes, other taxes and fees, both directly and indirectly.

• Companies in the park conduct trade with 26 nations on six continents, contributing approximately 16 percent of the park’s revenue.
• On-site employment in the park includes 138 jobs for NDSU students and 248 jobs for NDSU graduates, for an estimated 32 percent of park employment by NDSU graduates and 33 percent held by NDSU students.

Combining park opportunities with NDSU’s areas of research expertise has been a key to achieving these results. “Companies have located in the park for a variety of reasons, including access to NDSU student and faculty researchers in areas such as coatings, microelectronics and engineering,” said Phil Brandt, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer. “Companies here also have an interest in licensing the technologies developed at NDSU.”

The NDSU Research and Technology Park commissioned the study at a cost of $64,500 to track economic impact and progress of the park. The report is available at www.ndsu researchpark.com/ AB397/Pages/events.aspx.

NDSU athletic campaign receives major gifts from Sanford Health and Scheels

NDSU and the athletic department have received two major gifts for the “Building the Competitive Edge for Bison Athletics” campaign. Sanford Health presented a $10 million gift, while Scheels donated $5 million.

Sanford Health’s gift is the largest one-time donation in the NDSU Development Foundation’s history.

Announced Sept. 27, the Sanford Health gift is the cornerstone for the $12 million fundraising campaign. A $7.5 million basketball and wrestling arena, and an eight-lane indoor track highlight the initiative.

Sanford Health president and CEO Kelby Krabbenhoft said, “We are building something special together on a great tradition of top level academic and athletic performance at NDSU. We are creating opportunities for outstanding Division I competition while promoting fitness and wellness for our youth and their families.”

Scheels announced its gift on Dec. 17 at the Scheels flagship store in Fargo. “On behalf of Scheels and the School family we are pleased to help NDSU athletes move to the next level in facilities,” said Scheels CEO Steve Scheel. “Our gift will play a small part in improving the facilities and surrounding area, including a track and field venue, into a true Division I athletic complex. It will serve as the “front door” welcoming student-athletes and campus visitors to the new facility.”

President Dean L. Bresciani said NDSU commands a powerful niche as a student focused, land-grant research university, where athletes play an important role. “Sanford’s generosity, and more importantly the sense of partnership, is critical to our ability to continue to serve our students and our state,” he said. “We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Scheels and the School family. Their gift is a substantial and important step in the completion of a project that will be positive for NDSU and North Dakota for many, many years to come.”

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American Indian students for a career in one of the engineering disciplines.

Through the program, students from reservations begin their studies at a local tribal college and then transfer to a collaborating four-year institution to complete their degrees and gain useful experience through professors, professional societies and on-campus experiences.

“The heart of the proposal is the innovation of tribal high school, tribal college, mainstream university and engineering profession stakeholders to facilitate recruitment, education and support of tribal students. We want the students to acquire and hone the skills that allow them to enter the engineering profession or contribute in some other fashion to their communities and the nation,” said Robert Piet, NDSU tribal college partnership coordinator and principal investigator. G. Palmaanuban, professor of civil engineering, is co-principal investigator.

Piet said the program includes a “conceptual curriculum” that will address access to remedial work, use of cohorts, flexibility in the approach to courses and relevance to local communities. During spring semester, he is teaching the first engineering class of the program to multiple sites using teleconference resources. In addition, engineering faculty members have been hired at several tribal colleges to support the effort.

Other collaborations are in South Dakota, Wisconsin and Montana.

The North Dakota Legislature will decide on funding for the $64 million project in the two-year budget that begins July 1, 2011.

A two-court basketball practice facility will be added to the southwest corner of the existing structure. The 6,300-seat addition will house student performance facilities, including strength training, sports medicine and rehabilitation areas. The renovated BSA also will have an athletic academic center for student athletes.

“These wonderful gifts will bring us closer to completing some very critical facility needs that will positively impact our athletes, coaches, fans and staff for years to come,” said Gene Taylor, director of athletics.

Scheels is based in Fargo, and its stores in Sioux Falls, S.D., is the largest, rural, not-for-profit healthcare system in the nation with a presence in 18 communities in eight states. Scheels has 23 stores in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana, Wisconsin and Nevada.

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A collaboration of North Dakota universities and colleges has been awarded a $4.8 million grant from the National Science Foundation for a five-year program to improve the diversity and education of engineering graduates in the state.

