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## State board of Higher Education approves presidential profile

The State Board of Higher Education has approved a presidential profile to be used during the national search for NDSU's next president. The approval came at the board's Jan. 21 meeting in Grand Forks, N.D.

On Jan. 20, the NDSU Presidential Search Committee reviewed and approved the draft profile outlining expectations of the university's 14th president. The profile, which will be used in advertising for the position, was developed as the committee held a series of forums and webinars. "We got a lot of good input, suggestions and ideas," explained committee chair Steve Swiontek. "Overall, everyone thought the original basic profile was very good, and we wanted to make a few enhancements to it."

The position will be advertised during the month of February. In addition, a 12-page marketing piece describing the university will be used in the advertising effort.

The search committee has a target date of March 1 to receive applications. Then, on March 4, the committee will begin the important work of sifting through the applications.

"At that meeting, we will narrow the list down to a certain number of candidates for reference checks. That number depends on the committee itself. They may want a larger group for reference checking, or they may decide on a smaller group," Swiontek said. "All the

members of the committee will evaluate and determine 'yes,' 'no' or 'maybe' on whether we should pursue each candidate further. So, the March 4 meeting will be a big meeting in this process."

Garry Owens of the consulting firm Academic Search Inc. said he expects a good pool of candidates, but won't speculate on the number of applicants.

"Candidates will be very interested," Owens said. "NDSU is a wonderful institution with its land-grant mission, long history and growth cycle. There are opportunities to do lots of things. So, I think it should be a good field."

Swiontek said the process has moved along smoothly, noting the timeline calls for the committee to bring three unranked candidates to the State Board of Higher Education on May 24.

"I'm very pleased with the committee involvement. I've been pleased with the suggestions and ideas we've received on campus, as well as statewide. It's all been healthy and beneficial," Swiontek said. "We're all on the same page. We want to make sure that we find the best qualified candidate."

Information on the committee's work and the approved presidential profile are available at [www.ndsu.edu/news/transition](http://www.ndsu.edu/news/transition).

## Floors to be removed at Minard Hall

NDSU announced Jan. 21 the floors in the designated "red zone" of Minard Hall will be removed. Details about the northwest portion of the building in the red zone are available at the NDSU news Web site: [www.ndsu.edu/news/features/portionofminardhallcollapse](http://www.ndsu.edu/news/features/portionofminardhallcollapse).

Bruce Frantz, director of Facilities Management, said the wooden floors in the section have sloped or collapsed and will need to be removed. He said the area scheduled for floor removal will go back to the bearing wall at the south side of the red zone.

In addition, a portion of Minard Hall's exterior wall will go. "The north facade (in that section) is cracked and crumbled, and we can't leave that," Frantz said. "The west exterior wall will stay."

According to NDSU's Jan. 21 announcement via listservs to the campus, office equipment, furniture and other items will be retrieved before the floors are removed. The removal process is expected to begin within two weeks.

The northwest section of Minard Hall collapsed during the early morning hours of Dec. 27. No one was in the structure at the time.

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### Transition updates available

For information about the transition to NDSU's 14th president, go to [www.ndsu/news/transition](http://www.ndsu/news/transition).

### Transition open forum set

President Richard A. Hanson has scheduled an open forum for Friday, Feb. 5, at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Union Century Theater. He will provide transition updates.

### NDSU Bookstore Winter Sidewalk Sale begins

The NDSU Bookstore in the Memorial Union is having a Winter Sidewalk Sale Jan 27-29.

### 'It's Happening at State' schedule reminder

The submission deadline for the Feb. 17 issue of "It's Happening at State" is noon on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

## NDSU receives CASE awards

NDSU was recognized with three awards at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VI "On Target" annual conference in St. Louis. The presentations were made during the district's awards dinner on Jan. 11.

NDSU received a Gold in the "Excellence in Alumni Programming – Student Advancement Programming" category for Senior Day, a Bronze for "Excellence in Alumni Special Events – Community Event" for the Conversations Across the Land tour and a Silver for "Excellence in Communications-Overall Publications – Presidents/Annual Report" for the 2008 annual report.

