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First two presidential candidates visit NDSU campus



Bresciani

NDSU presidential candidates Dean L. Bresciani and Gary L. Miller visited campus during the week of April 26-30 for interviews and meetings. Both candidates held open forums to present their vision for the university.

Bresciani is the former vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University, and Miller is provost and vice president for academic affairs and research at Wichita State University.



Miller

Bresciani discussed his goal for the institution during his open forum presentation held on April 27. "The vision is for NDSU to be recognized as the best student-focused land-grant university in the nation," Bresciani said to an audience of approximately 200 faculty, staff, students, legislators, alumni and members of the NDSU Presidential Search Committee.

He noted NDSU's success in recent years, as evidenced by the university's enrollment growth and its development as a research institution. "The enthusiasm of the people, the excitement about the progress you have made and the vision you have for your future are really inspirational," he said.

Bresciani was vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University from 2004-08, where he continues as an adjunct full professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Human Resources Development. Bresciani previously served as interim vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2002-04). He also held student affairs and residential life positions at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

He called NDSU a leader among its land-grant peers, with a history of getting the job done. But, he said NDSU can do more. "NDSU is truly unique among major research institutions with a window of opportunity," Bresciani said. "I encourage you to seize that opportunity."

During Miller's open forum on April 30, he called NDSU a "fabulous institution" that is "already in a leadership role."

Miller said NDSU's long-term vision must be a universitywide, self-reflective process involving all its constituents. He described a vision as a short narrative that embodies the values of an institution, embraces a bright future and empowers action.

He said his vision for NDSU is based on the principals of "North Dakota first," "Discover, Engage and Serve" and "Lead, Partner and Innovate." Using those ideas, Miller described NDSU as "a global university, serving North Dakota with a commitment to entrepreneurship, innovation, partnership and service."

Miller told an audience of about 185 people, "We've got to take leadership in the areas where we are good at. We have to be a national model."

He suggested that partnerships are important element of progress. "Our partnerships will be innovative and entrepreneurial, and they will get us to a place where North Dakota State University is a leader in developing and exploring entrepreneurial partnerships for learning, engagement, service and economic development for the good of North Dakota and the world," he said.

Prior to coming to the Wichita State University, Miller was dean of arts and sciences and a professor of biology at the University of the Pacific (2002-06). He previously was chair of the biology department at the University of Mississippi (1995-2002), and was on the faculty at Weber State University and Mississippi State University.

The other two candidates open forums are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in Festival Concert Hall. William Ruud, president at Shippensburg University, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, and John Gardner, vice president for economic development and global engagement at Washington State University, is set for Friday, May 7.

The NDSU Presidential Search Committee is scheduled to meet May 13 to select finalists to forward to the State Board of Higher Education. The committee has been charged with providing the board at least three unranked candidates for consideration. Board members are scheduled to interview finalists on May 24.

NDSU www.ndsu.edu/itshappening

Presidential search updates available on Web site

Go to www.ndsu/news/transition for information about the presidential search.

Summer news and events

As information becomes available, news and event updates will be located on the "It's Happening at State" Web site www.ndsu.edu/itshappening.

Summer hours announced

NDSU summer hours will begin Monday, May 17. Hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch. Regular hours will resume Monday, Aug. 16.

Summer publication deadlines set

Regular weekly publication of "It's Happening at State" will end following the May 12 issue. Summer issues are scheduled for June 16, July 14 and weekly publication is set to resume Aug. 25.

NDSU shows record growth in doctoral degrees awarded

North Dakota leads the nation for growth in graduate degree production according to a recent Council of Graduate Schools survey.

Doctoral degree production increased 226 percent in North Dakota from 1998 to 2008, compared to 25 percent nationally. NDSU officials attribute this growth to its creation of graduate programs during the past decade. In 1998, 31 students earned doctoral degrees at NDSU, and in 2008, there were 79. Since 1998, the NDSU Graduate School has added 26 doctoral programs.

The CGS/GRE Survey of Graduate Enrollment and Degrees studied the enrollment and degree trends at the state level, compared to population growth and state appropriations for higher education. The survey includes information provided by 535 colleges and universities and excludes online institutions.