The North Dakota E3E collaborates with North Dakota State University, Sitting Bull College and St. Francis, Berthold Community College. The title of North Dakota’s proposal was “FREED: 2+2+2+Infinity: Pipeline for Tribal Pre-Engineering to Society.”

The collaboration, one of only four in the nation, is part of an initiative to bring four-year engineering schools together with tribal colleges to develop methods to attract, prepare and support underrepresented
NDSU, African university awarded $1.1 million grant

NDSU has been awarded a $1.1 million grant for an innovative partnership with Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The grant was made through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Higher Education for Development partnerships.

NDSU and Makerere University are working on research involving global human and animal pandemic diseases that could jeopardize food security. At least 70 percent of the human and animal pathogens affecting global trade are found in sub-Saharan Africa, which gives researchers a rare opportunity to learn about those disease threats. The universities will develop a coordinated surveillance system and establish centers of excellence for effective solutions in assessment, communication and response to potential outbreaks.

"North Dakota is a major exporter of agricultural and related products. Assuring the safety of products is vital to the state’s customers around the world. This work provides us an opportunity to interact and work with potential emerging pathogens, said D.C. Costen, vice president for agriculture and university Extension. Working with colleagues in Uganda, we have the opportunity to be prepared should those pathogens spread around the world and potentially end up in North Dakota. This research will allow North Dakota to have answers ready."

The partnership idea was generated by Margaret Khattra, associate professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, who is a graduate and former lecturer at Makerere University.

According to Khattra, students benefit by learning from faculty who are researching real world health issues. Previously, the universities offered students from NDSU and other U.S. universities a one-month summer experience in Uganda. Student feedback from the program led administrators to look for collaborative projects, such as the joint master’s degree program between NDSU and Makerere University that is in the approval process.

"The original intention of this program was to broaden students’ experiences so that they gain the skills necessary to apply for careers internationally with agencies such as the World Health Organization or the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service," she said. "As a result of this program, students have had a distinct advantage over other students applying to professional schools because of their global experience."

The partnership is part of the Africa U.S. Higher Education Initiative, a collaboration among higher education associations and other organizations led by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. It was one of 11 grants selected from 33 proposals.

Ladd Legacy celebration planned

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NDSU Visual and Cognitive Neuroscience Center awarded $10.7 million grant

A major federal grant will allow NDSU’s Center for Visual and Cognitive Neuroscience to enhance its leading-edge research. The five-year, $10.7 million competitive grant renewed comes from the National Center for Research Resources, a component of the National Institutes of Health.

"This grant will sustain support for numerous research projects devoted to an enhanced understanding of the brain processes of normal and disorders and perception and cognition," said Mark E. McCourt, professor of psychology and center director, noting the latest round sustains essential multi-user core laboratory facilities in high-density EEG, immersive virtual reality and driving simulations. The center was established in 2006 with an $8 million Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant award. Faculty, students and staff at the CVCN are engaged in a variety of research projects, including investigating how memory and attention affect cognitive abilities; how implicit process visual information; how aging affects vision and cognition; how humans are able to use a type of depth perception called motion parallax; how hearing and vision are integrated in multimodal working memory which holds small amounts of information in the brain for quick access and action; and research on developing devices to aid visually impaired people.

The grant also supports graduate and undergraduate students, technical and administrative staff, postdoctoral fellows and visiting scientists involved in research projects.

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NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani said parents and students recognize and appreciate NDSU’s value. "NDSU, as a top 100 research university, offers students the opportunity to participate in the process of creating knowledge. Our students are in the labs and in classrooms with top faculty, at an institution that is uniquely focused on students and research," he said.

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DENNIS JOHNSON, MD, PhD, animal sciences, retired as a scientist at the West Central Research and Outreach Center in Moorhead, Minn.

DON HOFSTRA, BS '69, mechanical engineer, is a retired operations manager for the Military Electronic Systems Group at General Dynamics Fort Worth. He continues to work with United Technologies in New Britain, Conn.

HOWARD C. ANDERSON, MA, pharmacy, was named honorary president of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. He is the executive director of the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy in Bismarck. He lives in Turtle Lake, N.D., and owns Drug Days in Minot.

MICHAEL DREW, BS '64, education administration, was selected for the West Fargo High School Hall of Fame. He was principal of the high school from 1979 to 1988.

