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DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORMS DISTRIBUTED

Wednesday, Sept. 10, is the deadline for returning 1997-98 Directory Information Forms to the President's Office. The forms were distributed last week. The form lists each person's information as it appeared in last year's directory. If you do not receive a form or your name did not appear in last year's directory, use the form attached to this week's University Letter. Departments and areas are asked to make additional copies as needed to add new persons. EACH FORM MUST BE RETURNED. Home addresses and telephone numbers will not be used in the electronic directory. For more information contact Mavis at the Office of University Relations at 777-4304 or by e-mail to mavis_ness@mail.und.nodak.edu. -- Jim Penwarden, Director, Office of University Relations.

EVENTS TO NOTE

GRADUATE COMMITTEE WILL MEET SEPT. 8

The Graduate Committee will meet Monday, Sept. 8, from 3:05 to 6 p.m in 305 Twamley Hall. The agenda will include:

1. Consideration of a request by the Microbiology and Immunology Department to change the course description for Mbio 504, Microbial Physiology.
2. Consideration of a request by the Geology Department to give graduate credit for GEOL 425, Design Hydrology for Wetlands.
3. Consideration of a request by the Civil Engineering Department to change the credits for CE 523, Applied Hydraulics, to "3, repeatable to 9."
4. Review of the subcommittee's report on the Clinical Laboratory Science graduate program.
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6. Review of the subcommittee's report on the Physics graduate program.
7. Matters arising.
-- Harvey Knull, Dean, Graduate School.

OID ANNOUNCES FIRST OF "ON TEACHING" SESSIONS

The first session of the "On Teaching" box lunch sessions is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9, at noon in the Memorial Room of the Union. The session is titled, "Keeping the Lecture Alive and Lively," and will feature Ron Pynn (Political Science), Bev Uhlenberg (Teaching and Learning), and Frank White (Sociology). To reserve a complimentary box lunch, please phone the Office of Instructional Development, 777-3325, no later than noon Tuesday, Sept. 2.
--
Dan Rice, Director of Instructional Development.

"LESSONS AT LUNCH" SERIES BEGINS

A new series, sponsored by the Leadership Inspiration Center at the Memorial Union, and offered for the first time during the summer session, is being offered again this fall for staff, faculty, and students at the University of North Dakota.

"Lessons at Lunch" is a collection of eight fun and informative sessions on various topics, including etiquette, car care, and dressing well on a budget. All sessions will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays

beginning Sept. 10, and all sessions (except for Sept. 24) will be held in the Leadership Inspiration Center, located on the third floor of the Memorial Union.

Attached is a complete schedule of the series. All sessions are free, although registration is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call 777-3926 to register for any or all of the sessions. Please feel free to bring your lunch, as it is not provided. (Note: No food is allowed in Upson II). Call Cynthia at 777-4076 for more information. -- Cynthia Thompson, Coordinator of Leadership Development and Programming.

LECTURER WILL DISCUSS SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT

Carl Foster, Director of the Milwaukee Heart Institute, will present a lecture on the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health Thursday, Sept. 11, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Reed Keller Auditorium (Room 1350), World Bio-Information Learning Resource Center, Health Sciences Building. All faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend. -- Serge von Duvillard, Director of the Human Performance Laboratory, Kinesiology, 777-4351.

FIRST LEEPS LECTURE SET FOR SEPT. 11

A LEEPS (Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Sciences) Lecture will be presented by Philip Bennett, University of Texas, Austin, at noon Thursday, Sept. 11, in the Leonard Hall Lecture Bowl (Room 100). Dr. Bennett is the 1997 Henry Darcy Lecturer, and will present "Water Microbes and Rocks: The Geochemical Ecology of Contaminated Ground Water."

Funding for Dr. Bennett's visit to UND is provided through the Darcy Lecture Series of the National Ground Water Association and the Association of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers.

The LEEPS Lecture Series is supported by the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, Office of Research and Program Development and the Advancing Science Excellence in North Dakota (ASEND) Program. All interested persons are welcome to attend. For additional information contact me. -- Scott Korom, Geology and Geological Engineering.

PROGRAM WILL OFFER IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Immunization Update 1997, a live interactive program, will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. It will provide updates on new vaccines and vaccine combinations; polio vaccine and global eradication; rotavirus vaccine; new recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for measles, hepatitis B, pneumococcal, and influenza vaccines; and why and how to assess the immunization levels in your practice. The program will be taught by William Atkinson and is sponsored by the Center for Disease Control (CDC); continuing education credit is available. The registration fee is \$5. Contact the Grand Forks Public Health Department at 746-2525 to register. -- Liz Tyree, Chair, Family and Community Nursing.

COMPUTER SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM SERIES SLATED

The University community is invited to attend the Computer Science Colloquium

Series. This year we will begin with a presentation by Henry Hexmoor on "BotWorld: A Cognitively Engineered Multi-agent Environment," at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in 106 CAS II.

Our work in multi-agent organizations focuses on methods for adaptation, learning, and interfaces for interactions between human and computer agents. Successful performance in such an organization relies on dynamic selection of cognitively appropriate interfaces, supplemented by routines, habits, and skills. Performance is further enhanced by mechanisms for timely sharing and exchange of information and instructional information exchange.

Shortcomings exist in multi-agent organizations with central control of information flow and explicit adaptations. Likewise, highly individualized information sharing strategies and adaptations also produce less desirable results. Individuals cannot often sense and act in globally optimal ways. We have adopted an approach utilizing a common architecture for a population of agents (Bots) that interact with each other and with human agents inside a common environment that we call BotWorld. Our agent architecture models both cognitive abilities of reasoning and maintaining knowledge as well as mental states and sub-cognitive processes involved in perceptual and motor learning. Within this environment, communication mediator agents (CommBots) facilitate adaptive and timely dissemination of information about other agents and the data. We will present arguments for our approach to agent architecture design and inter-agent information sharing.

The CS Colloquium Series presents a range of topics related to computing. The focus is on current research activities here at UND and beyond. The Colloquium takes place every other Thursday at 4 p.m., usually in 106 CAS II.

