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## Bison men's basketball team heading to NCAA 'Big Dance'

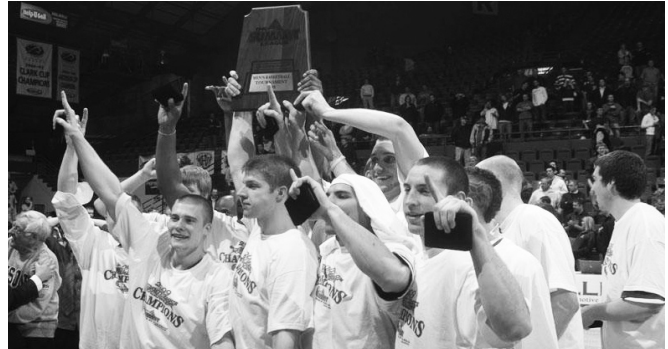
For the first time, the Bison men's basketball team is going to an NCAA Division I basketball tournament. NDSU defeated Oakland University 66-64 on March 10 to win the Summit League tournament and an automatic berth in the so-called "Big Dance."

Senior Ben Woodside was named the Summit League tournament Most Valuable Player, and senior Brett Winkelman also was named to the all-tournament team.

"I looked at the clock and said this is it. I didn't do anything; kind of missed my moment," said coach Saul Phillips during his post-game comments when asked about his reaction to Woodside making a jump shot with three seconds remaining to seal the win. "I just went back and kissed my wife and kissed my kids."

Phillips added, "Right now I'm enjoying the tournament. I don't care, you can seed us wherever you want, you can put us anywhere you want. We are in the tournament!"

Woodside is one of five seniors who redshirted earlier in their careers as the Bison started to transition from Division II to I. They were targeting this season, hoping to take one good shot at an NCAA tournament bid.



*The Bison celebrate winning the Summit League tournament championship in Sioux Falls, S.D., on March 10.*

"As a team, we've worked hard to get this," Woodside said after the game. "We'll take it a day at a time no matter who we're playing. We're just going to enjoy this moment and when it's time to get down to business, we'll get down to business."

The Bison, with a record of 26-6 and the Summit League's regular season champions, are in their first season of eligibility for the NCAA Division I tournament.

## Legislative showcase features NDSU Libraries



*NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman, Dean of Libraries Michele Reid, and Development Foundation President Frank Jennings in front of the NDSU Libraries display at the NDUS Legislative Showcase.*

NDSU Dean of Libraries Michele Reid, members of her staff and Public Relations Director Laurie Baker were at the State Capitol in Bismarck on March 4 to take part in the biannual Higher Education Showcase, sponsored by the Public Affairs Council of the North Dakota University System.

The showcase featured exhibits and activities from all 11 North Dakota colleges and universities. It is presented every two years during the legislative session in order to give legislators a first-hand look at some of the contributions the university system makes to North Dakota's people, culture and economy. NDSU Libraries, including the Institute for Regional Studies and the Germans From Russia Heritage Collection, and the Agriculture Extension Service represented the university.

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### Development Foundation accepting grant applications

The Grants and Awards Committee is accepting applications from faculty and staff. The deadline is April 1. Forms for all awards are available at [www.ndsufoundation.com/grants.htm](http://www.ndsufoundation.com/grants.htm).

### Impact Award nominations sought

Nominations are being accepted for the 2008-09 President's Diversity Council Impact Award. Nomination forms are available at [www.ndsu.edu/diversity/documents.html](http://www.ndsu.edu/diversity/documents.html).

### Applicants sought for GraSUS II fellowships

Applications are being accepted for the 2009-10 GraSUS-II fellows. Applications are available at [www.ndsu.edu/grasus](http://www.ndsu.edu/grasus). The application deadline is March 27.

### Staff Recognition Luncheon set for Thursday, April 9

Human Resources/Payroll is sponsoring the annual Staff Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, April 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the Memorial Union Great Plains room. Register by March 30 by calling 1-8961.

The BisonArts Singers provided a noontime concert, with a special appearance by NDSU Student Body President Joe Heilman on his accordion. Musical groups from two other institutions also performed. Gov. John Hoeven, North Dakota University System Chancellor William Goetz, several college and university presidents including NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman and many legislators visited the displays. Baker and Agriculture Communications Director Becky Koch serve on the NDUS Public Affairs Council.