In some states, there appears to be a link between state population growth and graduate education, but in North Dakota, the state experienced no population growth between 2000-08 and ranked second with 85 percent change (Vermont was ranked first with 115 percent) in graduate enrollment growth in the past decade.

The Graduate School offers 44 doctoral degree programs, 63 master's degree programs and 10 graduate certificate programs in eight colleges. The NDSU Graduate School is proud of its recent growth including enrollment of more than 2,100 students, 600 graduate faculty members and research expenditures exceeding \$100 million. For more information about graduate degree programs at NDSU, visit www.ndsu.edu/gradschool or call 1-7033.

Print and Copy Services introduces Web site

Print and Copy Services has a new Web site to serve NDSU. At www.ndsu.edu/printandcopy, customers can learn about services available; and prices for standard materials, including letterhead, envelopes and business cards; prices for other common jobs.

Digital Storefront on the Web site allows customers to submit camera-ready work online. Click on any Digital Storefront link and register in the right column before using the system for the first time. Click on copying and printing projects to order brochures, tests, postcards, booklets, letters and other projects. Digital Storefront allows for the selection of paper size, color and weight; front only or double-sided; or corner stapled, saddle-stitched, coil bound or perfect bound.

For best quality, submit files as PDFs or let Digital Storefront convert them for you.

The prices listed are estimates and will be checked for accuracy before billing. Department and fund numbers are required to submit a project online.

Copier supplies, such as toner and fuser, and cases of 20-pound, 8½ by 11-inch white paper, also are available for purchase online.

Digital Storefront training will be available soon; however, customers are welcome to start using the system.

DIVERSITY

Four inducted into tapestry



Bilen-Green

Four members of the NDSU community will be inducted into the 2010 Tapestry of Diverse Talents at a ceremony on Friday, May 7, at noon in Memorial Union Century Theater.

Canan Bilen-Green, professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering, was selected for her dedication to advancing women faculty in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. She is committed to efforts in recruiting, retaining and advancing women faculty on the NDSU campus.



Johnson

Kelsey Johnson, senior in English education, was chosen because she spearheaded a movement on campus to educate and spread awareness about gender diversity issues and violence through the implementation of V-Day NDSU: Vagina Monologues.



Sather-Wagstaff

Sean Sather-Wagstaff, assistant professor of mathematics, was selected for being a consistent advocate for diversity, particularly as a voice for inclusiveness in NDSU policy. An advocate for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) community, he is a progressive voice of civility and respect in both University Senate and Senate Executive Committee meetings.



Josephsen

Sherry Josephsen, office coordinator for the Career Center, was chosen because she is the volunteer lead of the Career Center's Diversity Committee, meeting with her team to identify opportunities and methods to encourage staff

to broaden their perspectives and develop a deeper understanding of experiences and realities of student population.

RESEARCH

CNSE researchers get grant for ultrahydrophobic coatings

Bret Chisholm, director of the Combinatorial Materials Research Lab and senior research scientist at NDSU's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE), and Jie He, research scientist, have received \$136,756 for research on hydrophobic (super water repellent) coatings. The National Science Foundation grant was awarded to NDSU research partner Seashell Technology LLC, San Diego, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act with funding for research conducted by Chisholm and He.

The CNSE research titled "Abrasion Resistant Ultrahydrophobic Coatings" centers upon the second phase of collaborative research by Seashell Technology and NDSU. In the first phase, researchers successfully developed an ultrahydrophobic coating that can covalently attach to its substrate and provide corrosion prevention for military aircraft. The coating developed does not allow

the underlying metal surface to corrode. When water hits the coating, water beads into tight spheres that roll off the surface. This key feature results from incorporating surface roughness at the micro- and nanoscale levels.

CNSE and Seashell Technology researchers also have conducted experiments using the ultrahydrophobic coating on paper and fabrics, ultimately producing a water-repellent cloth. Funding of the second phase of this research will further investigate the ultrahydrophobic coating and potential applications for military and commercial use.

Seashell Technology LLC is engaged in the development of a number of specialized coatings with unique functionality and has ongoing projects with the National Institutes of Health, divisions of the Department of Defense, universities and public institutions.