Faculty at UND are invited to present their research at the CS colloquium. Appropriate subject matter is research involving technology, cognitive science, computing, robotics, computer science, or other related fields. If you would like to give a colloquium, please contact me at maxwell@cs.und.edu to schedule a time. -- Bruce Maxwell, Computer Science.

LECTURER WILL DISCUSS MEDIA

Mercedes Lynn de Uriarte will present "The Gerber Baby Heads South -- Constructed Identity Across the Century," from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in 334 O'Kelly Hall. Her talk will consist of an interdisciplinary, slide-illustrated exploration of the history and sociology of media as a constructor of identity, including both exported and domestic examples of cultural illiteracy, ethnocentrism and censorship by exclusion. Beginning with the late 1880s replacement of the western frontier by a commercial frontier, U.S. print media began addressing Latinos with mixed messages. On the one hand, they wanted their business; on the other hand, they sometimes assigned them a civic position as outsiders.

The "Hispanic market," touted throughout the 1980s, continues the same errors begun when the "Mexican market" was addressed at the close of the 19th century with many of the same results, including imitation.

An Associate Professor of Journalism and Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin, de Uriarte is currently completing a book on diversifying the news product. She received her Ph.D. and M.A. in American Studies from Yale University. She has two B.A. degrees, one in American Studies and one in Comparative Literature, from California State University,

Fullerton. Raised in Mexico, she is bilingual and bicultural.

She worked for eight years at the Los Angeles Times as an assistant editor of the Opinion section. Assigned to open the editorial pages to commentary on Latin American, U.S. Latino and minority issues, she held the highest position then by a Latina in mainstream journalism. She now writes a regularly syndicated column distributed by Knight-Ridder and free-lance both on international and on multicultural issues.

De Uriarte has served as a journalism education diversity consultant for the Ford Foundation and as a consultant on diversification of the news product for the Austin-American Statesman and other newsrooms. On matters related to coverage of under-represented populations, she has also served as consultant, moderator and panelist to PBS, CBS and ABC affiliates in Texas.

At the University of Texas, she developed the first course in the nation to teach non-minority journalism students how to cover under-represented communities. She also created a classroom laboratory publication, Tejas, covering these issues. A special series in Tejas won the 1996 Robert R. Kennedy Memorial Award for Outstanding Journalism. At the graduate level she teaches the sociology of media and research and analysis of international and third world media issues.

De Uriarte is a presenter at Communication Day, Friday, Sept. 12. Her talk is presented in conjunction with the School of Communication's course, Communication and Diversity. Call me at 777-2670 for information. -- Lucy Ganje, School of Communication.

45TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DAY SET

The School of Communication's 45th Annual Communication Day Friday, Sept. 12, in the UND Memorial Union, will bring together leading journalists from North Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba to tell how they covered the 1997 Red River Valley Flood, and also will bring together public relations practitioners to talk about the task of communicating in a crisis.

The day starts with registration at 10 a.m. and a panel on disaster research, "The Social Construction of a Disaster," at 10:30 a.m. in the Lecture Bowl. The panel will be moderated by Lana Rakow (Communication).

A kickoff lunch starts at noon in the River Valley Room and will be followed by the keynote address and question session featuring Dennis Wenger of Texas A&M University's Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center. Wenger is an international expert on hazard and disaster relief. He has observed and written about the role of communication in disasters around the globe. Dr. Mercedes de Uriarte of the University of Texas will discuss the issues of audience responses to hazard and disaster reporting and public information.

Two concurrent panels, "Broadcasting in a Disaster," moderated by Raul Tovaes (Communication), and "Analyzing Newspaper Coverage of the Red River Valley Flood," will start at 2 p.m. The newspaper panel will include Nick Hirst, editor, Winnipeg Free-Press; Joe Dill, The Forum of Fargo; Jim Durkin, managing editor and maestro, The Grand Forks Herald; and Chuck Haga, reporter for the Minneapolis Star-Tribune. The panel is moderated by Richard Shafer (Communication).

Two other concurrent panels, "Disaster Coverage of Minority Communities" and "Public Relations: Communicating in a Crisis," will start at 3:30 p.m. The "Disaster Coverage of Minority Communities" panel will include Dr. Uriarte and

Michele Kozel, Grand Forks Herald columnist, and will be moderated by Lucy Ganje (Communication). The "Public Relations: Communicating in a Crisis" panel will bring together public relations practitioners to talk about the task of communicating in a crisis, especially one involving a 500-year flood, and will include, among others, Lt. Byron Sieber, Grand Forks Emergency Operations Center spokesman; Angel Santiago, Public Affairs Officer, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency); Becky Koch, North Dakota State University Extension Service Information Specialist; and will be moderated by Peter Johnson (University Relations Coordinator and Communication). The public relations panel is co-sponsored by North Dakota Professional Communicators.

-- Richard Shafer, School of Communication.

DISASTER EXPERT WILL SPEAK AT COMMUNICATION DAY

Dennis Wenger, senior scholar at Texas A&M University's Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center (HRRC), will give a keynote luncheon address as part of the School of Communication's annual Communication Day Friday, Sept. 12. The address will look at how communities around the world have dealt with disasters of the same magnitude as the Red River Valley Flood of 1997.

The Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center of Texas is one of 20 such hazard and disaster research centers in the United States, and one of the largest with over 60 researchers and support staff. The HRRC collaborates with the United Nations on assessing hazards and disasters worldwide.

According to Wenger, the HRRC studies the full range of technological and natural disasters, involving floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and drought. Research is directed to reduce the vulnerability of communities to natural and technological hazards by enhancing mitigation and preparedness activities. Such research, according to Wenger, can help communities like the Red River Valley recover by improving response and long-range recovery activities.

Mercedes Lynn de Uriarte, an associate professor of Journalism, American Studies and Latin American Studies at the University of Texas and a Yale Ph.D., brings bilingual and bicultural insight to her work as Communication Day guest speaker. Mercedes was born and raised in Mexico.

Working nearly a decade for the Los Angeles Times, she held the highest position by a Latino in mainstream journalism as assistant editor of the Opinion section. As feature writer, she covered urban affairs, social demographics, cultural patterns and community economics in Southern California.

Mercedes developed the first course in the nation, winning the 1996 Robert R. Kennedy Memorial Award, to teach non-minority journalism students how to cover under-represented communities.