NEIL QUALY, BS '71, MS '75, agronomy sciences, retired after 33 years as a buyer for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. He began his career at Cattalo-Brown in Minot, N.D., and was previously with Coopers and Lybrand in Minneapolis, Minn. He lives in Belgrade, Mont.

MIKE SATHER, BS '69, MS '71, pharmacy, is the district of the Department of Veteran Affairs Cooperative Studies Program Research and Services Coordinating Center in Shreveport, La., which received the 2010 President's National Malala Fund. He is the highest-rated national quality award and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The center also received the Quality News North 20 Award, the highest-rated national quality award in the Midwest, and the Virginia Quality Award, the highest-rated national quality award in the Southeast.

JAY BURNETT, MS '70, business economics, retired after 50 years of teaching. For the past 25 years, he served as academic director and English professor at Hope College in Holland, Mich.

ALTON RESSELL, BS '72, MLP, political science, was named to the Delaware Legislative Alumni Hall of Fame in 2010. He also authored the 50th anniversary of his firm, Stahl Architects and Builders in Fargo.

JOHN WELCH, BS '70, economics, faculty, died at age 86 after 48 years of teaching. For the past 25 years, he served as academic director at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

70's

KENNETH HEIN, BS '70, agronomy sciences, was named president of Old Dominion State Bank and Trust Co. in Lincoln. He is a past president of the Lincoln Professional Business Association, and he has been named to Who's Who in America.

TIM BEATTIE, BS '77, history and education administration, is the president and CEO of KIDSight, the organization that runs the Free Dental Clinics of North Dakota. He is also the founder of JD2U, Inc. (Moorhead), a local technology firm.

MASS ABBOTTS, BS '77, MS '80, MR, agronomy, was named to the dean’s list at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. He is a graduate research assistant at Purdue University's Great Plains Research Laboratory in Manhattan, Kan.

MATT SANFORD, BS '74, MS '76, agriculture, was named to the dean’s list at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. He is a research technician at the North Dakota State University in Fargo.

SHARON MILLER, BS '78, agronomy sciences, is a registered agricultural counselor in North Dakota. She is a former district sales representative for the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

JUDY ROYAL, BS '74, agronomy sciences, is a registered agricultural counselor in North Dakota. She is a former district sales representative for the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

CARA (KOREN) FUNK, BS '77, nursing, was named a member of the North Dakota Nurses Hall of Fame. She is a nurse at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

SARAH SUSANKA. The design and building company employees six people, and specializes in small and mid-sized projects. Jim Stahl is the founder and CEO of Stahl Architects and Builders in Fargo.

KURT GUNNING, MS '76, nursing, is a nurse at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. She is a former district sales representative for the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

VANESSA BIANCA DOMENICO, BS '78, Russian, is a settlement coordinator for the Minnesota Housing Finance Authority. She is the former Russian post for the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

WILLIAM MARLICK, Jr., MD, PhD, is currently a professor of human development and family studies at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

DAVID STRATTON, BS '76, mechanical engineer, is the managing director of the Fargo-Moorhead Personnel Association, Boy Scouts, AAU Youth for Christ, West Fargo Exchange Club, Metro Youth Partnership, the Chamber’s most prestigious awards, the honor recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the community in the arts and sciences.

TERRY BOSAL, BS '83, civil engineering, joined the transportation department at Minnesota Department of Transportation. He is a project manager for the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

DEBRA NEWELL, BS '84, agricultural sciences, is a senior loan officer for Blue Valley Credit Union in Sibley, Minn.

DAVID FREDERICK, BS '88, biology, is an agriculture teacher at Dakota Valley High School in Estelline, S.D. He is a former district sales representative for the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

NORA KELLEY, MS '93, agricultural economics, is a research economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She is a former district sales representative for the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

BRAD HAFNER, BS '90, computer science, is a software engineer at IBM in Arden Hills, Minn. He is a former district sales representative for the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

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BRAD FIECHNER, BS '68, civil engineering, is a project manager for the City of Hoquiam, Wash. He is a former district sales representative for the University of Minnesota in St. Paul.

DOUGLAS H. JOHNSON, BS '88, civil engineering, is a senior engineer at North Dakota State University. He received his degree from North Dakota State University in Fargo.
AARON KELLY, 89, architecture, was honored as 89th principal and executive director of the IIDA office in Los Angeles. Kelly has served more than 11 years on the Board of Directors for the National Society of Interior Designers (NSID). The company manufactures挞ih designs.

