The University of North Dakota College of Nursing has received $4 million in federal funding from the National Institute of Health (NIH) to construct and operate the Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research. Construction is slated to begin in early 2006.

According to Dr. Chandice Covington, Dean of the College of Nursing, “This building will be one of the first in the nation built with NIH funding to serve nursing scientists and interdisciplinary colleagues in the behavioral sciences. The plan includes state-of-the-art behavioral research space, offices for funded researchers and our federally-funded RAIN (Recruitment and Retention of American Indians into Nursing) and INPSYDE (Indians into Psychology) programs. We are anticipating exciting new research initiatives built on our strong history of research with vulnerable populations in the state and region, including the rural, the elderly, American Indians, and migrant Hispanic farm workers and their families.”

The Behavioral Research Center will be used by nursing and psychology faculty to explore conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease, alcoholism, diabetes, nutritional disorders and other conditions by helping patients alter their behaviors. “We’ll be at the hub of studying preventive interventions that will benefit people right here in the Upper Great Plains,” said Dr. Glenda Lindseth, professor of nursing and principal investigator.

Dr. Thomas Petros, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of Psychology further adds, “The funding will provide state-of-the art facilities to support behavioral research endeavors and enhance our competitiveness in winning future research funding.”

The College of Nursing has selected the joint team of EAPC Architects Engineers in Grand Forks and LSY Architects and Laboratory Planners in Washington, DC to provide architectural services on the Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research.

CON celebrates first three PhD graduates!

The UND College of Nursing announces its first three graduates from the PhD in Nursing program! Karen Rohr, Darleen Bartz and Jacqueline Mangnall have completed all degree requirements and will graduate on May 13. Dr. Ginny Guido, director of graduate studies at the CON shares, “this truly brings to fulfillment the ideas and dreams we had when we sought approval for the doctoral program and admitted the first eight students in 2003. The College is extremely proud of these three excellent role models for nursing, and know that each will add greatly to the profession through research and leadership.”

Dr. Rohr received her BSN degree from Mary College and her MS degree in Nursing from the University of Mary with specializations in Nursing Administration and Family Nurse Practitioner. The Bioethics and Clinical Research Director at Medcenter One in Bismarck, Dr. Rohr completed a dissertation entitled “Alcohol Use and Injury-related Outcomes in Older Rural Trauma Patients.”
Dean’s Notes: A Travologue to the Future of the College of Nursing

As the snow melts to reveal the brown, wet grass eager to turn green, I am reminded of life’s passages. Amazingly, it has only been seven months since my arrival to the campus. In those short months, exciting work of our students, faculty, and the community has propelled me into a laser-speed learning curve so that, as Dean, I am able to represent all the necessary forces to accompany the work emanating from our building, across campus, and in the community-at-large. Let me take a few words to tell you about what has been happening—on a month-by-month perspective.

September-December 2005: Much of September through November was a blur, so I will start with where my memory most recalls my awe at this amazing College and University. In December the College officially welcomed me as Dean in a beautiful reception held at the historical Alumni Center. It was well attended, with President and Mrs. Adele Kupchella on hand to welcome me, along with the University and Grand Forks communities. I thank the College faculty, staff and students for this tremendous welcome.

I participated in my first Pinning ceremony and the RAIN Traditional Blanket ceremony. This gave me a chance to ask every one of our 52 baccalaureate nursing graduates about their plans. Each student told me of their plans to start their first nursing position. While most told me they were starting at Merit Care, Altru Health Center, or smaller rural hospitals in North Dakota or western Minnesota, a few were off to the call from large medical centers in the Twin Cities, Phoenix, Dallas, and Denver. The day before Pinning, I attended my first RAIN event for American Indian nursing graduates, family, friends, faculty, and staff. The food was scrumptious, the traditional drumming and chanting were thrilling, and the shining eyes of the ecstatic graduates brought tears to my own at the sheer joy of the event.

January 2006: In early January I attended the launch of a new course aimed at ensuring that future health care and human service professionals can better work as a team to provide high quality and consistent care to patients. UND’s new Interprofessional Health Care Course involves students from medicine, nursing and several other disciplines across campus. Look for an update on this course on page seven.