-- Richard Shafer, School of Communication.

MEDICAL SCHOOL PROMOTES IN-STATE PRACTICE

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences will hold "Practice Opportunities in North Dakota," Friday, Sept. 12, at the Fargo Ramada Inn Plaza Suites and Conference Center, an event designed to encourage medical students and residents-in-training to consider establishing their practices in North Dakota. The base for the medical school's southeast campus is the site for extensive training of medical students and residents, but students and residents from the school's other three campuses in Grand Forks, Minot and Bismarck, also are invited to participate.

The annual gathering brings together the school's third- and fourth-year medical students and physician-residents, as well as their spouses, to meet representatives of North Dakota health care facilities. They may discuss opportunities in communities where they may wish to establish their practices after completing training.

Leaders of health care facilities from throughout the state are invited to participate by setting up booth exhibits which promote their facilities and home communities. -- Mary Amundson, Center for Rural Health.

LIBRARY TO HOLD ANNUAL BOOK SALE AND OPEN HOUSE

The Chester Fritz Library will hold its annual book sale Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside in front of the Library facing University Avenue. In case of rain, the sale will be held Sept. 24. The Library is accepting donations for the book sale at this time. Please contact Cynthia Shabb at 777-4623 if you would like to donate books, journals, records, or tapes for the sale. Donations need to be in to the Chester Fritz Library by Friday, Sept. 12. Free parking will be available at the Chester Fritz Auditorium for those individuals not affiliated with UND. A free shuttle service will be provided from the Auditorium to the Chester Fritz Library from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, there will be an Open House at the Chester Fritz Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to showcase services. Tours will be offered and entertainment is planned. -- Cynthia Shabb, Chief Bibliographer, Chester Fritz Library.

RECEPTION WILL HONOR TOM ROBINSON

The Department of Mathematics will host a reception for Tom Robinson Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Alumni Center. Dr. Robinson has been a faculty member of the department and the University since 1958 and is retiring this year. Please join us to wish him well in future pursuits. Everyone is welcome. -- Bruce Dearden, Mathematics.

HEPATITIS DIAGNOSIS PROGRAM SET

"Hepatitis C Diagnosis, Clinical Management, and Prevention," a live satellite teleconference, will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. The registration fee is \$25. Deadline for registration with the Hepatitis Foundation International (HFI) is Nov. 1. The Center for Disease Control and the Public Health Training Network are co-sponsors, and the Grand Forks Health Department is co-hosting the program with UND. Registration forms are available from me. -- Liz Tyree, College of Nursing, 777-4522.

GARRISON KEILLOR PERFORMANCE RESCHEDULED

Over a thousand patient Garrison Keillor fans and supporters of UND's North Dakota Quarterly are finally getting the word they have been waiting for. Garrison Keillor, writer, humorist and star of National Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion," will visit Grand Forks this fall to join his good friend, Roland Flint, in a benefit performance for the state's oldest literary journal.

NDQ has just announced that the new date for the performance at UND's Chester Fritz Auditorium is 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. The announcement could not come at a better time for the Quarterly. The 75-year-old journal hit hard times two years ago when cutbacks in the higher education budget

left
it without university support. That spring, Roland Flint, a former North Dakota native who has since been named poet laureate of Maryland, was in Grand Forks to accept an honorary doctorate from the University of North Dakota. Keillor, a good friend, had arrived in Grand Forks to watch Flint receive his award.

Flint's concern for the journal's plight -- he is a long-time fan whose poems have appeared in the Quarterly -- led him to join forces with Keillor to plan a benefit performance.

Their show of humor, poetry and reminiscence has been warmly received in Baltimore and other cities where they have performed together. The event will take on special significance in Grand Forks, however, where record-breaking floods and a citywide evacuation forced the postponement of last spring's performance.

As the summer months rolled on, only a few ticket holders asked for refunds; most took it on faith that eventually Keillor and Flint would fulfill their promise. Yet work on a new book and a busy summer touring schedule made rescheduling seem nearly impossible. Sadly, the staff of the Quarterly prepared to return thousands of dollars in advance ticket sales that had earlier appeared to ensure the journal's survival. It was beginning to look like another flood casualty.

Today, there is rejoicing in the tiny lower level offices of North Dakota Quarterly. In the next few days, thousands of letters will go out to current and prospective ticket holders inviting them to return to the Fritz on Nov. 4 to enjoy an evening of poetry and laughter and, of course, to subscribe to North Dakota's oldest and best-loved literary journal.

For information about the Keillor/Flint Performance, contact Janna Mostad, UND Alumni Association and Foundation, 777-2611, FAX: 701-777-4859, or e-mail jmostad@prairie.nodak.edu.

For information about North Dakota Quarterly contact Jenny Ettling, Business Manager, North Dakota Quarterly, 787-6087 (phone and fax), or e-mail to ndq@sage.und.nodak.edu.

To order tickets call the Chester Fritz Auditorium Box Office at 777-4090 or 1-800-375-4068.

-- Robert Lewis, Editor, North Dakota Quarterly.

DIABETES PROGRAM WILL BE BROADCAST

"Diabetes: Control is Prevention," a live Center for Disease Control (CDC) satellite broadcast, will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl of the Memorial Union. The North Dakota Diabetes Control Project, coordinated by Darian Schaubert, is a co-sponsor of the program. Each registrant will receive a participation packet. Register by calling the Grand Forks Health Department at 746-2525. -- Liz Tyree, College of Nursing.

OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

REGULATED WASTE POLICY DETAILED

To ensure that "regulated waste" is disposed of properly, the Institutional Biosafety Committee requires that all members of the University community who generate regulated waste have in place a disposal plan which is in conformity

with federal regulations. Regulated waste as defined by the federal government includes, but is not limited to, human body fluids and tissues and items contaminated with human body fluids or tissues such as needles, syringes, and scalpels, whether generated during medical procedures, research or teaching.