NDSU's Combinatorial Materials Research Laboratory combines robotic machines and commercial software with machines and equipment designed and built by the CNSE engineering team. The laboratory is involved in research projects sponsored by both the U.S. government and industry, with ongoing research in marine coatings, antimicrobial coatings, bioactive polymers and coatings, coatings for corrosion protection and hybrid organic-inorganic coatings.

Biomass Testing Lab established

Cole Gustafson, NDSU biofuels economist, and Igathi Cannayen, Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory assistant professor, have received \$450,000 from the North Dakota Renewable Energy Council and U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in Mandan to establish the first dedicated biomass-testing laboratory in North Dakota. The lab will be designed to test dimensional, thermal and physical properties of biomass.

Creation of the lab aligns with the NDSU Bio Energy and Product Innovation Center's (BioEPIC) goal of fostering development of a biomass industry in North Dakota. BioEPIC already has created a searchable biomass inventory so prospective investors can evaluate potential biomass supplies in different geographic locations across the state. In addition, a decision aide, Biomass Compare, has been developed to help farmers and ranchers compare the profitability of biomass production with traditional farm enterprises.

Additional funding is being sought from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop biomass market standards, assist agricultural producers in forming a biomass supply network and developing a hands-on mobile biomass processing display to educate potential biomass suppliers on differing harvest and processing methods.

The Biomass Testing Lab will contain four primary machines. A universal testing machine will measure the force needed to compress, shear or cut biomass. A second machine will monitor the mass and temperature of biomass as it is heated in a controlled inert environment. A bomb calorimeter measures the energy content of various biomass samples. Finally, an environmental control chamber will enable storage studies of biomass in a controlled environment of constant temperature and humidity.

The Biomass Testing Lab will be located at the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Research Service site in Mandan.

NDSU FORWARD members present at national conference



Bilen-Green



Froelich



Burnett

Several Committee members from ADVANCE FORWARD attended the 2010 national conference of Women in Engineering ProActive Network in Baltimore, giving oral and poster presentations.

Canan Bilen-Green, associate professor of industrial engineering; Karen Froelich, associate professor of management; Elizabeth Birmingham (not pictured), associate professor of English; and Ann Burnett, associate professor of communications and director of women's studies, gave presentations.

Bilen-Green and Froelich presented "Women in University Leadership Positions: Comparing Institutions with Strong and Weak Gender Equity Track Records." The study examines structural dimensions of institutions with strong track records regarding the prevalence of women in the advanced academic ranks.

Bilen-Green, Birmingham and Burnett presented "Framing Change: Feminist Theories and the Conceptual Frameworks of ADVANCE IT Grant Proposals." This study addresses whether the use

of an explicitly feminist framework in conceptualizing the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE IT grant and its programs has any relationship to the overall success of the programs on campus; whether an alternative, discipline-based model is more effective; and whether the conceptual framework is an important part of effecting change.

CNSE researchers receive competitive coatings award

A team of researchers at NDSU's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) received a 2010 Roon Award at the American Coatings Conference 2010, held April 12-15 in Charlotte, N.C.

Receiving a second place Roon Award, the group's technical paper, "Novel Mg-rich Primers Based on Organically-Modified Silica Nanoparticles," was based on coatings research conducted at CNSE. Authors of the paper include Bret Chisholm, Hanzhen Bao, James Bahr, Jie He, Missy Stafslie and Seva Balbyshev. The research involved investigation of a hybrid organic-inorganic binder system based on organically modified silica nanoparticles for the production of novel Mg-rich primers.

The Roon Awards are considered one of the coatings industry's highest technical achievements and are given for best technical papers submitted for consideration as part of the 2010 American Coatings Conference technical program. Researchers from CNSE and the Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials also received a Roon Award for a technical paper at the 2008 FutureCoat Conference.

ND EPSCoR helps fund SciFinder Scholar

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) has allocated \$21,700 to assist NDSU Libraries in funding SciFinder Scholar for the NDSU research community in 2010-11. ND EPSCoR's support includes funding for the base subscription to the service and adding an additional simultaneous user.