"The awards are a great recognition of the outstanding efforts of our people at NDSU," said Sherri Schmidt, associate executive director of the NDSU Alumni Association. "Our university has a strong history of success in the CASE District VI award competition, and we're delighted to be acknowledged again this year by such a respected organization."

CASE District VI includes institutions of higher education from North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Wyoming.

## VoiceBook Project celebrates Martin Luther King Day

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, AmeriCorps/Vista and RSVP + North Dakota hosted a variety of events across the state that allowed participants to sign up for The VoiceBook Project, which gives parents or grandparents who are separated from their children, an opportunity to record themselves reading a book. The project is a collaboration of AmeriCorps/Vista and RSVP + North Dakota.

Events were held at the Cass County Jail, Zandbroz Variety, Carlson Library and the West Fargo Library. A booth also was set up at the Fargo Theatre for the 10th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Fargo Human Relations Commission Awards.

Participants chose from a collection of donated books or used one of their own. After the recording, a CD and the book were given to the child.

"The VoiceBook Project allows for a meaningful connection to be maintained between adults and children regardless of distance," says Dauline Menze, coordinator for The VoiceBook Project and AmeriCorps/Vista Leader for North Dakota. "An absence could be due to military deployment, incarceration, job-related travel or they might not live close enough to the child to see them on a regular basis."

AmeriCorps/Vista is a national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. VISTA members commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses and strengthen community groups.

For more information, contact Dauline Menze at 1-9754 or [dauline.menze@ndsu.edu](mailto:dauline.menze@ndsu.edu).

## NDSU plans poster contest to promote heart health

North Dakota youth have a chance to exercise their creativity while sending a message that living a heart-healthy lifestyle is important. The NDSU Extension Service; the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences; and the Center for 4-H Youth Development have teamed up to hold this year's "Eat Smart. Play Hard." poster contest. The North Dakota Dietetic Association is sponsoring the contest.

The "On the Move to Better Heart Health" contest is open to youth 8- to 19-years-old as of Sept. 1, 2009. The theme of the posters must relate directly to eating heart-healthy foods and/or playing hard to build and keep a healthy heart. Judges will consider how well the posters present information, their general appearance and their importance in educating others about healthy lifestyles.

"Eat Smart. Play Hard." is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service. Its objective is making America's children healthier. It includes practical suggestions to motivate children and their caregivers to eat a healthy diet and be active.

For more information, go to [www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/4h/GroupProjects/PosterContestRules.pdf](http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/4h/GroupProjects/PosterContestRules.pdf).

### DIVERSITY

## Tribal sovereignty to be second topic of Partner Series

Tribal sovereignty and its impact on tribal and surrounding communities will be the topic of the second presentation in the "Getting to Know Our Tribal Partners Seminar Series" on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie room. Phil Baird, vice president of academic, career and technical education at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, N.D., will present this topic. A pre-seminar reception is planned for Thursday, Jan. 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the Equity and Diversity Center.

Baird is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Sicangu Lakota). He has professional experiences working in agriculture, education, economic development and tribal gaming. He earned his bachelor's degree in animal science and pre-veterinary medicine from South Dakota State University and a master's degree in agricultural education from Iowa State University.

Other dates for the series are Feb. 18, March 11 and April 8. Topics include "Women's Impact on Tribal Higher Education," "Culture and Spirituality" and "Economy and Opportunity." The series will conclude with a tour of a reservation in late April or the beginning of May. The Tribal College-NDSU Partnership Initiative; Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach; NDSU Extension; and ADVANCE FORWARD are sponsors for the series.

Contact Bob Pieri at 1-8673 or [robert.pieri@ndsu.edu](mailto:robert.pieri@ndsu.edu) for more information.