JOSIE (MALENUICH) OLSQ, 81, civil engineering, was named a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) for her contributions to the chemical engineering profession.

REBECCA HUMBLER, 81, interior design, joined Symsom & Associates as a director.

STEVEN OAKES, 80, recreation management, is a charitable advisor for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans at the Fargo regional office, where he continues to work as an independent consultant.

JAMIE (BUSHCUTT) SATRIO, 81, business administration, is the co-founder and chief executive officer of a new licensed architect. She is also project architect with Clark Architects in Moorhead.

JASON WURST, 81, fine art, is a visual artist who resides in a studio in Mandan.

JOHN ROSENHEIM, 81, mechanical engineering, joined Johnson Controls as a director. The company manufactures挞ih designs.

TODD WASH, 81, physics, was recognized for his role in the development of the first thermonuclear fusion reactor.

NICOLE (VOLLHUTH) BAKESGARD, 81, MIA, business administration, joined Bank First in Fargo as a community and commercial manager.

DAN JOHNSON, 81, agricultural economics, is the regional director of crop insurance for Choice Financial at the bank's Grand Forks, N.D., office.

CHERI (RASHMUSSEN) GERKIN, 81, psychology, GNA, child development and family science, was named outstanding development professional at Grand Forks State University.

JARED NEJES, 81, mathematics, MIA, environmental science, was named spokesperson of the District Bank.

COTY TOMPINS, 80, mass communication, was named executive director of the North Dakota State Fair.

JENNIFER (DOHRMANN) DEHNER, 79, MIA, business administration, joined the Sioux Falls, S.D., office of TSP, a regional architecture, engineering, planning and construction firm.

ERIN MAYO, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

NANCY SULLIVAN, 79, MIA, civil engineering, was named a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). She is a retired professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

MATTHEW MILLER, 79, political science, joined the development office of The Village, a Fargo-based mental health agency. He previously worked for Phoenix Bank.

JUSTIN DAY, 79, electrical engineering, is a designer engineer for Fargo Electric. He has been a team leader with the company for more than 11 years.

SHANNON SCHLECHT, 79, MIA, architectural science, is a partner at Energy Design Collaborative in Bismarck. She is a manager of the energy performance team.

JACOB JACOBS, 79, law, was named as the co-chair of the firm’s environmental practice group.

SHARON VAN TRUM, 79, accounting, works in the accounting department of the firm.

DONALD-DAMBERGER, 79, electrical engineering, is a consulting engineer.

BRAD BOODER, 79, environmental science, was named a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He is a retired professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

NICK BUTTS, 79, engineering, MIA, electrical engineering, is a consultant for a number of local and national companies.

RACHEL JONES, 79, business administration, joined Minneapolis-based Champions of the Arts.

BRENDAN McPORTL, 79, environmental science, is a consultant for a number of local and national companies.

STEVEN (PETTIS) MCCORD, 79, electrical engineer, was named a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He is a retired professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

STEPHANIE DAVID, 79, pharmacology, joined the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

LYNNE (HUSCHKA) DEVIT, 79, English, was named a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). She is a retired professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

JOSHUA JOHNSON, 79, landscape architecture and environmental design, joined the Ennis, Texas, office.

SHERRI (GREEN) MILLER, 79, organization and management, joined the Bismarck office.

SANDY KASPER, 79, health care administration, was named a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). She is a retired professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

MAUREEN KASPER, 79, public relations, joined the Fargo office.

DANIEL ABELN, 79, mechanical engineering, joined the Bismarck office.

JEROME YOUNG, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

TIMOTHY JARMAN, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

BRAD KRAMER, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

HUMBERTO STONE, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

JACQUELINE (POLZ) SCHMIDT, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

JOHN ROGENHEIM, 79, mechanical engineering, joined Johnson Controls as a director. The company manufactures挞ih designs.

EUGENE (TAYLOR) RAMSAY, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

STEVEN (PETTIS) MCCORD, 79, electrical engineer, was named a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He is a retired professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

ELIZABETH SULLIVAN, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

BRAD KRAMER, 79, law, was named a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

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JARVIS KRAMER, 69, a test engineer at Red River Software in Fargo, N.D., was held Dec. 18 in Fargo.