I also participated in the first “Question and Answer Session” for the Office of University Relations at UND titled “Growing Nursing Shortage Is Top Healthcare Issue Globally, But It’s Even More Critical in North Dakota, Other Rural States.” It gave the College a voice to reach across the state and region with our message of needs in nursing education. Those comments appear at http://www.und.edu/news/NEW_SCRIPTS/newsrelease.jsp?id=1724. We received several complimentary calls and letters from places close and far about this interview.

February-March 2006: I fast forward to our Convocation in late March where new nursing students were welcomed to the College. This was my first keynote opportunity in North Dakota, and I spoke on Creating a Solid Foundation for Practice: Finding the Evidence to Improve Nursing Care. The presentation analyzed where we are in nursing in both using and creating science through evidenced based practice approaches. A video of my presentation can be viewed on our Web site at: http://www.nursing.und.edu/multimedia/colloquium06keynote.cfm

For our alumni and friends of the College of Nursing, please stay tuned for further updates as we transverse this year of discovery and pioneer new “travels” for the College. With a warm summer, green grass and an exciting summer session planned, we will have another occasion to update you when fall arrives!
niche” for each and everyone of us, and we need to strive to identify it, work to achieve in it, and mentor others along the way.”

Julie Anderson, assistant professor at the CON and colleague of Diane’s, stated in her nominating letter that “Diane has provided unwavering leadership and service to the profession, university and community throughout her career and is very deserving of this award.”

Dr. Langemo, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor Emeritus at UND, received her BSN from UND, MN from the University of Washington and PhD from the University of Minnesota. Currently a nurse researcher, consultant and speaker, Dr. Langemo was recently elected to the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel Board of Directors for a three year term.

**Endowment Established**

To honor Dr. Langemo, and to thank her for 30+ years of loyalty, exceptional teaching and research leadership, the College of Nursing is establishing an endowment in her honor. The Diane K. Langemo Nursing Endowment will support graduate students at UND. Please join us in honoring Diane with a gift to her endowment. For information on contributing to this endowment please contact Becky Cournia at (701) 777-4526 or beckycournia@mail.und.edu.

**Lindseth, Melland and Heuer appointed**

Dr. Glenda Lindseth has recently been appointed as Associate Dean of Research for the CON. According to Dr. Covington, “Glenda has been a leader at the College and across campus in research initiatives, a strong mentor and a caring shepherd of the research mission at UND. She played a major role in securing the NIH funded research building project along with faculty in nursing and psychology.”

Dr. Lindseth arrived at UND in 1995 and has served as Director of the Office of Research at the College of Nursing since 1998. She received her BS from North Dakota State University, MS from the University of Minnesota, PhD from St. Louis University, and a post-doctorate from Wayne State University in Michigan.

Dr. Helen Melland has been appointed as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies for the CON. Dr. Covington shares that “Helen has undertaken the tremendous task of implementing the new undergraduate curriculum. She has been working diligently with nursing faculty to prepare for the new courses in fall 2006. Her excellent educational management skills have been instrumental in this process.”

Prior to becoming Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Melland served as Interim Dean from 2004-05 and Chair of the Department of Practice and Role Development at the College of Nursing from 1992-2004. Dr. Melland received her BSN from Pacific Lutheran University, MS from the University of Portland and PhD in Higher Education Administration from the University of Minnesota. In the summer of 2005 Dr. Melland participated in the Harvard Graduate School of Education – Management Development Program.

Dr. Loretta Heuer has recently been appointed as full professor and Chair of the Practice & Role Development Department at the College of Nursing.

Dr. Heuer received her BSN from Moorhead State University and both her MS and PhD from the University of North Dakota. In 2002 Dr. Heuer was selected for a Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship and in the fall of 2005 she was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing.

**CON alumna presents**

Kristin Larson, ‘85, held a brown bag luncheon for nursing students and faculty on March 2. The presentation focused on the importance of nurses advocating for their patients. Students learned how to get in touch with their state senators and representatives and the process of introducing a bill in Washington, DC.

Rennae Millette, clinical instructor at the College of Nursing and one of Larson’s undergraduate instructors at UND, shares that “my students were presented with a role they had not been exposed to before; it was awesome. Kristin says that Capitol Hill needs a knowledgeable, dynamic nurse with Midwest values. I think she’s perfect for the job!”