Anyone who is generating regulated waste within the University who does not have a disposal plan in place or is unsure whether regulated waste is being generated by their activities or is being disposed of properly must contact the Safety Office at 777-3341. -- Barry Milavetz, Chair Institutional Biosafety Committee.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR GRADUATE FACULTY

The Graduate School has issued the semi-annual call for nominations for membership on the Graduate Faculty. A memorandum detailing the process, and including a copy of the nomination form, has been sent to the chairperson of each department/program offering a graduate degree. The deadline for nominations to be received in the Graduate School is Monday, Sept. 8. Final action on the nominations is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 1. -- Harvey Knull, Dean, Graduate School.

TEACHING NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE AT SUBSIDIZED RATE

Faculty and departments may subscribe to the newsletter, "The Teaching Professor," at a subsidized rate of \$23 per year by contacting the Office of Instructional Development, (777-3325 or intracampus mail box 7104) by Friday, Sept. 5. This is an excellent monthly newsletter which focuses on teaching issues in higher education. -- Dan Rice, Director of Instructional Development.

DOCTORAL EXAM SET FOR KAPPHAHN

The final examination for Mark A. Kapphahn, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, is set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in 1360 School of Medicine. The dissertation title is "Determinants in the Carboxyl Terminus of the Type I-Alpha Regulatory Subunit of Camp-Dependent Protein Kinase That Influence Cyclic Nucleotide Binding."
John Shabb (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) is the committee chair.

Members of the Graduate Faculty are invited to attend. -- Harvey Knull, Dean, Graduate School.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

NSF EPSCoR SEEKS GRANT PREPROPOSALS

The National Science Foundation is seeking grant preproposals by noon Monday, Oct. 6. Following are some questions and answers about the procedure.

1. What are NSF EPSCoR grants? (formerly called EPSCoR Standard Grants-ESGs)
EPSCoR grants are non-renewable grants with 24-month duration and \$500,000 maximum award amount. NSF anticipates awarding 10 to 15 EPSCoR grants totaling approximately \$5.0 million during any fiscal year.

2. What are some of the characteristics of successful NSF EPSCoR grant preproposals?

* Innovative science and technology projects that have great potential to

be
self-sustaining with a one-time investment

* Projects that cannot be initiated or supported through the regular NSF
grant
programs

* Focused on research and development linkages with industry in science
and
technology areas critical to technological developments in the state

* Focused on areas dealing with technology transfer

* Projects that link institutions or regions to develop significant
science
and technology capabilities

* Large-scale cooperative projects that develop an area to the level where
it
becomes competitive for a major NSF grant

3. What NSF EPSCoR grants have been awarded to North Dakota?
North Dakota has received three NSF EPSCoR grants:

* Resonance Raman Spectrometer (Polymers and Coatings, NDSU, \$200,000
[1995])

* High Speed Computing (Computer Science, NDSU, \$470,000 [1995-96])

* Great Plains Networking for Earth Systems Science (North Dakota in
partnership with five other Great Plains EPSCoR states, [1997])

4. What kinds of initiatives are discouraged?

* Projects that can compete for funding under regular NSF grant programs

* Workshops, seminars and training programs

* Educational projects normally funded through DUE/EHR

* Clinical, medical or disease related projects that are not within the
purview of NSF

* Single investigator basic research projects

5. What are the requirements for an NSF EPSCoR grant preproposal?

* A completed NSF cover sheet (Form 1207). It is important to identify the
relevant NSF Research Division(s)/Program Code abbreviation(s) on the
cover
sheet. These are listed in the Grant Proposal Guide (NSF 95-27).

* A 200 word summary of the proposed project

* A five (5) page "Project Description" section that describes: "(1) the
proposed activity; (2) the plan to obtain sustaining non-EPSCoR support,
including programmatic milestones and a timetable for meeting project
objectives; and (3) the project's relationship to state or institutional
R&D
objectives. Proposals that do not conform to these guidelines will not be
accepted for review." This section includes text and any visual materials.

* Year 1, Year 2, and Cumulative budgets prepared on the EPSCoR Budget
Form
(available from either North Dakota EPSCoR office)

* A budget justification

* Format and font size for the preproposal needs to adhere to NSF
guidelines.
See directions on page 3 of the Grant Proposal Guide, NSF 95-27, available
in
your institution's research office and on the World Wide Web by accessing:
<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/1997/nsf9751/nsf9751.htm>

6. What about the budget, matching dollars, and official signatures?

* Submit Year 1, Year 2, and Cumulative budgets prepared on the EPSCoR
budget
form. Include a budget justification

* Although matching is not required, projects with institutional/state/private sector hard-dollar matches may influence external reviewers. It is the PI's responsibility to negotiate such matches with departmental chairs or deans. An accompanying letter from the appropriate administrator acknowledging the match is prudent to avoid future misunderstandings. If your preproposal is selected for submittal to NSF, the budget will be reviewed and signatures requested at that time.

7. How will ND EPSCoR select the two or three preproposals submitted to NSF EPSCoR?

* ND EPSCoR will select two or three preproposals for submittal to NSF EPSCoR through a merit review process. ND EPSCoR will submit North Dakota preproposals by FASTLANE to the NSF EPSCoR office by 5 p.m. Oct. 14.

8. What happens if a North Dakota preproposal is selected?

* Based on reviewer comments, the PI may need to make narrative and budget revisions before a selected preproposal is submitted to NSF.

* Before a selected preproposal is submitted to NSF, the PI will need to obtain institutional sign-offs on the proposal and budget.

* NSF EPSCoR will conduct a review of preproposals submitted by EPSCoR states and then invite those states with meritorious proposals to submit a full proposal by Feb. 17, 1998.

* If NSF awards the full proposal, the expected start date is Oct. 1, 1998.

9. Where can I get more information?

* On the World Wide Web by accessing these sites:

<http://www.nsf.gov/>
<http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/EHR/EPSCOR/start.htm>
<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/1997/nsf9751/nsf9751.htm>
<http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/epscor/>

-- Philip Boudjek, ND EPSCoR, Fargo.

RESEARCH, GRANT OPPORTUNITIES LISTED

Following are research and grant opportunities. For more information, contact Research and Program Development at 777-4278.

INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS

The Institute supports the following awards for students who wish to pursue an industrial engineering education. United Parcel Service Scholarship for Minority Students; United Parcel Service Scholarship for Female Students; the Gilbreth Memorial Fellowship and the E. J. Sierleja Memorial Fellowship for graduate industrial engineering education; the Dwight D. Garner Scholarship Fund and the A. O. Putnam Memorial Scholarship for undergraduate students. Deadline: 2/15/98. Contact: 404/449-0461; fax 404/263-8532; wleake@www.iienet.org, or <http://www.iienet.org>.
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARDS

The Annie Jump Cannon Award in Astronomy honors a woman astronomer pursuing significant postdoctoral research in astronomy. The AAUW Recognition Award

for Emerging Scholars recognizes the early professional achievements of a nontenured woman scholar. Deadline: 2/10/98. Contact: 319/337-1716; fax 202/872-1425; foundation@mail.aauw.org; <http://www.aauw.org/3000/fdnfelgra.html>.

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (APSA)

Congressional Fellowships provide \$28,000 for political scientists, journalists and communications specialists to work as congressional aides for nine months. Deadline: 12/1/97. The Minority Fellows Program is designed to increase the number of minority Ph.D.'s in political science and encourage institutions to provide financial assistance to them and the Minority Identification Project is a collaboration of undergraduate programs and graduate schools in political science to interest minority undergraduate students in graduate study and to help further diversify the political science profession. Deadline: 11/1/97. The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute introduces African-American students to graduate study and encourages application to Ph.D. programs. Deadline: 2/1/98. The APSA Research Grant Program supports research in all fields of political science. Proposals will be accepted beginning 12/1/97. Deadline: 2/1/98. Contact: 202/483-2512; fax 202/483-2657; apsa@apsanet.org; <http://www.apsanet.org>.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE (MURI)

The Multidisciplinary Research Program supports university teams whose research efforts intersect more than one traditional science and engineering discipline. Through this MURI competition, the DoD expects to make awards in the thirteen specific research topics listed below. Awards will be made by the Army Research Office, the Office of Naval Research, and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

- 1) Engineering of Nanostructures and Devices; 2) Computational Tools for Design, Analysis and Optimization of Nanometer Scale Devices and Operation; 3) Nanoscience: Size and Distribution Control of Self-Assembled Semiconductor Nanostructures for Multispectral Detector Arrays; 4) Nanoelectronics: Low Power, High Performance Components and Circuits; 5) Carbon Clusters and Nanotubes Biomimetics; 6) Olfactory Sensing; 7) Adaptive Optoelectronic Eye;
- 8) Biological Detection Systems for Electromagnetic Spectral Signatures;
- 9) Biomimetic Robotics Compact Power Sources; 10) Micro Thermal Engines; 11) Explosive-Driven Power Generation for Directed-Energy Munitions; 12) Compact Power Sources: Heterojunction Power Switching Mobile Wireless Communications;
- 13) Digital Communication Devices Based on Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos. Deadline: 10/28/97. Contact: ORPD for the complete announcement.

NEC FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Areas of interest of the NEC Foundation are science and technology education, secondary schools and technology to assist people with disabilities. Funds are provided for awards/prizes, conferences/seminars, demonstration, general operating, project/program, research, seed money, and training. Deadline: 11/1/97; 5/1/98. Contact: 516/753-7021; fax 516/753-7096; reidenbb@ccgate/ml.nec.com; <http://www.nec.com/web/company/foundation/index.html>.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) invites grant preapplications for projects that improve postsecondary education opportunities. FIPSE is particularly interested in projects that meet one or more of the following priorities.

- * Projects to support new ways of ensuring equal access to postsecondary education, and to improve rates of retention and program completion, especially for low-income and under-represented minority students.
- * Projects to improve campus climates for learning by creating an environment that is safe, welcoming, and conducive to academic growth for all students.
- * Projects to support innovative reforms of undergraduate, graduate, and professional curricula that improve not only what students learn, but how they learn.
- * Projects to make more productive use of resources to improve teaching and learning; and to increase learning productivity.
- * Projects to support the professional development of faculty by assessing and rewarding effective teaching; promoting new and more effective teaching methods; and improving the preparation of graduate students who will be future faculty members.
- * Projects to promote innovative school-college partnerships and to improve the preparation of K-12 teachers.
- * Projects to disseminate innovative postsecondary educational programs which have already been locally developed, implemented, and evaluated.

Deadline for transmittal of preapplications is 10/24/97. Call 202/708-5750 for more information; 202/358-3041 or e-mail FIPSE@ED.GOV for applications.

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WILBUR FOUNDATION

The Wilbur Foundation provides funding in the field of humanities, especially history, literature, religion, and philosophy, for projects to enhance or preserve the "permanent things" of society. Contact: Gary R. Ricks, Chief Executive Officer, P.O. Box 3370, Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3370. Deadline: 12/31/1997.

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AMERICAN DIGESTIVE HEALTH FOUNDATION

Members of the American Gastroenterological Association, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases may apply for or sponsor someone for the following awards. The Miles and Shirley Fiterman Foundation Awards for Clinical Research (\$30,000 each): the Hugh R. Butt Award in Hepatology or Nutrition and the Joseph B. Kirsner Award in Gastroenterology. The Miles and Shirley Fiterman Foundation Awards for Basic Research (\$30,000) provide supplemental support to ongoing projects. The Jan Albrecht Commitment to Clinical Research Award in Liver Diseases provides \$25,000/yr. for two years for junior investigators performing clinical research in liver-related areas. Deadline: 1/9/98. Contact: Candance L. Blank, Research Awards Program Assistant,

301/654-2635;
fax 301/654-1140; <http://www.gastro.org>; <http://www.asge.org>.
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NASA: CLASSROOM OF THE FUTURE (COTF)

The Classroom of the Future, NASA's principle research and development program for K-12 educational technologies, is seeking researchers in the following areas: computer science, psychology, education, educational technology, and alternative assessment. COTF combines NASA-developed scientific data, advanced instrumentation, and expertise to create curriculum materials and services which include distance learning opportunities, model inservice and preservice teacher education programs, multimedia materials, internet-accessible tools and resources, as well as reports, monographs, and papers. The NASA Summer Faculty Fellowship Program provides \$10,000 for research. The COTF Postdoctoral Research Program provides \$35,000/yr. for research under the guidance of COTF staff. The COTF Doctoral Internship Program provides \$12,000 for a six-month internship under COTF staff. Deadline: 3/2/98. The COTF Summer Program for Graduate Students provides \$3,000 for students who have completed 40 or more graduate credits in a doctoral program to participate in ongoing COTF research projects under the supervision of COTF staff. Deadline: 12/15/97. Contact: Steven McGee, 304/243-4308 or mcgee@cotf.edu.
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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA)