## Abstracts sought for Graduate Research and Arts Forum

NDSU graduate students are invited to present research, teaching, outreach and creative endeavors in the first annual NDSU Graduate Research and Arts Forum on March 25 in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. The event is sponsored by the NDSU Graduate Student Association.

All research, creative, teaching, or outreach projects are welcome. Each participant will have a surface on which to display either a poster (research, teaching, outreach) or static visual arts piece (creative). Maximum dimensions are 48" x 60." Forum organizers will attempt to make other types of presentations of creative endeavors possible if indicated on the registration form. Each entry must be accompanied by a registration form and abstract. Participants may submit more than one entry, but registration forms should be completed for each individual abstract.

Abstracts should be no longer than 200 words (not including title or authors) and should be one paragraph in length (no breaks or multiple paragraphs). They should be written in a style appropriate for your field and must contain a concise description of the research, creative effort, teaching or outreach program. Each abstract should include the graduate student as lead author and other collaborators if desired. E-mail abstracts as a Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) with registration forms to [info@ndsugsa.com](mailto:info@ndsugsa.com).

The registration form is available at [www.ndsugsa.com/gradforum](http://www.ndsugsa.com/gradforum). Contact Allison Meyer at [allison.m.meyer@ndsu.edu](mailto:allison.m.meyer@ndsu.edu) for more information.

## NDSU Service Seminar students seek contributions

Students participating in the NDSU Service Seminar will travel to La Antigua, Guatemala, in May to build homes. The trip is in collaboration with The God's Child Project, a service organization based in Bismarck, N.D.

The group is seeking donations of new or gently used children's clothing and toys. Soccer balls, jump ropes and other outdoor activity toys are best. Drop off donation items at the Volunteer Network in the Memorial Union. Items will be accepted until May 1.

The NDSU Service Seminar is a three-credit, service-learning course listed through the sociology department. It provides students with an understanding of social justice and cultural issues pertaining to Guatemalan society.

## NDSU launches 'Eat Smart. Play Hard.' magazine

The NDSU Extension Service and Bison Athletics have launched a magazine to celebrate March, National Nutrition Month.

"Eat Smart. Play Hard. Together" contains information to help families lead more healthful, active lives. It brings together the expertise of faculty across NDSU with articles that range from making time for family meals to saving money on gas when driving children to activities.

The magazine also includes information on budget-friendly activities; sports nutrition; dealing with bullying; how families can garden for fun; cooking tips and recipes for busy families; and activity sheets for kids.

The magazine is available online at [www.ndsu.edu/eatsmart](http://www.ndsu.edu/eatsmart) or through county Extension offices. You also might read a copy in places such as clinics, your doctor or dentist's office, fitness centers and libraries.

"We are excited to share this publication in both print and Web formats," says Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU Extension food and nutrition specialist. "We hope that people also will visit our newly updated Web site to access our other educational resources and to interact with us through our Facebook presence."

The magazine is one of the latest elements of a statewide initiative that NDSU Extension and Bison Athletics began in 2005. The "Eat Smart. Play Hard." campaign includes a video featuring Thundar, the Bison mascot; 4-H club recognition program; poster contests for kids; and classroom lessons for kids with newsletters for parents.

"NDSU Athletics is proud to be a part of the 'Eat Smart. Play Hard.' program," says Troy Goergen, associate athletic director. "We hope the magazine has a positive impact on young people and families across North Dakota."

NDSU Extension and Bison Athletics are looking into the possibility of publishing another edition of the magazine next year.

## Applicants sought for GraSUS II fellowship

Applications are being accepted for the 2009-10 Graduate Student University School (GraSUS-II) fellows. Fellows work with science and math teachers and students in area middle and high schools. Graduate and undergraduate students from the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields are encouraged to apply. Consideration also will be given to students pursuing education degrees in science, math and related fields.

Stipends are provided to both graduate and undergraduate fellows, in addition to full tuition waivers for graduate fellows. Applications are available at [www.ndsu.edu/grasus](http://www.ndsu.edu/grasus) or at the Center for Science and Mathematics Education in FLC 314. The deadline for submission of completed application packets is March 27.