Larson is a Nurse Practitioner for the Division of Nephrology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and is the incoming chair for the Health Policy Committee of the American Nephrology Nurses’ Association. Larson has experience in Washington as she continually lobbies for health care funding on behalf of the underprivileged renal disease patients she cares for.
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Faculty & Staff Recognition

Cindy Anderson, PhD, RN Received the New Faculty Scholar Award from the UND Senate Scholarly Activities Committee.

Barb Dahlen, MS, RN and Donna Grandbois, MN, RN Selected for the American Nurses Association Minority Fellowship Program for 2005-06.

Loretta Heuer, PhD, RN, FAAN Accepted as a participant for the 2005-06 Issues in Higher Education Leadership Seminar.

Roxanne Hurley, MS, RN Selected to participate in the Bush Teaching Scholar Program at the University of North Dakota for 2006-2007.

Roxanne Hurley, MS, RN and Becky Rudel, PhD, RN Identified as UND Faculty Stars by one of nursing’s Presidential Scholars. UND presidential scholars were asked to identify a faculty member whose class they particularly enjoy, someone who they found as being really creative or a good teacher, or someone they think would have important insights to share with other students.

Glenda Lindseth, PhD, RN Honored at UND Founder’s Day 2006 with the The UND Foundation/ McDermott Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research or Creative Activity.

Deb Wilson Honored with the Phenomenal Woman Award at the 2006 Martin Luther King, Jr. banquet held at UND.

Congratulations to ALL!
In Memorium

Gwendolyn L. (Letnes) Gooselaw, ‘56

Gwendolyn L. (Letnes) Gooselaw was born May 15, 1934 at Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks, ND and died in Wilmette, IL March 28, 2006. She was confirmed, married and active in the United Lutheran Church of Grand Forks. Gwendolyn graduated from the UND College of Nursing, August 4, 1956. A great bond and friendship was formed with her classmates that continued throughout her life. She lived in Abilene, TX and Berkley, CA before moving to Wilmette, IL in 1969. She was a nurse at Chicago Wesley Hospital (Northwestern Hospital) in 1956 and 1957. Gwendolyn has been a member of the Wilmette Lutheran Church since 1969. (Grand Forks Herald)

Mary Ann Larsen Keller-Wakefield, ‘61

Mary Ann Larsen Keller-Wakefield, 67, passed away at home, January 31, 2006 after a brief illness. She attended UND where she received a degree in Nursing in 1961 and later received a Masters degree in Counseling and Guidance in 1977. Her passion and work with the American Diabetes Association, North Dakota Affiliate, was nationally recognized. She was awarded a Star Quilt by the three affiliated tribes at New Town for her tireless work in fighting diabetes in Native Americans. As the American Diabetes Association Executive Director, she continued to raise funds and awareness for the ADA and was instrumental in passing many bills to protect rights of diabetic patients. In 1992, she was awarded the Sioux Award, UND’s highest alumni honor. (Grand Forks Herald)

Colleen (Krapp) Holzworth, ‘72, ‘75

Colleen Holzworth, 55, of Buchanan, ND, died April 15, 2006 at Fairview University Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. She graduated from the UND College of Nursing in 1972 and was a member of the first graduating class of Nurse Practitioners from UND in 1975. She received her Master’s degree in Nursing from UND in 1992. From 1979 until the present she had been employed as a Pediatric and Family Nurse Practitioner at MeriCare Clinic in Jamestown, ND. She had also been serving as an Assistant Professor at the UND College of Nursing as a Clinical Coordinator of the FNP Program since 1993. (Jamestown Sun)

Dr. Roxanne Struthers, ‘96 MS

Roxanne Struthers, 53, of Coon Rapids, MN, died on December 10, 2005 at Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN after a short battle with leukemia. She received her BS in Nursing from Bemidji State University, her Masters in Nursing from the University of North Dakota and her PhD in Nursing from the University of Minnesota. She was an internationally recognized researcher and speaker on Native American Health and Nursing.

Until the time of her death, she was a senior member of the graduate faculty at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, was an active member of many local, state, national and international professional organizations and had received many awards for her accomplishments. In 2005 Dr. Struthers was presented with the UND College of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award during Homecoming.

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CON Collaborates with UND Aerospace

The CON has received notice from the North Dakota Centers of Excellence Commission that its collaborative submission to the Governor’s Commission of State Centers of Excellence was approved.

The $1 million approved project is a collaborative effort with the UND School of Aerospace to establish a Center for unmanned aerial vehicles and simulation applications.