The Urban Forum, a series of symposia and lectures on issues affecting the design and development of American cities, will provide \$50,000 for three-four forums. Program Solicitation PS 97-04 is scheduled for release approximately 9/2/97. Proposal Deadline: 10/2/97. Contact: William Hummel, 202/682-5482.
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DERMATOLOGY FOUNDATION

Funds are provided for the support of research and research training in cancer and other diseases of the skin, hair and nails. The Career Development Award in Skin Research is to assist in the transition from fellowship to established investigator. The Clinical Career Development Award is intended to enhance the academic career of a clinician-scientist in the early stages of career development. The Health Care Policy Clinical Career Development Award is designed to support establishment and development of health policy careers for dermatologists. The Dermatologists Investigator Research Fellowship Award and the Fellowships provide funds for post-doctoral fellows. Grants are awarded to initiate research projects for research in skin cancer, dermatologic surgery and oncology, and epidermolysis bullosa. Contact: 847/328-2256; fax 847/328-0509; dfgen@dermfnd.org; <http://www.dermfnd.org>. Deadline: 10/1/97.
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AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH

Areas of interest are anthropology, archaeology, Biblical studies, epigraphy, history, history of art and architecture, literature, philology, prehistory and topography, relating in particular to the Middle East. Funds are provided

for fellowships, professorships, and visiting scholars at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem or Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute in Nicosia. Mesopotamian Fellowships are intended to encourage study and research about Mesopotamia. The Endowment for Biblical Research Summer Research and Travel aims to encourage the study of the Biblical world. Deadlines vary. Contact: 617/353-6570; fax 617/353-6575; asor@bu.edu; <http://scholar.cc.emory.edu/scripts/ASOR/ASOR-MENU.html>.

-- Carl Fox, Director of Research and Program Development.

BILLBOARD

COMPUTER DIALIN PROCEDURES CHANGED

Computer Center Network Services has been working on a project to implement additional higher speed remote access dialin facilities. The new facilities consist of 184 modems supporting speeds up to 33.6kbs, and utilizes point to point protocol (PPP), allowing multi-protocol connectivity. The addition of multi-protocol support provides simultaneous connectivity to Web and Novell servers, similar to a workstation that is currently connected directly to the campus network. PPP will also allow easier more efficient connection setup procedure and improved security to the UND campus network and the Internet.

The new dialin number and procedures for changing to the new dialin facilities are available as Computer Center User Notes I1 (PPP dial-up access with Windows 95), I2 (PPP dial-up access with Windows 3.1), I4 (PPP dial-up access with a Macintosh), and I5 (Non-PPP dial-up access). These User Notes are available at the Computer Center Learning Lab (Memorial Union 201), Upson II (basement & third floor documentation racks), and on the Computer Center Home Page (<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/CC>).

NOTICE: Users will have to change to the PPP protocol to connect. Dial-up software must be reconfigured; putting the new phone number in existing software will not work. To obtain the new dial-up number please refer to the appropriate User Note. Macintosh users will need to obtain the Free PPP software. MacSLIP and InterSLIP do not support PPP connections. FreePPP is included on the Macintosh Connect software. User Note #I4 includes instructions on how to obtain a copy of this software.

Non-PPP connections will also change. This includes Procomm, Windows terminal, MS-Kermit, or MacKermit type software. Procedures for logging on using this type of software is also available as User note I5.

-- Doris Bornhoeft, Computer Center.

DEPARTMENTS, STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO PLACE INFORMATION ONLINE

Departments, offices, and student organizations are invited to place entries on UNInfo, the University's online menu system. It contains directories, calendars, academic information, job openings, news and more, and we'd like to add your information to the system, which is accessible worldwide. We'll train you in placing information online; the only requirement is a computer hooked to the Comptuer Center mainframe. There is no charge. Student organizations are more than welcome to place information about their groups online; their

only additional requirement is an advisor's name so we have someone to contact when school is not in session. If you're interested, please call me at 777-3621 for more information. -- Jan Orvik (University Relations), Co-Manager, UNInfo.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR ADA COMMITTEE

The Affirmative Action Office seeks members for Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide input to the Affirmative Action Office/ADA Coordinator on disability issues; to review progress of the University toward making the campus accessible in terms of physical access, services, employment, and educational programs; to undertake special projects related to disability issues; and to assist in promoting disability concerns as part of the University's diversity efforts. Disabled and non-disabled faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate. Contact the Affirmative Action Office if you are interested at 777-4171 voice/TDD, Box 7097 for campus mail, or e-mail sally_page@mail.und.nodak.edu). -- Sally Page, Affirmative Action officer/ADA Coordinator.

FREE COUNSELING OFFERED

The UND Psychological Services Center is offering free confidential crisis counseling for flood-related issues. Please call 777-3691 for telephone or on-site appointments. -- Psychological Services Center.

UNIVERSITY LETTER SURVEY RESULTS TALLIED

The results from the February University Letter survey have been tallied. Of 2,500 surveys mailed out, 998 were returned, with a response rate of 42 percent. About 60 percent receive University Letter electronically; 64 percent prefer the paper copy, though some do like the environmental savings of e-mail. For a full look at the results and comments received from respondents, please see last week's issue of University Letter.

Our office (University Relations) is considering the possibility of offering a choice between paper and electronic copies of University Letter. But first, the cost of such a move must be estimated before a decision is made. A subscription query form was mailed last week. Please fill out the form and return it to me by Monday, Sept. 15. -- Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE OFFERED

A free defensive driving course for UND employees and a member of their family will be held Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 211 Rural Technology Center, and again on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the State Conference Room, #105, at the Energy and Environmental Research Center. This course is required in accordance with a memo received from Paul Feyereisen, State Fleet Manager in Bismarck, on Oct. 2, 1996. The following criteria was given for any UND employee who is authorized to drive State Fleet vehicles:

1. Any individual who operates a State Fleet vehicle daily.
2. Any individual who operates a State Fleet vehicle at least once a month.