Contact Kim McVicar at 1-7336 or [kim.mcvicar@ndsu.edu](mailto:kim.mcvicar@ndsu.edu) or Doğan Çomez at 1-7490 or [dogan.comez@ndsu.edu](mailto:dogan.comez@ndsu.edu) for more information.

## DIVERSITY

## NDSU to celebrate International Week events

NDSU will celebrate International Week March 29 to April 3. The annual weeklong series, sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the International Student Association, is designed to explore and celebrate diversity from around the world.

During the week, an international photography essay contest is planned, with the photos and essays on display in the Hub area of the Memorial Union lower level. Submitted photos and essays will represent cultural events, scenic landscapes and historical monuments. In addition, students will decorate residence halls to represent countries from around the world. Winners of both contests will be announced at International Night festivities on Friday, April 3.

### Sunday, March 29

The documentary, "American Herro," will premiere in Memorial Union Century Theater. A story about a woman's journey as a refugee in Iraq to America, Herro overcomes her frightening first years to eventually achieve the American dream. The film will be shown at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. with a film discussion at 3 p.m. Documentary filmmaker Kirk Roos and Herro Mustafa will be present to talk about the filmmaking process, the Mustafa family story and to take questions from the audience.

### Monday, March 30

An International Expo is planned for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Room. Students will display information and a variety of cultural items, including traditional crafts, writings and art from their home countries.

The opening ceremony and Parade of Nations are set for 11 a.m. in the Memorial Union Great Room. President Joseph A. Chapman and International Student Association president Girish Uprety are scheduled start International Week. Students carrying the flags of their home countries will parade through the Memorial Union.

The presentation "Life in the Foreign Service" by Herro Mustafa is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. in Century Theater. Mustafa fled Iraq as a young child and settled with her family in Minot, N.D. She will share her experiences working in the White House and the U.S. State Department under two administrations. She is the senior adviser to the Middle East for Vice President Joseph Biden.

"Uganda Study Abroad Night" is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Century Theater. Learn about a unique summer study abroad program in Uganda through the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences. Discover more about the program through dance, a fashion show and a slide show. A silent auction is planned, and alumni of the summer program will tell about their life-changing experiences.

### Tuesday, March 31

A passport drive is planned in the Memorial Union Great room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fargo Post Office staff will be available to process passport applications. To sign up for an appointment time, contact the Office of International Programs at 1-7895, in person or at [www.ndsu.edu/international](http://www.ndsu.edu/international).

The presentation, "The Impact of Globalization on the World Welfare," by Won Koo, professor of agribusiness and applied economics, is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. in the Prairie Rose room. Koo will focus on emerging issues related to globalization and the impact on global welfare.

"African Soul, American Heart," a documentary film that follows Joseph Akol Makeer, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, as he returns home after 20 years, will be shown at 2 p.m. in Century Theater. The screening will be preceded by a short overview of Sudan's history and Makeer's life. A question and answer period will follow the film.

"Learn to Dance-Salsa!" is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Prairie Rose room. Partners are not required for the lessons.

### Wednesday, April 1

The annual Study Abroad Fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great room. Program representatives and exchange students will discuss study abroad opportunities and programs offered at NDSU. Visitors can register for raffle prizes and refreshments will be served.

"International Marriages: Love Among Diverse Cultures," a brown bag seminar sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU, is planned for noon in the Memorial Union Arikara room. NDSU staff and students in cross-cultural marriages or relationships will speak about how they met, how their families feel about their relationships, the daily exposure to two cultures and struggles they face.

A showing of the movie, "The Kite Runner," is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Century Theater. Based on an acclaimed novel, it is a story of friendship, family, devastating mistakes and redeeming love. In a country on the verge of war, two childhood friends, Amir and Hassan, are torn apart forever. In Dari with English subtitles, the movie is sponsored by Campus Attractions.