This Center will address the growing trend for the research and use of UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) for defense and humanitarian efforts (search/rescue).

The CON’s Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research will assist in the behavioral research and human factors that influence the team that “flies” the UAV. The CON will also work on “rescue” protocols from a nursing standpoint.

The recommendations of the six-member Centers of Excellence Commission must be reviewed by the Board of Higher Education, the directors of the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation and the Legislature’s Budget Section for final approval.

RAIN receives $30,000 grant

In December 2005, the College of Nursing received notice that the Recruitment and Retention of American Indians into Nursing (RAIN) Program would receive a $30,000 grant from the Gertrude E. Skelly Foundation. Funding will help students prepare to enter nursing careers where, especially at American Indian health sites, there is a critical shortage of nurses, particularly those with baccalaureate preparation and cultural proficiency.

The generous support of the Skelly Foundation is deeply appreciated by everyone at the CON. “The Skelly Foundation funding has been a blessing for RAIN and its students at all levels of needs” says Deb Wilson, Coordinator of the RAIN Program. “We are able to direct funding toward the greatest need, helping students alleviate some of their financial woes so they can focus on their academics. The Skelly Foundation is truly an asset to our retention efforts!”
1980’s

Pamela (Warner) Erickson, ’81 BSN, is a RN in the Level 2 Special Care Nursery at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN. Pamela moved to the Minneapolis area after working 20 years at Altru Hospital NICU in Grand Forks. She had identical twin boys in 2000, for a total of 5 children. Her oldest son, Luke Mahar, is graduating May 2006 from UND (engineering!). Daughter, Sarah, will be applying to the UND CON (currently at St. Cloud State). Pamela and her husband Jason reside in Andover, MN.

Kelly Buettner-Schmidt, ’83 BSN, ’96 MS, is an assistant professor and principal investigator at Minot State University in Minot, ND. She was awarded the Lillian Walde Service Award by the public health nursing section of the American Public Health Association in December 2005. Kelly and her husband Joseph reside in Minot.

Heidi Torkelsen, ’84 BSN, is a CCN certified in NICU at Kaiser in Oakland, CA. She works as a full time Level III NICU nurse, but her main role is as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) nurse. She attends all deliveries (especially high risk) in Labor & Delivery and then stabilizes the infant. If necessary, she intubates and puts in umbilical lines and PICC lines etc. A large part of her role includes education of peers. She has recently embarked on the Critical Events Training Team (CETT) program and is now a core trainer. CETT is a rapid response team for high risk Labor & Delivery and NICU events. They train using computerized Simulation Manikins in mega codes! Heidi resides in Oakland, CA; her email address is heiditorkelsenm@yahoo.com.

1990’s

Catherine (Bemis) Proebstle, ’90 BSN, is a Nurse Practitioner with the VA Medical Center and Minute Clinic in Minneapolis, MN. She works two part-time jobs and enjoys being the mother of two boys, Robbie (8) and David (2). Her husband Michael is a professional photographer; they reside in Eagan, MN. Catherine’s email address is cproe@comcast.net.

Kitty Charlene Cline Dix, ’93 BSN, worked in psychiatry at United Hospital until receiving her BSN in 1993. She supports the North Dakota Ballet and the breeding of therapeutic animals. Kitty and her husband David reside in Grand Forks.

Paula S. Fraley, ’93 BSN, ’00 PA, is a Physician Assistant at Henderson’s Minor Out-Patient Medicine in Henderson, KY. She is enjoying her grandchildren, horses and roses! Paula and her husband Earl reside in Henderson, KY.

Greg Bender, ’98 BSN, is the Director of Public Health for Trenton Indian Service Area in Trenton, ND. Greg resides in Williston, ND; his email address is gbender@dia.net.

LeAnn (Anderson) Holmquist, ’99 BSN, is a RN at Altrus Home Services in Cavalier and a flex-time RN at Pembina County Memorial Hospital. She has two children, Marly (4) and Ty (2). Leann and her husband Scott reside in Cavalier, ND; her email address is holmquis@polarcomm.com.

Melinda Jackson, ’99 MS (FNP), is a Nurse Practitioner and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, August, 2005. She continues to see patients and care for active reservists and National Guard soldiers at Fort Lewis, WA and other training sites. Melinda resides in Puyallup, WA; her email address is milinda.l.jackson@us.army.mil.