RICHARD BAUM, 80, of 7757 N. Benbak Ave., Detroit Lakes, Minn., was held Nov. 27 in Detroit Lakes.

LINDA KUMMERMANN, 90, of 10120 32nd St. S.W., Fargo, was held Nov. 20 in Detroit Lakes.

WILLIAM BARB, 87, of 8437 30th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Nov. 20 in Fargo.

LESLIE BLAKE, 68, of 9705 24th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Nov. 20 in Bismarck.

GORDON LOKKE, 89, of 3825 42nd Ave. N.W., Fargo, was held in Bismarck.

FLOYD RIEY, 90, of 874 12th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Oct. 12 in Grand Forks.

JIM STONE, 61, of 7305 42nd Ave. N.W., Fargo, was held Oct. 26 in Bismarck.

BOBBIE TANNER, 80, of 3711 12th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Oct. 26 in Bismarck.

ROBERT BLOOM, 81, of 104 2nd Ave. E., Mandan, was held Oct. 26 in Bismarck.

DARRELL JOHNSTON, 74, of 4200 33rd Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Oct. 13 in Bismarck.

LESLIE THOMPSON, 77, of 4814 43rd Ave. N.W., Fargo, was held Oct. 6 in Bismarck.

DOROTHY M. BIER, 87, of 131 23rd Ave. E., Fargo, was held Oct. 4 in Bismarck.

MAURICE HEDDEN, 80, of 500 2nd Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Oct. 2 in Bismarck.

FREDERICK W. LINDGREN, 92, of 202 29th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Sept. 27 in Bismarck.

J. EDWARD SCHUT, 72, of 3802 15th Ave. E., Mandan, was held Sept. 13 in Bismarck.

RAYMOND KOEHLER, 83, of 5605 27th Ave. N.W., Fargo, was held Aug. 29 in Bismarck.

WILLIAM ROLFE, 73, of 2209 5th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Aug. 23 in Bismarck.

DAVID FOLKMER, 91, of 768 13th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Aug. 20 in Bismarck.

LOIS DAVIS, 82, of 3806 28th Ave. N.W., Fargo, was held Aug. 13 in Bismarck.

ROBERT McKEE, 81, of 420 1st St. S.W., Mandan, was held Aug. 11 in Bismarck.

WILLIAM BROWN, 84, of 3301 26th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held Aug. 7 in Bismarck.

LOIS WILKINSON, 80, of 1334 14th Ave. E., Mandan, was held Aug. 5 in Bismarck.

SHARON BLEE, 86, of 401 14th Ave. E., Mandan, was held Aug. 5 in Bismarck.

GEORGE WOLSON, 89, of 2131 17th Ave. E., Mandan, was held Aug. 3 in Bismarck.

ROBERT M. RALPH, 77, of 1891 13th Ave. E., Mandan, was held July 31 in Bismarck.

JEROME L. HAMBURGER, 77, of 1400 3rd Ave. SE, Bismarck, was held July 25 in Bismarck.

RICHARD L. NELSON, 92, of 1905 14th Ave. E., Mandan, was held July 19 in Bismarck.

RICHARD M. JENKINS, 80, of 1331 15th Ave. E., Mandan, was held July 16 in Bismarck.

JAMES D. ACKER, 84, of 4790 26th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held July 13 in Bismarck.

CLIFFORD JANZEN, 92, of 2304 14th Ave. E., Mandan, was held July 5 in Bismarck.

ROBERT M. RALPH, 59, of 2200 14th Ave. E., Mandan, was held June 29 in Bismarck.

EDWARD MAY, 83, of 530 1st St. N.W., Fargo, was held June 21 in Bismarck.

RAYMOND KOEHLER, 76, of 1307 33rd Ave. N.W., Fargo, was held June 19 in Bismarck.

ROBERT McKEE, 82, of 600 33rd Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held June 12 in Bismarck.

ANDREW COGGILL, 82, of 600 33rd Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held June 4 in Bismarck.

PHIL PINARD, 83, of 204 13th Ave. E., Mandan, was held May 29 in Bismarck.

BRUCE J. DAVIS, 85, of 510 1st St. S.W., Mandan, was held May 17 in Bismarck.

RICHARD L. WITTRY, 89, of 2200 16th Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held May 12 in Bismarck.

RICHARD E. WATKINS, 85, of 341 15th Ave. E., Mandan, was held April 30 in Bismarck.