### Thursday, April 2

An international buffet is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the NDSU Alumni Center. Enjoy a variety of foods from around the world with recipes from NDSU international students. Tickets are \$8. Contact the Office of International Programs at 1-7895 for information or to purchase tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

### Friday, April 3

The presentation, "The Himalayan Mystique: Where Earth Meets the Sky," by Girish Uprety, is scheduled for 11 a.m. to noon in Century Theater. Of the 14 highest peaks in the world, eight are located in the Himalayan range of Nepal. Uprety will take the audience on a virtual hiking expedition from Fargo to the top of Mount Everest, and discuss the culture, traditions and success of the Sherpas in this region, and the difficulties of living in the shadow of Everest.

"How Study Abroad Changed My Life" is planned for noon to 1 p.m. in Century Theater. During the panel presentation, former NDSU study abroad students will discuss how study abroad experiences affected their lives.

International Night is set for 7 p.m. in Century Theater. The International Student Association will sponsor a variety show featuring songs, dances and theater skits from around the globe. Tickets are \$8 and available from the Office of International Programs, Memorial Union 116, or from any International Student Association officer.



## NDSU community invited to FORWARD lectures

All members of the NDSU community are invited to attend two lectures on faculty advancement. Christine Hult, associate dean in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at Utah State University, and Susan Carlson, associate provost for faculty advancement and diversity at Iowa State University, will deliver the initial lectures that are part of NDSU's Advance FORWARD project. Members of FORWARD's external advisory board will deliver each lecture.

Hult will present "Low Cost High Impact: Suggesting for Warming the Campus Climate for Women," on Thursday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Plains room. Carlson will present "An Architecture for Institutional Transformation at ISU: People and Policy, Data and Dissemination," on Friday, March 27, at noon in the Memorial Union Plains room.

A free lunch will be served. Registration is required. To make a reservation, go to [www.ndsu.edu/forward](http://www.ndsu.edu/forward), click on the registration link and complete the registration form. The registration deadline is March 20.

Carlson and Hult have worked with the National Science Foundation Advance funding in their own institutions. Their presentations will draw on that experience.

## Chair of Global Media Group to give World iView presentation

Corey Kiefer, chair of China Global Media Group, will present "Consequences of a Shrinking World" on Thursday, March 26, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Century Theater.

Kiefer has had a diverse business career as an entrepreneur and executive manager in strategic business and content development with companies in product marketing, entertainment, new media and Internet industries in both the United States and Asia.

In Kiefer's presentation, he will discuss how historically distant and disconnected countries and cultures around the globe are now more interconnected and interdependent than ever before. While this creates many opportunities, it also creates communication and understanding challenges for businesspeople as we are increasingly more exposed to radically different cultural customs and psychologies.

## Social justice presentation set

Anisa Mehdi, Emmy award winning journalist and filmmaker specializing in Islam, will present "Being Arab or Muslim in America" on Monday, March 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Memorial Union Arikara room. The presentation is part of the Social Justice Series, sponsored by the Student Activities Association.

Mehdi will speak about her findings and experience on being Muslim in America. She also will address stereotypes and media bias.

She is known for her groundbreaking documentaries that shatter stereotypes of Muslims and Arabs. She is an American Arab of Iraqi descent, with Muslim and Christian religious heritage.

## Lajimodiere to present paper on 'Native Female Leadership'



Lajimodiere

Denise K. Lajimodiere, assistant professor in the School of Education, will present a paper, titled "Native Female Leadership: An Ethical Engagement," at the National Society for Applied Anthropology in Santa Fe, N.M., on March 19.

"My paper speaks to the findings of my qualitative interview study of Native females and their path to leadership," Lajimodiere said. "It reveals the challenges, conflicts and obstacles faced by Native women working toward professional goals that demand a balance of traditional and contemporary leadership strengths and roles and focuses on the experience, perceptions, beliefs and meaning of five of today's Native female leaders – five Brave-Hearted Women."

The Native female leaders selected for the study were first-time female leaders in their particular fields. Themes that emerged included experiences in early poverty and racism, strong survival skills, resiliency, mothers as first mentors and strong tribal cultural and spiritual values.

"I address stereotypes of Native females – drudge, slave, princess – perpetrated by male anthropologists who only spoke to Native males," she said. "Thus the 'voice' of Native females has been silent. Through this paper, I give voice to five outstanding Native female tribal leaders."