## Equity and Diversity Center features student art



Anna Johnson wants to bridge the gap between the world she lives in and the culture she comes from. A Grand Forks, N.D., native and enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa Indians, she believes art is the only way she can express her feelings when she experiences discrimination or when something moves her to make a

difference about social injustice, religion and spirituality and other issues that people everywhere face on a daily basis.

In an effort to publicly express her feelings and show her art, the NDSU Equity and Diversity Center is displaying Johnson's art exhibit, titled "Coming Out." People from NDSU, as well as the Fargo-Moorhead community, are invited to view the exhibit and attend a reception on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 4:30 p.m. at the Equity and Diversity Center. This exhibit is presented in collaboration with the Memorial Union Gallery and most of Johnson's work is available for purchase.

"We are thrilled to offer the Equity and Diversity Center as another space in which students like Anna can display their art," said Kara Gravley-Stack, director of the center. "Opportunities such as this help us to create a safe and welcoming environment for all students and make the space seem more like a home away from home."

The imagery in Johnson's work comes directly from her Chippewa culture. She uses many different totem animals and traditional designs in her artwork. "I work with many different mediums, but I have been concentrating on drawing and printmaking. I use many different forms of water media, such as watercolor and ink, where I use my own techniques to get the layers that mark my creative process," Johnson said. "Most recently, I have been working with collage on many different levels, as a background, or as the main focus. I use simple textures and natural items in my work, such as birch bark and different fabrics. I believe that the materials I use can create the layers and dimensions in my work that I strive for."

Following graduation, Johnson plans to work toward a Master of Fine Arts degree and eventually give back to her community through teaching. She recently won the NDSU Billboard Competition with her drawing "Changes." Her work also has been shown in the Red River Watercolor Society's 16th annual National Juried Watermedia Exhibition at the Plains Art Museum.

Johnson's artwork will be on display through the end of May. The Equity and Diversity Center is located in the Alba Bales House, 1260 University Drive N., Fargo.

## RESEARCH

### ND EPSCoR announces New Faculty Start-Up Awards

Three NDSU departments are recipients of the 2010 New Faculty Start-Up Awards, which are funded by the North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR). A total of \$308,000 for two years will be provided in supplemental New Faculty Start-Up funds to the Departments of Chemistry and Molecular Biology, Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, and Psychology.

The New Faculty Start-Up program's major goal is to staff our research-intensive universities with new faculty who will be nationally competitive for grants from federal agency research programs in science, engineering and mathematics. "The supplemental funding allows the nationally competitive researchers to quickly tool-up their laboratories and hire graduate students," said Philip Boudjouk, co-chair of ND EPSCoR and vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer.

ND EPSCoR is a federally and state funded program designed to help university researchers compete more effectively for federal, regional and private research grants in the sciences, engineering and mathematics. Visit [www.ndepscor.nodak.edu](http://www.ndepscor.nodak.edu) for more information or direction questions to David R. Givers, ND EPSCoR co-project director, at 1-7516 or [david.givers@ndsu.edu](mailto:david.givers@ndsu.edu).

### Frick and Hodge to publish article in mathematics journal

Katie Frick, former NDSU student, and Angie Hodge, assistant professor of mathematics, had their article, titled "University Preparation of Pre-service Secondary Geometry Teachers: A Need for Research," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Mathematical Sciences and Mathematics Education*

"Our paper described the research that has been done regarding the preparation of pre-service secondary geometry teachers at the university level and makes a call for help in corresponding future research," Hodge said. "Teaching proof and teaching with technology were the two themes in geometry teacher preparation research. The areas of the preparation that are lacking and need further investigation were also discussed."

Hodge gave a presentation at the TEAM Mathematics Conference in Tuskegee, Ala., on Sept. 11, titled "Gaining Teaching Experience in a History of Mathematics Courses."

She also gave a presentation at MathFest in Portland, Ore., titled "Making History of Mathematics Relevant to Pre-service Teachers."

