Director’s Column

Greetings Students and Friends!

This fall semester sure flew by – I can hardly believe it’s almost over. Reading and Review Day will be Friday, December 9th, and while students do not have class on this day, I encourage folks to stop by the American Indian Center throughout the day. We will be hosting Food for Finals and a graduation reception to honor our December 16th graduates. Congratulations graduates, and please keep in touch to let us know where life takes you!

Students should be aware that the tutors are available to help with studying for finals, and can also assist with motivation and research assistance for getting those last minute papers completed. The last day of scheduled tutoring will be Thursday, December 15th and that will bring a close to evening hours at the American Indian Center until the Spring 2012 Semester gets underway. Keep in mind that our program and services are here to help students be successful at every level of university life – so do not hesitate to come and let us know how we can help keep you on the path to academic success and achievement!

On a final note, it appears that we’ve gotten away with a November minus the severe weather that North Dakota has a distinct reputation for; however, there is sure to be snow in our future, along with threatening, unpredictable, slippery, freezing cold, and downright dangerous traveling conditions. Please use caution and preparation when traveling to home communities or elsewhere! Most road condition reports are readily available on line, and travelers should always prepare and carry a storm survival kit in their vehicles. And while the widespread use of cell phones has greatly reduced one’s chances of being stranded in blizzard conditions, we also have to take into consideration that based on the severity of the weather – it could be some time before help is able to arrive. Items to be included in all vehicles are: candles and matches, a coffee can to burn them in, warm blankets, and winter gear such as boots, gloves, and hats. A few candy bars or healthy snacks could also prove valuable!

Students, in closing, I would like to personally commend each of you on your dedication, hard work, and scholarly persistence! I am well aware of the challenges that tend to distract, overwhelm, and basically get in the way of academic success, challenges that range from financial, to personal, to family issues and needs back home. I’m also aware of the level of individual motivation, focus, and personal commitment that it takes to continue successfully on this journey through higher education – and I’m so proud of you all! Please keep in touch with the truly caring AISS staff and let us know how we can help whenever the need arises.

With that, enjoy the beautiful holiday season and a well-deserved break! See you in 2012 for the Spring Semester!

*P.S. For those of you planning to remain in Grand Forks through the holiday/semester break, please be assured that the American Indian Center will remain open and staffed throughout the break – so come on over, visit, or let us assist you in planning and preparation for the Spring 2012 Semester!
Potential McNair Scholars

Are you interested in attending graduate school?

Is a Ph.D. in your future?

If you are currently a last semester sophomore or junior; or senior with at least one year of undergraduate study left and have considered graduate school— the McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program at the University of North Dakota might be in your future. The McNair Program is a federally-funded TRIO program which provides direct services to: (1) low-income and first generation, and/or (2) underrepresented (defined by the U.S. Department of Education as Native American, African American, or Hispanic) college juniors or seniors who plan on obtaining a Ph.D.

The McNair Program works with juniors and seniors in graduate school preparation, establishing faculty mentoring, conducting research, tutoring, travel to national conferences and graduate school visits. We also offer financial incentives such as a tuition and fee waiver and research stipends.

We are seeking creative, independent undergraduates with good writing skills and a GPA of 3.00 (or close) who possess intellectual curiosity and who are interested in conducting research under the guidance of a faculty member. The program is currently accepting applications for spring & summer. There are opportunities available for part time academic year research and for summer research.

If you are interested, please call 777-4931 and set up an appointment or stop by McCannel 300 and ask for Jill or Patrice.

UND has First Chapter of

SOCIETY OF INDIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS (SIP)

This UND student organization is open to all students from all majors.

Membership fee is $5.00

First membership meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, December 1st, 2011 @ 5pm

American Indian Student Services

⇒ $5 covers membership fee and meal

⇒ Special guests in attendance
Congratulations and Thanks Go Out to our National AISES Student Leaders!

Tyler (T.J.) Parisien was recently elected National Student Representative for the American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES), while Jenna Hall recently completed her reign as AISES National Student Representative.

We are very proud of our own UND American Indian student leaders, Mr. Tyler Parisien and Mrs. Jenna Hall, both of whom have long been active and involved students in AISES. Jenna and Tyler both served initially as AISES student members while undergraduates, then answered the call of leadership to become and serve as executive officers and presidents of the UND student chapter of the organization. Following that, Jenna and T.J. pursued and got elected as AISES Regional Student Representatives prior to their election as AISES National Student Representatives. AISES has chapters throughout the United States, and is committed to increasing the numbers of American Indian students pursuing majors and professional careers within the wide range of sciences. The UND AISES Student Chapter is certainly a highly accomplished group of student leaders!

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**INTERNSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

**Native American Congressional Internship:** This ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C. is for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian Country. The internship is fully funded: the Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program. The application deadline is January 31, 2012.