"Competitive research universities rely on cyber infrastructure tools," says David Givers, ND EPSCoR co-project director. "The increased usage of SciFinder by NDSU scholars was resulting in delays and wait times to log on. ND EPSCoR was able to help alleviate this challenge by providing funding support for this research tool."

"EPSCoR's support allows us to continue to offer and now enhance access to SciFinder Scholar for all NDSU researchers," said Michele Reid, dean of NDSU Libraries.

SciFinder Scholar is the online, comprehensive index to chemical literature published by the American Chemical Society. For more information, visit <http://library.ndsu.edu>.

NDSU and energy beet partners receive \$330,000 grant

A partnership by NDSU, Green Vision Group and Heartland Renewable Energy has received a \$330,000 funding grant from North Dakota's Renewable Energy Council and several private supporters to develop an energy beet for the biofuel industry in the state.

Cole Gustafson, NDSU biofuels economist, was lead author of the proposal. Funds from the grant will be used to:

- Conduct a commercial test of Heartland Renewable Energy's patented process of drying the plant's fermentation tillage and utilizing the material to heat 70 percent of the plant.
- Conduct energy beet yield trials at five regional locations across North Dakota. Blaine Schatz, Carrington's Research Extension Center director, will coordinate this research.
- Initiate an engineering study that seeks to extend the storage life of energy beet juice. Dennis Wiesenborn, agricultural and biosystems engineering professor, will be the lead investigator on this project.
- Conduct producer and community education programs in up to five targeted regions. The goal of the educational component is to prepare potential energy beet producers, rural communities, ethanol buyers and other interested parties for the development of this new industry. Griggs and Steele Counties have expressed strong initial interest in the project.

PEOPLE

Veterans Upward Bound hires site coordinator



Becks

James Becks has joined the Veterans Upward Bound program as site coordinator. He will be located at the program's University of North Dakota satellite office and comes with 25 years medical experience in the Air Force, including nine years at Grand Forks Air Force Base. He lives in Manvel, N.D., with his wife and two children.

Based at NDSU, Veterans Upward Bound is funded by the U. S. Department of Education to serve all eligible veterans free of charge. The veterans also can draw educational benefits such as Montgomery GI Bill and Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation.

The project provides no-credit course work and support services to help veterans complete high school equivalency (GED) examinations and to prepare for post-secondary education. The project assists with obtaining information on other educational opportunities, academics, advising, financial aid, career counseling and school admissions.

Veteran Upward Bound Project director Bruce Steele says, "We live in challenging and exciting times. Some veterans start a college education soon after leaving the military, while others pursue their education goals after raising a family or building a career. NDSU Veterans Upward Bound is committed to serving all veterans through education and supportive services. We are about helping obtain a post-secondary education, being more competitive in their career field and sparking the fire of life-long learning."

Department of Residence Life holds celebration banquet



Stastny

The Department of Residence Life hosted a celebration banquet on April 18. Focusing on students, faculty and staff, individuals whose contributions have a lasting impact on students and who have contributed to another successful year in residence life were recognized at the banquet.

Sherri Stastny, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, was named Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year. She was nominated for the award based on her excellent work as faculty mentor for the Wellness Community in Seim Hall.



Schluchter

Jackie Schluchter, associate director of Orientation and Student Success, was given the Residence Life Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of her years of collaboration and partnership with the department.

Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences faculty earn awards



Sylvester

The College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences held its first annual college awards ceremony and reception on April 12. Three faculty members earned awards.

The Mary Berg Award for Excellence in Teaching went to Robert Sylvester, associate professor of pharmacy practice. The award recognizes a faculty member who is an outstanding teacher as defined by the ability to inspire and engage students in learning, who has demonstrated knowledge of pedagogical principles and who has been creative and innovative in approaches to teaching. Mary Berg was a 1974 graduate of pharmacy who died in 2004. Her father, Ordean Berg, BS '41, left a \$1.4 million estate gift to the college on her behalf, part of which funds the award for faculty.



Guo

Sylvester acknowledged the generosity of Ordean Berg in establishing the endowment in honor of his daughter. He noted that among faculty it renews the challenge to inspire students to emulate Mary Berg's commitment to improve the health of the people they serve.