Both presentations discussed how history of mathematics courses could be used to do more than teach students about the development of mathematics over time. "Specifically, the presentations described what I did to include the teaching of pedagogy in a history of mathematics course without sacrificing the rigor of either the mathematical or the historical content of the course," Hodge said.

## NDSU expert asked to comment on terrorism developments

A Congressional committee, intelligence agencies, an international think tank and national media outlets have tapped the expertise of an NDSU terrorism expert in the wake of the Fort Hood shootings, the Christmas Day airline bombing attempt and other terrorist attacks and plots.

Jarret Brachman, an associate research fellow who leads transportation security research at NDSU's Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, has been interviewed numerous times for international, national and local media and has been the featured speaker at several events focused on counterterrorism.

In November, in the aftermath of the Fort Hood shootings, Brachman made multiple appearances on CNN, National Public Radio and in the New York Times. He also was featured on a segment with ABC World News Tonight. In December, Brachman was invited to testify on topics related to the future of al-Qaida to the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Terrorism and Unconventional Threats.

The Christmas Day bombing attempt on Detroit bound Northwest Flight 253 and the January suicide bombing in Afghanistan that killed American CIA officers, thrust Brachman back into the national spotlight. He made a number of media appearances in January, including an extended interview with the PBS NewsHour, National Public Radio and multiple appearances on CNN. Brachman was cited in several New York Times articles and was quoted in Time Magazine and Newsweek. He also contributed to a feature story on detainees at the military detention facility in Guantanamo Bay with the Miami Herald.

In January, Brachman gave a talk at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace titled, "Making the Next Bin Laden." Attended by more than 100 people from across domestic and foreign government agencies and members of the press, Brachman focused on the rising al-Qaida operatives who are positioning themselves to replace Osama bin Laden as head of the global al-Qaida movement. He also was a featured panelist for a conference at the Defense Intelligence Agency in January where he discussed al-Qaida's use of the Internet.

Brachman's research seeks to better understand how the nature of al-Qaida activism is evolving over time. "The evolution is being driven from the top-down, by the next generation of senior al-Qaida leaders. It is also being driven from the bottom-up, thanks to the grass-root examples being set by individuals like Humam al-Balawi, the Jordanian 'triple-agent' who perpetrated the January suicide bombing against the CIA base in Khost, Afghanistan," Brachman says.

He argues that the recent increase of al-Qaida's Web supporters now joining al-Qaida's real-world war against the United States, culminating with al-Balawi, seems to be providing the kind of role model for which al-Qaida's global movement has been longing. "Countries across the world – and particularly the United States – should brace themselves for an impending exodus from the al-Qaida Web forums and onto the battlefield by self-styled al-Qaida armies of one," Brachman says.

## Stastny gives presentation at food and nutrition conference



Stastny

Sherri Stastny, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise science, was invited to give a presentation at the Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo of the American Dietetic Association held in Denver. Her presentation was part of an open discussion forum, titled "Innovations in Practice and Education." The association's House of Delegates Council on Future Practice planned the session. Invited presenters included dietetic educators and practitioners.

Stastny's presentation covered a nutrition informatics project designed by Stastny and Alexa Hanson, a doctoral student in gerontology. They created the project last spring in a course titled "Food Production Management Lab." Students used U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrient data to design nutrition facts panels for their restaurant.

Other NDSU dietetic majors who participated in the session in Denver included Shelby Tabery, Kailah Ladbury, Kim Stangl, Larissa Myers, Nicole Maas, Shannon Medenwald and Allison Pritchard.

## Wells delivers keynote address at international conference



Wells

David L. Wells, professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering, delivered a keynote address to the International Conference on Advances in Mechanical and Building Sciences for the 3rd Millennium (ICAMB 09) in Vellore, India. The conference was hosted by VIT University and attracted about 500 participants, including speakers from 11 Asian, European and

North American countries.