3. Any individual who has received a traffic violation or had an accident while operating a State Fleet vehicle within the past calendar year.

4. Any operator of seven, 12, and 15 passenger vans transporting four or more passengers at least once per month.

This course may reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and may remove points from your driving record. We will be holding subsequent classes the second and fourth Wednesday of each month until Nov. 26. The second Wednesday class will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the fourth Wednesday course will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. These will be held at the Rural Technology Center, room 211, on 42nd Street and University Avenue. Please call the Safety Office at 777-3341 to register and get directions. -- Norma Haley,
Safety Office.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

WOMEN'S CENTER LISTS EVENTS

The Wednesday, Sept. 10, Feast and Focus program at noon in the Women's Center, 305 Hamline Street, is "Tell Them I'm A Mermaid." Women with disabilities are typically a group that has been overlooked by both disability organizations and the feminist movement. We will present a film about seven extraordinary women with disabilities who share their experiences through song, humor, music, and choreography. These women discuss their feelings about how society perceives them and how they perceive themselves. The outcome is an original, dynamic piece of creative work that grew out of an acting workshop.

The Thursday, Sept. 11, For Women Only program will be "Dying Machine or Living Light." Proponents of Aryurveda see the body as a material expression of divine intelligence while Western medicine sees the body as a kind of machine with parts. Our focus for this program will be on Aryurveda, which concentrates on every practical detail of achieving physical, mental and emotional balance in order to perfect our individual relationship with the Divine Power. Do you know what your dosha is?

Please join us. -- Donna Iver Gorge, near Walhalla, and begin the day with a guided tour of the region's scenic vistas, ideal for viewing and photographing the changing leaves. Home to moose, elk, deer and a variety of birds, it is a haven for people who appreciate the great outdoors.

You'll also enjoy experiencing of French cuisine and culture. Internationally renowned Master Chef, Daniel Degavrillac, will guide you in preparing French pastries.

The French language you learn will be appropriate for adults who want to learn practical expressions for travel and social situations. This is a comfortable setting in which to build confidence and experience in speaking French.

The morning tour and walk will be led by Kate Stevenson, a native of Walhalla who is knowledgeable in the lore and the unique characteristics of the region. She teaches French and German at Jamestown College and is a specialist in French language programming. Degavrillac left the French Pyrenees for California where he practiced the art of fine cuisine and now lives in Walhalla. UND French professor, Virgil Benoit, specializes in French

regional
culture and will help you learn through experiencing the language.

The \$45 fee includes a bus tour, continental breakfast, lunch,
instruction,
and supplies for the cooking class.

To register, or for more information, contact me. -- Monique Clifford,
Continuing Education, 777-2663.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1997

(Please contact Mavis at the Office of University Relations, Box 7144, or
call
777-4304, if you wish to make changes or have an event included.)

Wed. through Sat., Sept. 3-6 -- FALL FEE PAYMENT AND CHECK DISBURSEMENT
(Sept.
3-5 at Memorial Union Ballroom, Sept. 6 at Business Office, Twamley Hall).

Fri., Sept. 5 -- MEETING, Institutional Review Board, 305 Twamley Hall, 4
p.m.

Fri., Sept. 5 -- CONCERT, Heartland of America Air Force Band, Chester
Fritz
Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Fri. and Sat., Sept. 5-6 -- VOLLEYBALL, UND at Grand Canyon Tourney.

Mon., Sept. 8 -- GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEETING, 305 Twamley Hall, 3:05 to 6
p.m.

Tues., Sept. 9 -- LAST DAY TO ADD A FULL-TERM COURSE FOR FALL SEMESTER.

Tues., Sept. 9 -- ON TEACHING BOX LUNCH SESSION, "Keeping the Lecture
Alive
and Lively," Memorial Room, Memorial Union, noon; leaders will be Ron Pynn
(Political Science), Bev Uhlenberg (Teaching and Learning), and Frank
White
(Sociology); call the Office of Instructional Development, 777-3325, to
reserve a complimentary box lunch no later than noon Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Tues., Sept. 9 -- COUNSELING COLLOQUIUM, 316 Montgomery Hall, 12:30 to
1:45
p.m.; topic will be announced in the University Letter.

Wed., Sept. 10 -- TELEPHONE DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORMS due in the
President's
Office; call 777-4304 for more information.

Wed., Sept. 10 -- FREE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE for UND employees and a
member
of their family, 211 Rural Technology Center, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;
call
the Safety Office at 777-3341 to register and get directions; repeated
Wed.,
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the
Energy and Environmental Research Center.

Wed., Sept. 10 -- FEAST AND FOCUS PROGRAM, "Tell Them I'm A Mermaid,"
Women's
Center, 305 Hamline St., noon.

Wed., Sept. 10 -- LESSONS AT LUNCH, a collection of eight fun and
informative
sessions on various topics, including etiquette, car care, and dressing
well
on a budget held on alternate Wednesdays, Leadership Inspiration Center,
third
floor, Memorial Union, noon to 1 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 11 -- COMPUTER SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM, "BotWorld: A Cognitively
Engineered Multi-Agent Environment," presented by Henry Hexmoor, 106 CAS

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p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 11 -- LECTURE, Carl Foster, Director of the Milwaukee Heart Institute, will present a lecture on the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, Reed Keller Auditorium (Room 1350), Wold Bio-Information Learning Resource Center, Health Sciences Building, noon to 1 p.m.; all faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend.

Thurs., Sept. 11 -- LEEPS LECTURE, the first LEEPS (Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Sciences) lecture will be presented by Philip Bennett, University of Texas, Austin, "Water Microbes and Rocks: The Geochemical Ecology of Contaminated Ground Water," Leonard Hall Lecture Bowl, noon.

Thurs., Sept. 11 -- INTERDISCIPLINARY, SLIDE-ILLUSTRATED LECTURE, "The Gerber Baby Heads South -- Constructed Identity Across the Century," presented by Mercedes Lynn de Uriarte, Associate Professor of Journalism and Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin, 334 O'Kelly Hall, 2 to 3:15 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 11 -- IMMUNIZATION UPDATE 1997, a live interactive program, Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, noon to 2:30 p.m.; registration fee is \$5; call 746-2525 to register.