Kiser-Larson

Bin Guo, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Research. The award recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in research and who demonstrates excellence and innovation in scholarly work. Guo has published papers in high-impact biomedical journals such as *Journal of Biological Chemistry* and *Cancer Research*. He has received about \$1 million in external funds since joining the college in December 2003.

Norma Kiser-Larson, associate professor of nursing, earned the Dean's Award for Exemplary Service. The award recognizes a faculty member who has a sustained record of service to the department, college, university, profession and public through professional involvement and or civic contributions. Kiser-Larson's service includes mentoring a McNair student scholar, chairing graduate and undergraduate departmental faculty committees, serving on the NDSU anti-racism team for several years, coordinating three medical mission trips to Nicaragua and assisting with collection of medical supplies for victims of the Haitian earthquake. Kiser-Larson also has led various support groups in the community including groups for women who were sexually abused as children, groups for women with eating disorders and grief recovery groups.

Kapplinger prints on display

Kent Kapplinger, associate professor of visual arts, will display two prints in "Prolific Impressions: Printmaking Now," May 8-23 at the climate/gallery LLC in Long Island, N.Y. The artwork includes "Backyard II" and "Journey."

Kapplinger teaches printmaking and drawing, and directs the Printmaking Education and Research Studio (PEARS) and Art Bank rental programs.

His work has been shown in more than 150 individual and group exhibitions and can be seen in more than 25 public and corporate collections, including Johnson & Johnson Co. in New Jersey, Thrivent Financial in Minnesota, The Print Consortium in Kansas City, Mo., and the U.S. Art in Embassy Program in Washington, D.C.

NDSU communicators win awards



Anderson

Several NDSU communications professionals received awards in the North Dakota Professional Communicators' 2009-10 communications contest.

The awards were presented April 24 during the organization's annual conference in Fargo. The winners and their awards are:

- Sadie Anderson, information specialist, Vice President for University Relations – first in newsletter, one- to three-color; second in newsletter, one- to three-color; two seconds in personality profile, more than 500 words; third in feature story in a publication for general or specialized circulation; and honorable mention in newsletter, four-color.



Crawford

- Ellen Crawford, information specialist, Agriculture Communication – first in external annual report; second in single news release; third in news reporting in a publication for general or specialized circulation



Hagen

- Joel Hagen, staff writer, Vice President for University Relations – firsts in feature story in a publication for general or specialized circulation and personality profile, more than 500 words; seconds in feature story in a publication for general or specialized circulation and news reporting in a publication for general or specialized circulation; and honorable mention in feature article for the Web



Koch

- Becky Koch, director, Agriculture Communication – firsts in non-newspaper news photography, educational Web site development, public service program, and manuals and handbooks; two firsts in audiovisuals (PowerPoint); and honorable mention in non-newspaper sports photography.

- Koch and Crawford – first for a public service program on which they collaborated.

McAlister receives award



McAlister

Vice President for Information Technology Bonnie Neas presented the second annual divisional Award for Innovation, Collaboration and Excellence to Britt McAlister from the Enterprise Computing and Infrastructure department on March 18.

McAlister received the award for working with a variety of customers to develop an efficient

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financial reporting Web site and report distribution process for NDSU and the North Dakota University System. This reporting solution has saved NDSU hundreds of staff hours. By tapping into official source information, discrepancies in data have been eliminated and reports are more accessible and user-friendly.

Also nominated for the I.C.E. Award were Steve Beckermann, Tammy Cummings, Blair Johnson, Jim Ross and Greg Wettstein.

Beckermann was nominated for taking a leadership role in working with NDSU Extension Service county offices to support their needs. He was creative in helping Extension offices connect to the Master Gardener program broadcast from NDSU on the state's Interactive Video Network.

Cummings was nominated for her support and persistence in working with new faculty and teaching assistance on creating and accessing Blackboard accounts. Among her accomplishments were assisting instructors in transitioning course content to new faculty members when an instructor leaves the university.

Johnson was nominated for his enthusiasm, style of communication and trustworthiness. His primary customers in Agricultural Extension noted that he demonstrates customer service excellence to staff at NDSU and across North Dakota.

Ross was nominated for his innovative approach to customer service and team leadership during the retirement of the WebDev server in late 2009. He worked with colleagues across the campus to ensure a timely response to support the migration of Web pages to the new PubWeb system.