Lajimodiere is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Pembina Chippewa, from Belcourt, N.D. She was the first female and the first American Indian professor in the School of Education.

## McGeorge and Carlson publish article in marital and family



McGeorge

Christi McGeorge, assistant professor, and Tom Stone Carlson, associate professor, will have their article, titled "Deconstructing Heterosexism: Becoming a Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Affirmative Heterosexual Couple and Family Therapist," published in the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy.



Carlson

The article proposes a model to help heterosexual therapists become more aware of the influence of their own heterosexual biases, privileges and identities on the therapy process. The article is the first theoretical model in family therapy literature that focuses on helping therapists develop affirmative therapy practices with lesbian, gay and bisexual clients. The Journal of Marital and Family Therapy is the official journal for the largest professional organization of family therapists.

McGeorge joined the NDSU faculty in January of 2003, and Carlson joined the faculty in August of 2000. They both are clinical members and approved supervisors of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and are licensed marriage and family therapists in Minnesota.

## RESEARCH

## Research opportunities available in economic stimulus package

NDSU researchers are encouraged to submit proposals for opportunities included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The \$787 billion stimulus package, signed Feb. 19, allocates \$21.5 billion for federal research and development to be invested within two years.

"It is expected there will be a tidal wave of submissions from researchers across the country competing for these new funding opportunities," said Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer. "These opportunities carry short deadlines and faculty are encouraged to frequently check federal agency Web sites and work closely with NDSU Sponsored Programs Administration to have proposals completed well in advance of the submission deadlines."

General information about the act and a complete list of all agency Web sites can be found at [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

"For these new opportunities, each agency will have their own deadlines, but all submissions will need to go through [grants.gov](http://grants.gov)," said Valrey Kettner, associate vice president for Sponsored Programs Administration. "We encourage faculty to check the various agency Web sites frequently, and to have proposals to us well in advance of the submission deadline. We have experienced numerous challenges with [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) server overload, so we do not want to wait until the last minute to get their proposals ready for submission."

According to Amy Scott, assistant director of Sponsored Programs Administration, all applications will be posted on [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) and will have the words "recovery act" in the opportunity title. To narrow a search to recovery act applications, Scott suggests using the advance search option and typing the words "recovery act" into the keyword search box.

Laura Slicer, business officer for the Office of the Vice President for Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer, said all federal agencies have dedicated Web pages that link to [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov). On or about March 21, the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) synopses need to be linked to the full funding announcement on the agency Web site.

"Anticipate that the turnaround for many funding opportunities will be very short," Slicer said. "Some early listings show one month from the opening to closing dates."

## Kianian, Denton receive \$3.1 million grant

NDSU researchers have been awarded a three-year, \$3.1 million grant from the National Science Foundation Plant Genome Research Program. NDSU principal investigators are Shahryar Kianian, associate professor of plant sciences, and Anne Denton, assistant professor of computer science, for the proposal titled "Construction of high-resolution physical maps for large plant genomes."

According to Kianian, NDSU is the lead institution, collaborating with Oregon State University, University of California at Davis

and the USDA-Agricultural Research Service's Western Regional Research Center in Albany, Calif.

"This project is aimed at optimizing the radiation hybrid mapping approach to generate high-resolution physical maps for the wheat D-genome," Kianian explained. "The tools, methods and knowledge developed in this project can be applied to other crop species and will facilitate the construction of physical maps at a fraction of the cost of current methods. These maps will provide easy access to genes of scientific and agricultural importance and the development of new strategies to manipulate crop plants to better serve the needs of a growing world population."

Kianian earned his bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the University of California at Irvine and his doctorate in genetics from the University of California at Davis. Denton earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Stuttgart, Germany; master's degree in computer science from NDSU; and doctorate in physics from the University of Mainz, Germany.

"This grant is the result of some excellent research by some great students and researchers at NDSU," Kianian said. "It demonstrates what we are capable of, and represents a great opportunity to showcase the best of NDSU research capability and compete with world class institutions."

## PEOPLE

## NDSU students attend health education conference



Ary

Thirteen health education students accompanied Judy Ary, senior lecturer of health, nutrition and exercise science, to the 29th annual Minnesota School Health Education Conference in Bloomington on Feb. 9-10. The conference provides health educators with effective lessons and strategies focusing on the achievement of national, state and local school health education learner outcomes.