Thurs., Sept. 11 -- FOR WOMEN ONLY PROGRAM, "Dying Machine or Living Light," Women's Center, 305 Hamline St., noon.

Fri., Sept. 12 -- "PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTH DAKOTA," sponsored by the School of Medicine and Health Sciences is an event designed to encourage medical students and residents-in-training to consider establishing their practices in North Dakota, Fargo Ramada Inn Plaza Suites and Conference Center.

Fri., Sept. 12 -- 45TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DAY, the School of Communication will bring together leading journalists from North Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba to tell how they covered the 1997 Red River Valley Flood; public relations practitioners will talk about the task of communicating in a crisis, Memorial Union; registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by a panel on disaster research, "The Social Construction of a Disaster," at 10:30 a.m. in the Lecture Bowl; two concurrent panels, "Broadcasting in a Disaster," and "Analyzing Newspaper Coverage of the Red River Valley Flood," will start at 2 p.m.

Fri. and Sat., Sept. 12-13 -- VOLLEYBALL, North Central Conference/NSIC, Marshall, Minn.

Sat., Sept. 13 -- FALL COLORS AND FRENCH CUISINE, a guided tour of the Pembina River Gorge in Walhalla will begin the day with internationally renowned Master Chef Daniel Degavrillac, guiding participants in preparing French pastries; fee is \$45 which includes a bus tour, continental breakfast, lunch, instruction, and supplies for the cooking class; call Monique at 777-2663 to register or for more information.

Sat., Sept. 13 -- CELEBRATE A SEASON OF CHANGE with the Schubert Club Gamelan Ensemble, a 20-member orchestra from St. Paul, North Dakota Museum of Art, UND campus, 8 p.m.; Gamelan music is a set of mostly percussion instruments constructed and tuned as a single unified ensemble; the music can be loud and exuberant, but just as frequently it is subdued and tranquil -- as music which has been described as "flowing water"; event is free and open to everyone.

Sat., Sept. 13 -- FOOTBALL, UND at Moorhead State University, Moorhead,

Minn.,
1:30 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 14 -- CONCERT, Collin Raye, Chester Fritz Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 14, through Sat., Sept. 20 -- POTATO BOWL.

Mon., Sept. 15 -- WOMEN IN POLITICS FORUM, featuring Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp, State Treasurer Kathi Gilmore, State Senator Judy DeMers, and State Representatives Linda Christenson, Lois Delmore, Roxanne Jensen, Amy Kliniske, North Dakota Museum of Art, 6 p.m.; call Steve at 772-8616 for more information.

Mon., Sept. 15 -- LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES, "Leadership Through Effective Interpersonal Skills," presented by Tom Clifford, UND President Emeritus, Leadership Inspiration Center, third floor, Memorial Union, 3 p.m.; sessions are free and open to the public; (series continues every Monday through Oct. 27).

Mon., Sept. 15, through Thurs., Sept. 25 -- ART EXHIBITION, Diana Thornycroft, Photographs, Gallery, Hughes Fine Arts Center.

Tues., Sept. 16 -- COUNSELING COLLOQUIUM, 316 Montgomery Hall, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.; topic will be announced in the University Letter.

Wed., Sept. 17 -- DOCTORAL EXAM for Mark A. Kapphahn, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 1360 School of Medicine, 10:30 a.m.; members of the Graduate Faculty are invited to attend.

Wed., Sept. 17 -- FEAST AND FOCUS PROGRAM, "Creating A Medicine Shield," Women's Center, 305 Hamline St., noon.

Wed., Sept. 17 -- RETIREMENT RECEPTION for Tom Robinson (Mathematics), Alumni Center, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 17 -- ANNUAL BOOK SALE, Chester Fritz Library, outside in front of the Library facing University Avenue, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (in case of rain, the sale will be held Sept. 24); free parking available at the Chester Fritz Auditorium with a free shuttle service to the Library from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 18 -- TEST, College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Room 200, McCannel Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Thurs., Sept. 18 -- OPEN HOUSE to showcase services, Chester Fritz Library, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; tours will be offered and entertainment is planned.

Thurs., Sept. 18 -- FOR WOMEN ONLY, Rites of Passage, "Warrior Woman: Finding the Courage to Face the Challenges," Women's Center, 305 Hamline St., noon.

Thurs. and Fri., Sept. 18-19 -- MEETING, North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, Grand Forks.

Fri., Sept. 19 -- VOLLEYBALL, UND at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 20 -- TEST, National Board of Certified Occupational Therapists (NBCOT), Room 116, Witmer Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Sat., Sept. 20 -- FOOTBALL, UND vs. South Dakota State University (POTATO BOWL), Memorial Stadium, 2 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 20 -- VOLLEYBALL, UND at South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D., 3 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 22 -- LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES, "I'm Not a Leader, I'm Just a Volunteer," presented by John Marshall, Grand Forks attorney and community leader, Leadership Inspiration Center, third floor, Memorial Union, 3 p.m.; sessions are free and open to the public; (series continues every Monday through Oct. 27).

Tues., Sept. 23 -- LAST DAY ON WHICH CANDIDATES MAY APPLY FOR A DEGREE.

Tues., Sept. 23 -- COUNSELING COLLOQUIUM, 316 Montgomery Hall, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.; topic will be announced in the University Letter.

Tues., Sept. 23 -- VOLLEYBALL, UND vs. South Dakota State University, Hyslop Sports Center, 7 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 23 -- INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD deadline for proposals requiring full board review for Fri., Oct. 3, meeting.

Wed., Sept. 24 -- FREE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE for UND employees and a member of their family, State Conference Room, #105, Energy and Environmental Research Center, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; call the Safety Office at 777-3341 to register and get directions.

Wed., Sept. 24 -- RETIREMENT RECEPTION for Olive Weber who retired June 30 after 18 years of service to UND, the last 15 with TRIO Programs; Alumni Center, 2 to 4 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 24 -- FEAST AND FOCUS PROGRAM, "I Wish I Could Have Said No," Women's Center, 305 Hamline St., noon.

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