BERNIE RUSSEL, 89, of 580 3rd St. N.W., Fargo, was held April 29 in Bismarck.

WILLIAM O. BASS, 84, of 420 1st St. S.W., Mandan, was held April 26 in Bismarck.

JAMES M. BALEY, 74, of 840 2nd Ave. S.W., Fargo, was held April 20 in Bismarck.

ROBERT W. HEDSTRUM, 81, of 1503 17th Ave. E., Mandan, was held April 11 in Bismarck.

LYNN HEDGES, 80, of 104 2nd Ave. S.W., Mandan, was held April 9 in Bismarck.

LAURENCE K. DUBE, 82, of 1906 14th Ave. E., Mandan, was held April 1 in Bismarck.
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Outstanding alumna to be honored at Alumni Awards Celebration

The NDSU Alumni Association announces the 2011 recipients of the NDSU Alumni Awards. They will be presented at the Alumni Awards Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Fargo-Hilton Garden Inn. All alumni and friends are invited. Tickets are $50. Visit www.ndsualumni.com or contact Emily or Kim at 701-231-6808.

JULIE PFOYKO-POST, ’77, M’91, veterinary medicine and community organization, was the mayor of the city of West Fargo, N.D. She also worked as a business consultant and served as the executive director of the Fargo-Moorhead Area Community Foundation.

LAURENCE J. TAYLOR, ’66, ’71, pharmacy, owned and operated a pharmacy in Grand Forks, N.D. While in the pharmacy business, he was active in the RVP, American Legion and the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association. He lived in Grand Forks.

ELEANOR (JOHN) TOMLINSON, 47, ’47, ’48, nursing education, taught in the school district and was a nurse teacher in North Dakota State University and later gained a permanent position at Horizon Home Senior High School in Los Angeles. She was a past president of the Los Angeles Philanthropic Association. She lived in Camarillo, Calif.

JAMES TIBBETT, ’71, ’74, veterinarian, opened 51 Dog Spay in Fargo in 1984. Known as “The Dog Man,” he was a Navy reservist who was a member of the VFW and American Legion. He lived in Fargo.

MARK TOWBERMAN, 79, ’72, ’74, architecture, was employed by Secession Resources and Construction Co. and also worked for a number of architectural and design firms in the Bismarck-Mandan area. He lived in Bismarck, N.D.

GENEVIEVE (RAISLED) TRENKA, 64, ’63, ’64, home economics teacher, taught in Colorado, N.D., allowing her graduation from NDSU. She was a proud Irish, sonatas and the only person who knows Dental Lakes, Minn., after the birth of death.

CHARLES WAGNER, 64, ’67, ’70, mathematics, was an independent studies for life and health insurance. He was twice named Man of the Year by the Fargo-Moorhead Life Underwriters Association and received 11 National Quality Health awards. He lived in Manhattan.

RICHARD WARD, ’71, ’75, psychology, taught biology in Moline, Ill., and Fargo State High School before retiring in 1994. He lived in Fargo.

ARTHUR WICKHAM, 46, ’67, ’68, accountant, was a.decendant Army veteran, served tours in Europe, Korea and Vietnam. After retiring as an administrative controller in 1994, he served for the Postal Service for 24 years. He resided in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

ZETTA (HORGAN) WILKES, ’41, ’42, ’43, theater, owned a Matinee Cinema and later went to Campbell, Calif. She lived in Madison, Wis., after the birth of death.


WILLIAM WOODRUFF, 86, ’86, engineering, retired from the Soil Conservation Service after a 21-year career. He lived for many years in Fargo and taught in West Fargo, Minn.

WILLIAM ZICK, 65, ’65, ’66, athletic training, was an assistant professor and head coach manager for the Tennessee Smokies minor league baseball team. He lived in Davidson, Tenn.

HERITAGE AWARD recognizing alumni who have demonstrated outstanding service to NDSU

Mike and Joanne Warner Mike: BS 1972, pharmacy Joanne: BS 1976, professional education Owners, Warner Farms

Twin Cities Career Seminar planned

The Career Center and Alumni Association are partnering to present a Twin Cities Career Seminar on May 17. It is open to all NDSU graduates. Career professionals will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for one-on-one or resume critique appointments. At 4 p.m., there will be a career networking dinner. To provide valuable online applications, interviewing skills and using social media to secure professional opportunities, an information session will be held at the DoubleTree Minneapolis Park Place.