Wettstein, who leads the division's research computing efforts, was nominated for his prompt and effective support to the research community. It was noted that Wettstein places a high priority on responding immediately, and is often called off-hours to respond to difficult issues. He also invests a great deal of effort into mentoring and coaching staff members.

Namkung exhibit on display in Memorial Union Gallery

Michael Namkung, 2010 James Rosenquist Artist in Residence, has planned an exhibit at the Memorial Union Gallery from May 5-14. An artist reception is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Namkung performs kinesthetic drawing experiments that use the physicality of his body as the medium. An amateur athlete, he uses his 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 to their relationship to the body.

In his exhibit, Namkung will display video, sound and drawings from four exercise experiments that he conducted while at NDSU. During the past weeks, Namkung designed physically rigorous drawing activities with more than 100 individuals participating.

The James Rosenquist Artist in Residency Program honors James Rosenquist, internationally known artist of the Pop Art movement.

NDSU hires beef cattle specialist



Dahlen

Carl Dahlen has been hired as NDSU Extension Service beef cattle specialist and an assistant professor in the Department of Animal Sciences. He began work May 1.

He earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in animal science from the University of Minnesota.

"This is a highly visible position for the NDSU animal sciences department," says Greg Lardy, department head. "We look forward to Dr. Dahlen joining our faculty and working with beef cattle producers across the state."

PUBLICATIONS

College of Human Development and Education

Journal of Extension: "Using Education, Exposure and Environments to Increase Preschool Children's Knowledge About Fruits and Vegetables," Desiree L. Tande, Brandi Niemeier, Joel Hektner, Sherri Stastny, Joyce Hwang

Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior: "Eating For your Eyes," Sherri Stastny, Julie Garden-Robinson

International Electronic Journal of Health Education: "Examining the Prevalence of Self-Reported Foodborne Illness and Food Safety Risks among International College Students in the United States," Myron Eighmy, Julie Garden-Robinson, Agnes Ngale Lyonga

Journal of Humanistic Counseling Education and Development: "A Humanistic Framework for Distance Education," Jill Nelson, Brenda Hall, Bob Nielsen, Carol Buchholz

VISTAS 2010: "Transient Students: Addressing Relocation to a New High School Through Group Counseling," Janelle Stahl Ladbury, Brenda Hall, Rachel Benz

The International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport, and Dance, "A Status Report of PETE programs in the Central District," Kristen Hetland

VISTAS 2010: "Navigating Academia: What You Didn't Learn in Graduate School," Jill Nelson, Kimberly Desmond, Clarrice Rapisarda

College of Business

Journal of Theoretical Accounting Research: "Analyst Forecasts and Company Life-Cycle Stages, an Exploratory Analysis," Thomas Dowdell

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Vox Humana: "Vibrato or non-vibrato in solo and choral singing: is there room for both?" Virginia Sublett

Miller to lead 16th Journey to the Homeland Tour

Michael M. Miller, director and bibliographer of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at NDSU Libraries, will lead the 16th Journey to the Homeland Tour group to Ukraine and Germany May 20-30. The tour will include stops at Odessa, Ukraine; the former Bessarabian and Black Sea German villages; Stuttgart, Germany; and Alsace, France.

Arve Moser, a native of Medina, N.D., who lives in Sartell, Minn., will participate in the tour. "As a full-blooded German from Russia with all my grandparents as direct ancestors from Russia, I have a deep, almost yearning, desire to visit where they came from," Moser said. "There are so many cultural influences during my childhood that have shaped me into who I am today and I simply continue to need to know more."

Gilbert and Audrey Schauer, Longview, Wash., and their daughter, Tauni from New Mexico, also will go on the tour. "My dad never talked about the place where he was born, which was Neudorf," said Gilbert. "My mother and I had a much closer relationship. Mother and I would talk about where she was born and raised. Sometimes she would say it would be nice if one of her kids could go over and see where she was born. Now, I will be traveling to the village where mother was born."