**The Udall Scholarship:** This $5,000 scholarship is awarded to 80 undergraduate sophomores and juniors pursuing careers related to Tribal Public Policy, Native Health Care, or the Environment (you must be a Native American/Alaska Native to be eligible in the first two categories). Udall Scholars also get to attend the Udall Scholar Orientation and are immediately plugged into a growing and active alumni network. The application deadline is March 5, 2012.
TRANSFER STARS

Transfer Stars participants with School of Law Presenter “Walter Echo Hawk”
Paul V. Boswell Public Scholar Award
The recipient of the Paul V. Boswell Public Scholar Award:

Robert J. Rainbow

The Paul V. Boswell Public Scholar Award was presented by the Center for Community Engagement, the UND Era Bell Thompson Multicultural Center, and the UND Indian Studies Department in memory of Paul Boswell, who served as director of the Native Media Center before his death in 2006.

BJ Rainbow received this award recognition of his selfless outreach efforts to engage others in learning about the traditions and history of his community. Mr. Rainbow is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and is affiliated with the Spirit Lake and Standing Rock communities through his grandmother and grandfather. BJ is a graduate of UND. He is part of the River’s Edge Drum Group and former president of the UND Indian Association.
~November~

Native American Month
American Indian Center
Quilt Display

AISS would like to thank everyone who shared their quilts with us for Native American Month.
Alan J. Allery Awards

UND undergraduate students were recognized for their research accomplishments at the 9th Annual American Indian Health Research Conference and 2011 North Dakota INBRE Annual Symposium for Undergraduate Research held October 27–29 in Grand Forks. Three students won Alan J. Allery Undergraduate American Indian Health Researcher of Promise awards:

- Bethany Davis, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, senior biology major and psychology/deaf studies minor, for her presentation titled "Alpha-1A Adrenergic Receptor Stimulation Improves Mood in Mice." Davis' mentor is Dr. Van Doze in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics.
- Sarita Eastman, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, senior psychology major, for her presentation titled "Spirituality as a Protective Factor in American Indian Mental Health." Eastman's mentor is Dr. Jacque Gray in the Center for Rural Health.
- Melissa Wheeler, Diné from the Navajo Nation, senior psychology major, for her presentation titled "Alcohol and Other Drug Use among Northern Plains Indians." Her poster had also been previously selected as Outstanding Poster by Psychologists in Indian Country at the American Psychological Association conference in Washington, D.C. in August. Wheeler's mentor is Dr. Jacque Gray in the Center for Rural Health.

Denis MacLeod, assistant director, Office of Alumni and Community Relations, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, (701) 777-2733, denis.macleod@med.und.edu
9th Annual American Indian Health Research Conference
(UND School of Medicine News:

The 9th Annual American Indian Health Research Conference will be held on Friday, October 28, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. In addition to offering opportunities to discuss research directions, partnerships and collaboration in health research focusing on American Indians, the conference will feature distinguished speaker Dr. Gayle Skawennio Morse. She is an enrolled member of the Mohawk Tribe, and draws from the tribe the principles of respect, trust, and empowerment that have guided her both professionally and personally. Morse will address multidisciplinary research and the importance of developing native health researchers to examine the issues related to indigenous people. Morse, PhD, assistant professor at Utah State University in the combined Clinical, Counseling and School Psychology PhD program in the Psychology Department, is the codirector of the Psychology Department's American Indian Support Program. She is also founder and coeditor of the Journal of Indigenous Psychology and a licensed psychologist. Her keynote address will be followed by an opportunity for participants to ask questions.

Numerous posters and exhibits will be on display at the conference along with sessions focusing on health risk and health promotion among Native American communities. For a complete schedule or for more information about the conference, visit http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/aihrc/ or call (701) 777-6258.

The 9th Annual American Indian Health Research Conference is sponsored by the North Dakota IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence and the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Rural Health.

Contact: Denis MacLeod, assistant director, Office of Alumni and Community Relations, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Holiday Bingo at the American Indian Center on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 6:30pm

Bring the whole family for a fun filled evening of Bingo!!

*Concessions will be provided
*Variety of prizes include - gift cards, holiday baskets, and much more.

Cost: $10.00 donation
315 Princeton Street
Grand Forks

This event is sponsored by UNDIA and AIBL.
PLEASE JOIN UNDIA

THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2011
FROM 6-9P.M. AT THE ROTC BUILDING
HAND GAMES
AND
ROUND DANCE

THIS IS A SOCIAL EVENT THAT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY AN EVENING OF SONG, DANCE AND HANDGAMES.

SANDWICHES WILL BE SERVED

This event is sponsored by the University of North Dakota Indian Association (UNDIA)
A MESSAGE FROM UND STUDENT GOV.

On December 16, UND will switch from U-mail to Live@edu as the official student email system. To ensure receipt of important UND communication, please begin using your Live@edu account now.

What you should do before December 16, 2011:
* Login and begin using your Live@edu account: http://www.outlook.com

---Login: NDUS.identifier@my.und.edu (ex: jane.doe@my.und.edu)
---Password: Same as Blackboard and Campus Connection
* Move any email you would like to keep from U-mail into Live@edu.