Wells' keynote address was titled "The Engineering of Products and the Preparation of Engineers." His remarks traced the deliberate engineering stages in the creation of new industrial and consumer products and advocated undergraduate engineering curricula that emphasize product development. He also delivered seminars for VIT faculty and students on "Engineering Methodology for Product Realization" and on "Graduate Study Opportunities at North Dakota State University."

ICAMB 09 was part of the 25th anniversary celebration for VIT University. The institution is the first university in India to earn professional accreditation of engineering programs by ABET Inc. (Accreditation Board of Engineering for Technology), the same organization that accredits engineering programs at NDSU.

VIT successfully completed the rigorous documentation and on-site examination for ABET Inc. accreditation of its mechanical and civil engineering programs in 2008 and was awarded accredited status in July 2009. This university now enrolls more than 15,000 students from 40 countries, with about 80 percent pursuing engineering degrees. Overall, VIT offers 15 bachelor degree programs and 30 graduate programs on its modern 350-acre campus.



## PEOPLE

## NDSU Graduate School hires two



Peirce

The NDSU Graduate School has hired two new staff members.

Karen P. Peirce has been hired as the graduate writing coordinator in the NDSU Graduate School and the Center for Writers. In this role, she will promote professional graduate student writing, review theses and dissertations for requirements and clarity and coordinate and conduct writing workshops.



Fitzgerald

Peirce previously has held positions as an assistant professor at The United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; graduate associate in teaching at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.; and as an upper division English teacher at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Fla. She earned a

doctorate from the University of Arizona, a master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and an honors bachelor of arts degree from Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.

Madonna Fitzgerald has been hired as an academic assistant in the Graduate School. She will work with graduate interdisciplinary programs to provide administrative support, create and maintain student records and assist with recruitment of graduate interdisciplinary students.

Fitzgerald previously worked as a branch office administrator for Edward Jones & Associates in Fargo and as the assistant to the bishop at the Diocese of Fargo. She earned a master's degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead and a bachelor's degree from NDSU.

## NDSU students named finalists in national design competition

Custom fixture design entries by Ashley Hansen and Amanda Weigelt, seniors in the interior design program in the Department of Apparel, Design and Hospitality Management, have been selected as two of the 12 finalists for PAVE (Planning and Visual Education Partnership) the Way 3-D Design Challenge competition, sponsored by B&N Industries.

Students were required to design and develop a branded counter-top store fixture to display sunglasses. B&N Industries will build prototypes of Hansen and Weigelt's fixture designs for display at the GlobalShop trade show, March 10-12, in Las Vegas. Winners of the competition will be announced at the event

GlobalShop is the largest annual trade show of its kind, attracting leaders in the retail design industry from all over the world. Retailers, store designers, visual merchandisers and brand managers attend GlobalShop each year to find inspiration and the latest trends in retail design, in-store marketing and technology. B&N Industries is an innovative designer and manufacturer of products and systems for the retail, architectural and consumer industries.

## Namkung named James Rosenquist Artist in Residence



Namkung

The Department of Visual Arts has announced that Michael Namkung, a San Francisco native, has been named the 2010 James Rosenquist Artist in Residence at NDSU. He will work during the spring semester in the studio dedicated for the program at NDSU's Downtown Visual Arts Department, interacting with students, holding public lectures and opening his studio to visitors.

Namkung will present a public lecture on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. in Renaissance Hall room 114.

Namkung performs kinesthetic drawing experiments that use the physicality of his body as the medium. An amateur athlete, he uses his athletic training regimen to inform his creative research, which he defines as an exploration of what happens when the activity of drawing is infused with the language of athletic training.

Through video, performance, installation and audience participation, Namkung investigates questions of process, materiality and perception, specifically in terms of their relationship to the body. At NDSU, he will teach a seminar course and the residency will culminate with an exhibit and donation of a piece of artwork to the James Rosenquist Artist Residency Collection. Additional information about Namkung is available at [www.michaelnamkung.com](http://www.michaelnamkung.com).