Miller will attend the national gathering of the Bessarabian Germans at Ludwigsburg, Germany. While in Berlin, Germany, he also will meet with Ute Schmidt, author of the book, "Bessarabien: Deutsche Kolonisten am Schwarzen Meer" ("Bessarabia: German Colonists on the Black Sea"), which will be published in English by the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection in 2011.

The 17th Journey to the Homeland Tour is planned for May 18-28, 2011. For more information, contact Miller at 1-8416 or visit www.ndsu.edu/grhc.

NDSU to offer Dakota Germans from Russia online course

NDSU will offer HIST/EDUC 600: Dakota Germans from Russia as an online professional development course. The course is scheduled for May 18 through August 12. The course is approved for three professional development graduate credits through NDSU's Distance and Continuing Education.

Participants in the course will review materials including articles, documentaries and radio programs; participate in online discussions; and engage in family research or curriculum development.

For more information, contact Jessica Clark at jessica.clark@ndsu.edu.

SHORTS & REMINDERS

Alumni Association Positions Available

To apply, send a letter of application and resume to the NDSU Alumni Association, 1241 N. University Drive, Fargo, ND 58102. Applications are requested by 5 p.m. on the screening date.

Part-time program assistant

NDSU Alumni Association
Salary commensurate with experience
May 14

NDSU 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.

Custodian (multiple positions)

Residence Life
\$19,760+/year
Open until filled

Stacks Supervisor/#00019316

Library
\$25,500/year
May 10

Information Processing Specialist (re-posted)/#00020674/#00020675

Plant Science
\$27,000/year
May 14

Student Support Services Project Coordinator/#00024116

TRIO Programs
\$38,000+/year
May 11

Senior Systems Librarian

Library
\$60,000+/year
May 28

Research Specialist/#00025349 Langdon Research Extension Center

\$35,000+/year
Open until filled

Senior Collection Development Librarian/#00019212

Library
\$60,000+/year
May 8

Software Engineer (#1)

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
May 5

Software Engineer (#2)

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
May 5

Software Engineer (#3)

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Salary commensurate with experience
May 5

Policy Updates

The following policies have been added or revised recently. To see the complete policy, go to www.ndsu.nodak.edu/policy.

Policy 155: Alcohol and Other Drugs: Unlawful and Unauthorized Use by Students and Employees

This change will reflect the addition to paragraph 3 stating the dangers of drug and/or alcohol use in the workplace to be in compliance with 2 CFR § 182.215. Also included are updated department name changes/locations and student sanction information.

Policy 313: Annual Leave and Sick Leave

This change to section 1.3 was made to reflect that faculty members will now be paid their earned annual leave upon termination of their 12-month appointment.

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CALENDAR

MAY

5 Gear up for Grants – “Finding Grants and Expertise Online Using COS,” 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., IACC, room 114. Register by e-mailing Kay Sizer at kay.sizer@ndsu.edu.

6 Chemistry and Molecular Biology – “Measurement of Emerging Contaminants in Regional U.S. Waters in the Presence of Organic Matter-produced Mass Spectrometry Interferences,” Leif Abrell, Arizona Laboratory for Emerging Contaminants at the University of Arizona, Tucson, 4 p.m., Dunbar 152

7 Animal Sciences Seminar – “Mongolia VET Net NGO,” Ganzorig Bekh-Ochir, Continuing Education Project Leader for Mongolia VET Net NGO, 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m., Hultz Hall 104

7 Baseball vs. Oakland, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

7-9 NDSU Opera Theatre – “The Secret Garden,” book and lyrics by Marsha Norman, music by Lucy Simon. Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Friday to Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for students.

8 Baseball vs. Oakland, 1 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

8 Student Recital – Desiree Ramstorf, piano, 2 p.m. Free admission.

8 Baseball vs. Oakland, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

9 Baseball vs. Oakland, 1 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

10 Environmental and Conservation Sciences Green Bag – “DEM Effects on the Topographic Wetness Index,” Shravan Avdhuta, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

10 Graduate Recital – Eduardo Orozco, piano, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

12 Baseball vs. Creighton, 3 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

12 Baseball vs. Creighton, 5 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

14 Graduate Commencement Ceremony, 4 p.m., Fargodome

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15 - June 11 Renaissance Gallery – James Falck exhibit

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