A series of videos and tutorials, including how to move your email, are available at: http://techsupport.und.edu/email-transition.cfm

Important Dates and Events:

**DECEMBER 16**
* Campus Connection will be updated with Live@edu email addresses for all UND students.
* U-mail accounts will remain active, however official UND email communication will now be sent to Live@edu email addresses (ex: NDUS.identifier@my.und.edu).

**DECEMBER 27**
* Blackboard accounts will be updated to Live@edu email addresses for all UND students.
* U-mail will NOT SEND OR RECEIVE any new email messages after 12/27/2011, although users may still log in to U-mail to view existing information.

If you have questions, please contact UND Tech Support by phone at 701-777-6305, by email at UND.techsupport@email.und.edu, or visit the web site/chat at http://techsupport.und.edu.
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Important Dates

Last day to submit final copy of thesis or dissertation to the Graduate School  Dec 1
Last day to submit “Final Report on Candidate” form to the Graduate School Office  Dec 8
Reading and Review Day  Dec 9
Semester examination period  Dec 12-16
Winter Commencement and Official Graduation Day  Dec 16
Grades due at noon  Dec 20
# Fall 2011

## American Indian Student Services

### Learning Lab/Tutor Schedule

American Indian Center: 315 Princeton Street, Grand Forks, ND  
Lab, Lounge, Kitchen phone: 777-2321

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**Madeleine Gaid** (Tuesday, Wednesday) Accounting – all undergrad levels, Finance, Management, Marketing, Chemistry, Anatomy, Physics, Genetics, Pharmacology, Developmental Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, study techniques, computer applications (Microsoft), Blackboard assistance.  
E-Mail: madeleine.gaid@mv.und.edu

**Arna Two Hawk** (Sunday, Monday) Biology 150, 151, Chemistry 121, 122, Calculus I, II, Genetics, College Physics, Evolution, Developmental Psychology, computer applications (Microsoft), Blackboard assistance.  
E-Mail: arna.twohawk@mv.und.edu

**Ryan Buss** (Tuesday, Thursday) Math: Algebra, Calculus I, II, III, Chemistry 121, Physics 251, 252, Engineering courses.  
E-Mail: ryan.buss@mv.und.edu

**Prasanna Seshadri** (Monday, Wednesday) Chemistry, Physics, Trigonometry, Geometry, Algebra, Calculus (all), Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Statistics (fundamental), computer applications (Microsoft), Blackboard Assistance.  
E-Mail: prasanna.seshadri@mv.und.edu

**Christalin Casinader** (Sunday, Thursday) Math, Applied Calculus, Economics, Accounting, Marketing, Business Studies, Business and Technical Writing, English, Communications, Statistics, computer applications (Microsoft)  
E-Mail: christalin.casinader@mv.und.edu

**Colleen Burke** (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY-Contact Keith) Assistance with research and writing at the college level such as- brainstorming, writing an outline/draft, APA formatting, proofreading, and editing. Assistance with computer applications (Microsoft).  
E-Mail: colleen.burke@mv.und.edu

**Mikki Kozel** (AISS-Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm): Assistance with writing at the college level such as- brainstorming, writing an outline/draft, APA formatting, proofreading, and editing.  
E-Mail: michelle.kozel@und.edu

Papers may also be sent via email for editing but must be picked up in person; please do not wait until the day the paper is due!

The American Indian Student Services Learning Lab tutors provide walk-in tutoring, therefore, **no appointments are needed!** All tutors can assist with homework, computers, papers, studying and e-mail/Blackboard/Internet.

Students who would like assistance in an area not listed above should contact Keith Malterre, Student Learning Lab Coordinator, at 777-4292 or e-mail: keith.malterre@und.edu with any questions, comments or concerns.

*(Updated 10/17/11)*
American Indian Student Services

The AISS office provides all-encompassing student support services including advocacy, tutorial support, and academic, financial aid, and cultural advisement. It is responsible for coordinating recruitment, establishing communication channels, assisting with institutional planning, and advising UND’s faculty, staff, and administration as to the needs of American Indian students.

The staff is committed to helping students realize success at UND, and each member brings a unique area of specialty to their position such as financial aid guidance, housing assistance, academic advising, and technological or tutorial support. AISS also administers the American Indian Center on campus, and provides guidance and assistance to the American Indian student organizations and their events.

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American Indian Student Services staff members strive to help build stronger American Indian communities across the state and nation—one successful student at a time.

Let us help you to realize academic, personal, and all around success!
American Indian Center

The Center, located at 315 Princeton Street, provides a place for students to find peer and cultural support, academic advisement, advocacy, and support, find a quiet area for study, or relax between classes. It is equipped with a full-sized kitchen, large screen TV, and a staffed computer learning lab. If you haven’t visited us, drop in and check out what we have to offer! We’d love to hear how your semester is going and let you know about the many programs, opportunities, and services available to help you succeed!

Fall Semester Hours of Operation:

8:00—10:00 pm Monday - Thursday
8:00—4:30 pm Friday
Closed Saturday
5:00 - 10:00 pm Sunday

All students and visitors are welcome!

“Your home away from home”