Kristen Aas, Alana Carmony, Suri Clark, Kelly Fogarty, Kendra Frank, Marja Janson, Cathy Jorgensen, Shannon Lonski, Kayla Peterson, Henry Ruud, Danielle Schoeler, Jacob Stenzel and Gabriel Strube are the students who attended the event.

"Most of the students were attending their first professional conference and were experiencing networking as well as attending presentations given by professionals in the world of health education," Ary said. "Health education focuses on teaching the skills and behaviors within the National Health Education Standards which challenges us to use behavior change strategies as a foundational piece of health education."

The students were introduced to new ideas on how to achieve and sustain student success in skill learning and instruction. "Not only were these strategies fun and innovative, they modeled how to pass along healthy messages to students and demonstrated ideas that could be easily incorporated into the daily curriculum that helps students learn about healthy habits, including nutrition and exercise," Ary said.

## Strand and Senne publish physical education article



Strand

Brad Strand, professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, and Angela Senne, former graduate student, had a paper, "Physical Education Teacher Education Students' Knowledge of Appropriate Instructional Strategies and Perceived Practice of their High School Physical Education teachers" published in the Missouri Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The study surveyed physical education teacher education majors in North Dakota colleges and universities. It asked students to determine if a series of described instructional strategies was appropriate or inappropriate for use in K-12 physical education classes and to identify the frequency with which they thought their high school teachers used the instructional strategies.

"The students were very knowledgeable about instructional strategies," Strand said. "These students reported that their school teachers always or often used inappropriate strategies almost 40 percent of the time. The most telling, however, was that student identification of appropriate or inappropriate strategies was significantly associated with the practices of their school teachers."

According to Strand, the findings have significance for the preparation of physical education teacher educators in that many students believe that what their school teachers practiced is acceptable, no matter if the practices were appropriate or not. "Twelve or more years of induction prior to teacher education training significantly impact the beliefs of teacher education students," Strand explained. "One challenge for university teacher educators is to help students in teacher training to know and understand best practices and then to ensure that best practice is followed as these students begin their professional careers."

## Deutsch to give presentations



Deutsch

Joe Deutsch, assistant professor of physical education teacher education, will give three Physical Best presentations in March. The only certified Physical Best health-fitness instructor in the state, he will talk about the comprehensive health-related fitness education program developed by physical educators to educate, challenge and encourage children to develop the knowl-

edge, skills and attitudes for a healthy and fit life.

Deutsch will present "Implementing the Physical Best curriculum into your Physical Education Teacher Education Program" and "Implementing an Effective Marketing Plan for Your Non-Profit Organization" at the Central District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance annual convention in Rochester, Minn. He will present "Physical Best Higher Education Specialist Training" at the National American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Tampa, Fla.

Deutsch also was asked recently to contribute to the "Physical Best Curriculum Teacher's Guide."

## Varland receives national fellowship in design



Varland

Rooth Varland, NDSU Department of Theatre coordinator, is the recipient of the National Festival Faculty Fellowship in Design. She will travel to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., to accept her award April 13-18. The fellowship is from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

The fellowships provide faculty development opportunities at the national festival in Washington, D.C. Once every eight years the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival selects a designer to receive this national award.

The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival is a national organization that celebrates the educational and creative process of university and college theatre. It promotes professional standards and provides students and faculty with opportunities to bridge the academic and professional worlds.

Varland also will travel to Houston in March to design costumes for the Grace Note Productions opera "Savitri" by Gustav Holst.

## EVENTS

### Wallman Wellness Center to sponsor annual health fair

The Wallman Wellness Center will sponsor the annual NDSU health fair on Tuesday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Plains room. This year's theme is "Spread the Health."

The free event is open to students, faculty and staff. More than 50 booths will be featured, including blood pressure screening from NDSU Student Health Service and a blood drive offered through United Blood Services. Many of the booths will offer fun, interactive, wellness-oriented information and education displays. Participants also will have the opportunity to win prizes, including a Specialized Globe commuter bike, a Nintendo Wii, iTouch, one of two iPod Shuffles, basketballs and more.