For more information, contact Marilyn at Marilyn@ndsualumni.com or 701-231-6808.

Alumni City Ambassadors ready to assist

If you are moving to a new city or just landed in a new city, following alumni are ready to assist you with your information about your new locale. There are 12 NDSU City Ambassadors across the U.S. who invite you to contact them directly to gain valuable community information about schools, neighbors, etc. For more info, visit the www.ndsualumni.com and click on “Services” then “NDSU City Ambassadors”
Novel examines frontier life in Dakota Territory

It was time for the hardy and the hopeful – an era wrapped in both disaster and desire. The setting is Dakota Territory in the late 19th century, and it’s the backstory for a new novel by NDSU alumna Brenda K. Marshall.

The novel, “Deacon, Or What’s a Pennsylvania Farmer” published by the North Dakota Governor’s Office of Regional Studies, was celebrated Nov. 4 with a book release party at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo.

In the novel’s 473 pages, Marshall paints a panoramic view of Dakota, while exploring frontier life fraught like no other. The energy and intrigues of the frontier are all here, ringing as true as a bell across the nation’s forests and parks.

The novel’s character development, however, is a more personal matter. It comes from the perspective of a woman named Montana. “I grew up in North Dakota with a population of 32, at that time,” said Marshall, who earned a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts and has lived in eight states during her adult life. “All of us are very much formed by where we are raised. There are such things as regional psyches, and the notion of being a North Dakotan is always primary with me.”

But, what does it mean to be a North Dakotan? Marshall has some clear ideas.

“If you are from the Dakota, you have a tendency to think of yourself as tough and independent,” she said. “We like our winters because it keeps the riff raff out; we think we are the only ones who can live through them. We have a sense of self-sufficiency, but also a sense of humor. We know how to laugh.”

That concept is a central theme of “Deacon, Or What’s a Pennsylvania Farmer,” intricately woven into a multi-tiered novel about the Northern Pacific Railroad, frontier politics, Bismarck’s town and the difficult life of everyday homesteaders.

“The book brings North Dakota history to life in a way like no other. The energy and intrigues of the frontier are all here, ringing as true as a bell across the years,” said Thomas Riley, director of the Institute for Regional Studies and dean of the NDSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Marshall previously wrote another novel, “Sonic,” published by Ballantine in 1996 and another book, “Teaching the Fortuneteller: Fiction and Theory,” in 1992. She also has a new novel under way – she has compiled two years of notes and 50 pages of prose that may or may not end up in the final piece.

“I like being in the classroom; that’s why I teach. But, being in the classroom one semester out of two is pretty darn rewarding,” Marshall said when asked about teaching for the future. “I see myself first and foremost from now on as someone who writes fiction.”

Marshall and her longtime partner, Valerie, live on 45-acre property near Ann Arbor, Mich. They have two homes, two dogs and an indoor garden.

“Deacon, Or What’s a Pennsylvania Farmer?” is available at www.ndsu.edu/ahss/ndirs. Additional information about the book and author can be found at www.brendakmarshallauthor.com.

Calendar of Events

May
14 Alumni Awards Celebration 6 p.m., Fargo Hilton Garden Inn
14 Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Commencement 10 a.m., Fargodome

June
28 BisonArts Gala 5:30 p.m., Fargo

July
10 Volta Golf Scramble and Steak Fry Vola, N.D.

September
24 NDSU Bison vs. Minnesota Gophers Minneapolis
28-30 Homecoming week

October
1 Homecoming week continued
28 NDSU Harvest Bowl 6:30 p.m., Fargo

Alumna goes from NDSU stage to television show executive

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Two named to fraternity Hall of Fame

Two NDSU alumni have been inducted into the Delta Gamma Rho Hall of Fame. Jack Brown, BS ’90, agricultural education, MS ’93, agricultural economics, and Allan E. Johnson, BS ’84, agronomy, received the honors during Delta Gamma Rho’s annual meeting and Luncheon on August 14 at St. Louis, Mo.

During his career, Brown worked to form the Federal National Mortgage Corp., also known as Farm Mac, a sister company of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. He retired in 2006. Brown was a member of the fraternity’s Heritage Club and Satyr Allocation Committee, and also served as director of the Educational Foundation. He lives in Godfrey, Ariz.

John M. Osowski, BS ’70, mechanical engineering

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