"Mr. Namkung's art is stunning and I know that he will make an indelible impression on our students as well as on the community," said Thomas Riley, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at NDSU. "We are very excited that he has accepted the Rosenquist residency this year."

Namkung earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a Master of Education degree in teaching from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and a Master of Fine Arts in drawing and painting from San Francisco State University. He has taught at the Center for Elders and Youth in the Arts in San Francisco, San Francisco State University and the Richmond Art Center in Richmond, Calif. His work has been exhibited at the San Francisco State University Fine Arts Gallery, the LAB, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and the POW! POW! Action Art Festival.

In addition to the James Rosenquist Residency award, Namkung has been awarded several graduate fellowship awards and the Jack and Gertrude Murphy Fellowship in the Fine Arts, San Francisco.

The James Rosenquist Artist in Residency Program for Visual Arts at NDSU honors James Rosenquist. Born in Grand Forks, N.D., Rosenquist is considered one of the greatest living artists of the Pop Art movement of North America. His work and career are internationally known. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from NDSU in May 2005.

"The thriving Rosenquist Artist in Residency Program has brought international artists to campus over the past three years, providing additional learning options for NDSU students, as well as high school students, alongside activities with the regional arts community," said Philip Boudjouk, vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer, which funds the program.

## EVENTS

## ADVANCE FORWARD to offer mentoring workshops

NDSU ADVANCE FORWARD is sponsoring a series of mentoring workshops Thursday, Feb. 11, by Mary Deane Sorcinelli, associate provost for faculty development and associate professor of educational policy and research administration at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Sorcinelli's workshops will address the emergence of new, more flexible models of faculty mentoring. Instead of the traditional one-on-one mentoring, attendees will participate in interactive sessions that will examine more flexible mentoring approaches such as multiple mentors, constellations of mentors, networks of mentors or a portfolio of mentors. Participants will explore what mentoring in academia meant to them and how their experiences can help mold an ideal mentoring network for faculty at various stages of their academic career.

Under Sorcinelli's leadership, the Center for Teaching at the University of Massachusetts was cited as one of the top four Model Faculty Development Programs in the U.S. and Canada (2006), was awarded a 2002 Innovation Award from the Professional and Organizational Development Network and a 2000 Hesburgh Award for Faculty Development to Enhance Undergraduate Teaching and Learning.

Deans, academic vice presidents, department chairs and heads and faculty are invited to view Sorcinelli's schedule and register on the FORWARD Web site for her workshops at [www.ndsu.edu/FORWARD](http://www.ndsu.edu/FORWARD). Faculty mentors and mentees are especially encouraged to attend.

## Beef research review scheduled

The NDSU Hettinger Research Extension Center will host its third annual beef research review on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is free and the registration deadline in Jan. 21. The workshop is open to beef producers and anyone interested in beef cattle production. The Hettinger Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee will serve a noon meal.

The day's program, "Management Alternatives to Improve Your Bottom Line," will focus on natural beef production, coproducts and commodities in diets, cattle and wildlife interaction and grazing to improve soil health.

Keynote speakers are members of the North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition. They are Gabe Brown of Bismarck, N.D., Ken Miller of Fort Rice, N.D., and Lance Gartner of Glen Ullin, N.D. They will discuss the techniques they have used and integrated into their beef operations to promote the soil health of their grazing lands.

"With today's economic climate, cattle producers need to explore new techniques to increase ranch profitability," says Michele Thompson, Southwest Feeders Project coordinator at the Hettinger Research Extension Center.

For more information or to preregister, contact Thompson at (701) 567-4323 or [Michele.Thompson@ndsu.edu](mailto:Michele.Thompson@ndsu.edu).

## Study Abroad Fair set

The Office of International Programs has planned the Spring Study Abroad Fair for Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Room.

During the fair, students can visit with program representatives, faculty leaders and returned study abroad students. Participants will learn more about study abroad programs including academic year, semester, summer and faculty-led programs.

Go to [www.ndsu.edu/international/studyabroad](http://www.ndsu.edu/international/studyabroad) for more information.