For more information, contact Stacey Holm, Wellness Center health educator, at 1-8560 or [stacey.holm@ndsu.edu](mailto:stacey.holm@ndsu.edu).

### Faculty and staff asked to remind students of Grad Finale

The NDSU Bookstore and Jostens will sponsor Grad Finale on March 24-25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room. Refreshments and prizes will be available.

Grad Finale assists graduating seniors with preparation for commencement. Students can purchase a cap and gown, diploma frame, commencement announcements and a class ring. There will be graduation gifts for sale. Information about the Graduate School also will be available at the event.

## Psychology conference scheduled

The NDSU Psychology Club will host the 24th annual Red River Psychology Conference on March 26-27.

The conference is designed to promote student involvement in research by offering a professional meeting where students and others can report on their research activities, and can discuss their findings with peers, faculty and the community. Conference participants present posters or papers.

Jordan Peterson, professor and clinical psychologist at the University of Toronto, is the scheduled keynote speaker. He will present "The Construction of Reality: Perspectives from Neuroscience and Mythology" on Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the NDSU Alumni Center.

He also will present "Self-Consciousness and the Emergence of Good and Evil" at the luncheon address on Friday, March 27, at 12:45 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Peterson is the author of the book "Maps of Meaning." Peterson's current research involves assessment and theoretical nature of self-deception. He also does experimental work with creativity, achievement, personality, narrative and motivation.

The conference is open to everyone, and registration is free. For more information, registration and a schedule of events, go to [www.psych.ndsu.nodak.edu](http://www.psych.ndsu.nodak.edu).

## SHORTS & REMINDERS

### Positions Available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at [www.ndsu.edu/jobs](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).

### Electrical Equipment Technician/ #00018753

Electrical and Computer Engineering  
\$38,000+/year  
March 25

### Veterinary Technologist

Animal Science  
\$35,000+/year  
Open until filled

### Nursery Manager/#00020162

North Dakota Forest Service  
Salary commensurate with experience  
Open until filled

### Web Designer/#00026480

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute  
\$32,000 minimum /year  
March 25

### Assistant Director for Service Learning and Civic Engagement

Memorial Union  
\$38,000+/year  
April 1

### Systems Engineer

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering  
\$70,000+/year  
Open until filled

### System Engineer

Information Technology  
Salary commensurate with experience  
Open until filled

### Internal Auditor

Budget Office  
\$50,000+/year  
Open until filled

### Graphic Designer/#00019654

Publication Services  
Salary commensurate with experience  
Open until filled

### Hall Director

Residence Life  
\$31,500/year  
Open until filled

### Software Engineer (EduTech)

Information Technology Services  
\$42,000 +/year  
Open until filled

## CALENDAR

### MARCH

**18 Customer Account Services** is closed.

**19-27 Baccalaureate Exhibit**, Evan Kimble, Renaissance Gallery, 650 NP Ave.

**19 Defensive Driving Course**, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., EML, room 183

**23 Safezone Training**, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Room of Nations

**23 Plant Sciences graduate seminar**, "Overcoming Production Difficulties of Cuphea," Bahadir Sezegen, 3 p.m., Loftsgard Hall 114

**24-9 Baccalaureate Exhibit**, Matthew Skunberg, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery

**24 NDSU Health Fair**, "Spread the Health," 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Memorial Union Plains room, free admission

**25 "Wearing the Hijab for the First Time,"** Najla Ghazi Amundson, NDSU media relations director, noon, Memorial Union Century Theater

**26 NDSU Brass and Saxophone Ensembles**, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, free admission

**27 Chemistry and Molecular Biology Seminar**, "Generation of Long-lived Singlet 1, 3-Biradicals and Their Related Chemistry,"

Manabu Abe, professor of chemistry in the Graduate School of Science at Hiroshima University, Japan, 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

**29 Handel's "Messiah,"** 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for students

**30 Social Justice Series**, "Being Arab or Muslim in America," Anisa Mehdi, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room

**30 Faculty Chamber Night**, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, free admission

**31 Bison Brass and Saxophone Ensembles**, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, free admission

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