2000’s

Leann (Kearney) Peterson, ’01 BSN, is a labor and delivery nurse with the US Air Force. Leann and her husband, Dr. Kenny Peterson, are both active duty in the Air Force serving at Misawa AB, Japan. Kenny is an OB/GYN physician. Leann’s email address is leannrn1217@earthlink.net.

Andrea Bartholomay, ’02 BSN, is currently doing travel nursing in NICU for PPR Travel Company. She will be attending graduate school starting in the fall of 2006 at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, for the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program. Andrea resides in Enderlin, ND; her email address is dreaabarholomay@hotmail.com.

Lacie (Olsen) Eisen, ’02 BSN, is a RN at MeritCare Health System – Med/Surg floor in Fargo, ND. She teaches junior and senior nursing students from NDSU during their clinical rotations and she is involved in the Safe Patient Handling and Movement Initiative at MeritCare. Lacie resides in Fargo; her email address is dsnylover_1979@yahoo.com.

Cindy Brigande, ’03 BSN, is a RN working full time in Labor & Delivery, Postpartum, and Level I NICU at Community General Hospital, Syracuse NY. Cindy and her husband Mike have 2 children and reside in Baldwinsville, NY.

Angela (Thomas) Drummond, ’03 BSN, is a RN for Shriners Hospital for Children in Minneapolis, MN. Angela and her husband Chandler reside in Maple Grove, MN.

Rebekah Schelde, ’03 BSN, is a RN on a maternal child health unit at Virginia Regional Medical Center in Virginia, MN. Rebekah and her husband Brett reside in Meadowlands, MN.

Heather Wierima, ’03 BSN, is a RN at Preferred Healthcare Traveler. Heather resides in Tempe, AZ; her email is hwierima@hotmail.com.

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Dr. Bartz received her BA degree in Nursing from Jamestown College and her MS degree in Nursing from the University of Mary. Dr. Bartz, Chief of the Health Resources Section at the North Dakota State Department of Health, completed a dissertation entitled “Newborn Metabolic Screening: Parental Implications.”

Dr. Mangnall received her BA degree in Nursing from Jamestown College and her MS degree in Nursing from South Dakota State University with a specialization in Adult Health Nursing. Dr. Mangnall, associate professor and nursing department chair at Jamestown College, prepared a dissertation entitled “Needing To Act: Exploring Deliberate Self-Harm in Incarcerated Women.”
Initiation of New Inter-Professional Health Care Course

Through the efforts of many individuals from the departments of Nursing, Medicine, Physical Therapy, Nutrition & Dietetics, Social Work, Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistants, and Clinical Lab Sciences, a course has been developed whereby 7 students come together in a small group setting, representing their respective professions, and learn how to work effectively with an interprofessional team to provide family centered health care.

Interprofessional Health Care (IPHC) is a process learning course, intended to provide experience in building a team of health professionals from different professions. Learning emphasis is placed on understanding and practicing how teams work, valuing the unique contributions of different professions, identifying potential sources and consequences of error in health care delivery, and demonstrating ability to reflect about team experience. The teams work through case studies demonstrating a family centered team approach in healthcare decision-making with the help of a faculty facilitator. The first session of the course was completed February 21, 2006. One theme that resonated through student comments was the value of learning about the other professions. One student commented that she didn’t know how little she knew about the other health professions prior to completing the IPHC class. Other direct quotes from students include:

Nursing Student, “Listening to each disciplines’ scope of practice and understanding the unique ways in which they could care for the patient was important in our case management.”

Communications Disorder Student, “When I am employed in a healthcare setting, I will know that listening to the team is an important factor and knowing that it is a team and not individuals caring for a patient”.

Medical Student, “I learned that if I, or anyone else on the team, have a problem or a concern, that it is always better to let others know so it can be discussed and fixed”.

IPHC will continue to be offered in six week sessions, twice a semester in both spring and fall semesters. There are plans to bring the course on line so that all distance students in each of the professions will be able to participate.

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What types of nursing events would you be interesting in attending on campus?

- Class reunion
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- Luncheon
- Banquet
- Other (please specify)

Please answer the above question and return it with your update from page 7.

Responses can be sent to Becky beckycournia@mail.und.edu or (701) 777-4526

Mark you calendar now to return for Homecoming at UND -

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