## Veteran's reintegration committee plans webinars

The NDSU Veteran's Reintegration Committee has planned two webinars related to best practices for serving veteran students. Members of the NDSU community who deal directly with veteran students are encouraged to attend.

"Meeting the Unique Needs of Veteran Students: A Student Perspective" is planned for Thursday, Jan. 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Meadow Lark room.

"Designing Programs to Support Veteran Students: Orientation, First Year Experience and Institutional Policies" is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 2, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Meadow room.

Call 1-7671 to register or for more information.

## NDSU plans conference for Women in Agriculture

The NDSU Extension Service is co-sponsoring the Women in Agriculture conferences on Feb. 9-10 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo and on Feb. 10-11 at the Memorial Building in Devils Lake, N.D.

The program begins at 6 p.m. on the first evening with a meal followed by a program titled, "You Can Buy the Farm, But Remember, I Still Own It," by keynote speaker Ron Hanson, professor of agribusiness at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Husbands also are invited to attend this session.

The second day of both conferences begins with another keynote address from Hanson called, "Fence Posts Talking to Each Other and Unspoken Words." This will be followed by a series of concurrent sessions. Several NDSU Extension Service specialists and agents, Adult Farm Business Management instructors and other agribusiness professionals will present the sessions. The conferences end at 4 p.m. on the second day.

Go to [www.ag.ndsu.edu/anniesproject](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/anniesproject) for more information or to register. You also can contact the Cass County Extension office at (701) 241-5700, Ramsey County Extension office at (701) 662-7027 or the conference coordinator at (701) 780-8229.

## NDSU offers anxiety screening

To help students learn about anxiety disorders, their symptoms and effective treatments, the Counseling Center has planned free anonymous anxiety screenings. The screenings will be available at the Counseling Center on Feb. 8-12, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Ceres Hall room 212. Faculty or staff who have concerns about any of their students should feel free to refer them to the screening. Appointments are suggested. Students may schedule a screening appointment by calling the Counseling Center at 1-7671.

Symptoms of anxiety may include worrying all the time, being afraid in social situations, anticipating your next panic attack, having trouble sleeping, difficulty concentrating or headaches for no apparent reason.

All screenings are anonymous. The screening program takes up to an hour, and includes an educational video, an anonymous written self-test, a meeting with a mental health professional, free informational materials on anxiety disorders and a referral for further evaluation and treatment if indicated.

Online screening also is available. Go to [www.ndsu.edu/counseling](http://www.ndsu.edu/counseling) for instructions. According to the online screening results, seeking further evaluation and treatment may be suggested. Students can make an appointment for a consultation by calling 1-7671 and are asked to bring the survey results to the appointment.

For more information about anxiety disorders and the anxiety screening week, go to [www.ndsu.edu/counseling](http://www.ndsu.edu/counseling).

## Spring Career Fair scheduled

The NDSU Career Center will sponsor the Spring Career Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fargodome.

The Spring Career Fair is an opportunity for NDSU students and alumni of all majors to interact with more than 85 firms in a business casual environment for the purpose of exchanging information on co-ops and internships as well as full-time positions. Current students from regional universities also are invited to attend.

There also will be company presentations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 12-minute presentations will give fair attendees a detailed description of the company and positions available.

To view a list of employers attending and the employer presentation schedule, visit [www.ndsu.edu/career\\_center/students/springfair.php](http://www.ndsu.edu/career_center/students/springfair.php).

For more information, contact the Career Center at 1-7111.

## Staff Senate to offer Discover U

NDSU Staff Senate will offer four personal and professional development presentations at Discover U 2010 on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Great Plains Ballroom. The cost for staff to attend is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch.

Discover U 2010 will include presentations from the Village Business Institute and Patty Corwin of Corwin Communications. The four presentations will offer insight and strategies for communication between genders, negative attitudes and behaviors, handling change with humor and emotional intelligence.

Discover U is an annual staff development-focused workshop organized by the NDSU Staff Senate. An official Discover U registration form and schedule will be mailed to all NDSU staff and will be posted at [www.ndsu.edu/staff\\_senate](http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate).

For more information, contact any staff development committee member or co-chairs Connie Jadrny at [connie.jadrny@ndsu.edu](mailto:connie.jadrny@ndsu.edu) or 1-9738 and Jean Hagen at [jean.hagen@ndsu.edu](mailto:jean.hagen@ndsu.edu) or 1-8186.

## NDSU plans Innovation Week

The Research and Technology Park and the College of Business is holding the first annual Innovation Week Jan. 25-29 at Richard H. Barry Hall. The purpose of Innovation Week is to engage the private sector, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, NDSU faculty and other resources with the students to increase awareness for innovation, technology and new business start-ups.

Several events for the students will be taking place throughout the week. Students had breakfast with President Richard Hanson and participated in breakout sessions on Jan. 26.

Breakout sessions also are planned for Thursday, Jan. 28, in Richard H. Barry Hall Dawson and Roers rooms. Students will learn about new technology applications, funding and starting new ventures.

A reception is planned for Thursday, Jan. 28, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Richard H. Barry Hall Atrium. Refreshments will be served.

Go to [www.ndsuresearchpark.com/about/Pages/Events.aspx](http://www.ndsuresearchpark.com/about/Pages/Events.aspx) or contact Brenda Wyland at [brenda@ndsuresearchpark.com](mailto:brenda@ndsuresearchpark.com) or (701) 499-3603 for more information.

## SHORTS & REMINDERS

### Positions Available

*NDSU is in a temporary hiring freeze for some state-funded positions. We are accepting applications for positions funded from other sources.*

*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)*

### Systems Engineer

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering  
Salary commensurate with experience  
Open until filled

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NDSU Dept 6020, PO Box 6050  
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## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

**27 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “Faculty Work/Life Balance: Results of the NDSU FORWARD Survey,” Ramona Danielson, North Dakota Data Center and FORWARD member, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. Co-sponsored by Women and Gender Studies.

**27 Equity and Diversity Center and Memorial Union Gallery** – Student art reception for Anna Johnson’s “Coming Out,” 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., Equity and Diversity Center

**28 World I View** – “Love and Death in East European Cinema,” John Cox, chair of history, philosophy and religious studies, noon, Memorial Union Century Theater

**28 Chemistry and Molecular Biology** – “Sub-micrometer Scale as Supports for Membrane Structures in Microfluidic Devices,” Debashis Dutta, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Department of Chemistry, 3:45 p.m. Dunbar, 152

**29 Office of Human Resources/Payroll** – New employee orientation, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Alumni Center Reimers room. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

**29 Equity and Diversity Center and Women’s and Gender Studies** – Peanut Butter & Gender, “Reflections on the Black Woman’s Role in the Community of Slaves” by Angela Davis, noon to 1 p.m., Equity and Diversity Center. To receive a copy of the article to be discussed, sign up in advance by contacting [kara.gravley-stack@ndsu.edu](mailto:kara.gravley-stack@ndsu.edu).

**29 Animal Sciences Seminar** – “Animal Welfare Alphabet Soup – Where Do the Letters Y-O-U Fall Into the Recipe?” Josie Hayden, NDSU research compliance administrator, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Hultz 104

### FEBRUARY

**2 International Programs** – Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Memorial Union Great room

**3 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “Our Traveling Food,” Abby Gold, NDSU Extension Service, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room

**4 Men’s Basketball** vs. UMKC, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

**5 Transition Update** – open forum, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

**6 Women’s Basketball** vs. Southern Utah, 2 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

**6 Men’s Basketball** vs. Southern Utah, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

**8 Women’s Basketball** vs. UMKC, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

**10 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “Human Trafficking 101,” noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. Co-sponsored by Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

**15 Presidents’ Day holiday observed** – university closed

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