

The NDSU Graduate Student Newsletter

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Welcome!

The NDSU Graduate Student Association would like to welcome back returning students and welcome new students to NDSU and the Graduate Student Association.

As graduate students of NDSU you are all members of the association and with that you are entitled to all of the privileges, rights, and responsibilities

afforded to you by our constitution.

We strongly encourage all of you to get involved with your association and to help us improve graduate life at NDSU for all graduate students.

There are many ways to become involved: from serving

on committees, to attending GSA events, to letting us know how graduate life at NDSU can be improved.

We welcome any and all participation and hope you will become a part of your association.

Welcome back and Go Bison!

Groups Push for New Library at NDSU

Talk of a new library is catching on at NDSU. While the new library process is still in the early stages and specifics such as location, library size, and other factors are being discussed, one thing is clear: there is widespread agreement among students, faculty, and staff that a new library at NDSU is needed.

“The current library is simply not meeting the needs of the NDSU community” said graduate student Brian Fier whom is one of the leaders in the new library push. Fier continued, “it is time that we begin a campaign to get a new library at NDSU; a library

that will meet the needs of our growing institution for years to come.”

There is a growing buzz among students at NDSU. A facebook group of new library supporters, started this summer, already has nearly 300 members. Several student groups across campus including the Graduate Student Association and Student Government are beginning the push for a new library with the formation of committees and focus groups to determine what NDSU needs in a new library. Additionally, a group is forming composed of student, faculty, staff, and

library representation. This group will work to determine the needs of the NDSU community now and into the future.

While a new library would still be a few years off, library staff are working to improve the current library and library services. In addition to the current main and branch libraries, a new downtown library in Barry Hall is in the works.

If you are interested in helping bring a new library to NDSU please contact Brian Fier at brian.fier@ndsu.edu.

Have any ideas for the GSA?

We are always listening.

Send us an email at info@ndsugsa.com

Want to discuss topics relating to graduate student life?

Head over to our message board at ndsugsa.com/forum to post.

Did you know we are on facebook?

Come meet other grad students.

Just head to www.ndsugsa.com/facebook

Graduate Town Hall Meetings Scheduled

The Graduate Student Association has scheduled monthly town hall meetings as an opportunity for graduate students to meet, discuss, and share ideas for improving graduate life at NDSU.

All graduate students are encouraged to attend any or all of the following town hall meetings.

Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 4:00 p.m.
Arikara Room – Memorial Union

Monday, October 12th, 2009 10:00 a.m.
Arikara Room – Memorial Union

Monday, November 9th, 2009 4:30 p.m.
Prairie Room – Memorial Union

Friday, December 4th, 2009 5:00 p.m.
Prairie-Rose Room – Memorial Union

Tuesday, January 19th, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Prairie-Rose Room – Memorial Union

Wednesday, February 10th, 2010 10:00 a.m.
Prairie-Rose Room – Memorial Union

Tuesday, March 9th, 2010 5:00 p.m.
Prairie-Rose Room – Memorial Union

Monday, April 12th, 2010 10:00 a.m.
Prairie-Rose Room – Memorial Union

Your Graduate Student Association Executive Team

President
Brian Fier

Brian is a master's student studying Natural Resources Management. He is studying decision processes related to community-wide recycling.

Vice President
Katie Gunter

Katie is a master's student studying English with an em-

phasis on Rhetoric and Composition. Her research interest areas include: writing across the curriculum, writing in the disciplines, and classical rhetoric.

Treasurer
Pragyan Burlakoti

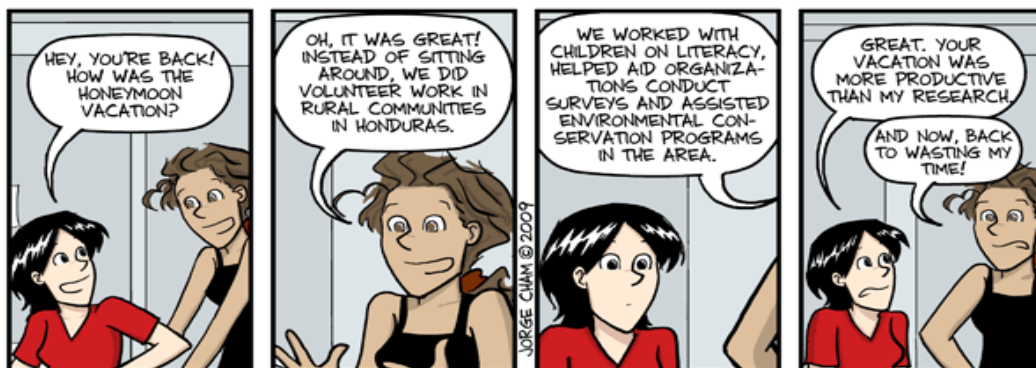
Pragyan has been graduate student in the Department of Plant Pathology, since 2005. Her research area is

"Breeding canola for white mold resistance with better yield."

Secretary
Lindsay Merchant

Lindsay is a PhD student studying mathematics, her research area is in Graph Theory. Lindsay's favorite candy is Jujubees.

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NDSU Graduate Student Association: The Committees

To better ensure that we can meet the needs of graduate students and improve graduate life at NDSU the Graduate Student Association has established several committees tasked with working to meet graduate needs.

Student Affairs

The Student Affairs Committee shall deal with issues relating to academic, university, financial, social, and other affairs that directly affect graduate student's lives.

Programming

The Programming Committee is responsible for coordinating academic, professional, and social events.

Publication and Publicity

The Publication and Publicity

Committee is responsible for the publication of the GSA's newsletter and the development of other publications including guides. The committee will promote the GSA and any GSA sponsored events.

Prospective and New Students

The Prospective and New Students Committee shall be the direct link between the GSA and prospective and new students. The committee shall work on the development and implementation of a new graduate student welcome and orientation.

Website

The Website Committee will ensure that the GSA's web-

site is up-to-date. The committee will ensure that all GSA publications and other resources are available on the GSA's website.

We welcome all graduate students to get involved in these committees or to help us develop *Ad Hoc* committees as needed.

If you would like to become involved in a committee, please either contact one of the chairs, visit our website at www.ndsugsa.com, or send an email to info@ndsugsa.com.

We would like to get as many people involved as possible. This is your organization.

Departmental Graduate Organizations

Beyond the Graduate Student Association there are many departmental graduate organizations across campus.

These organizations range from the Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association to the English Graduate Organization to the Plant Science Graduate Student Association and others.

We encourage all of you to

see if your department has a graduate student association and if not to start one.

If you are interested in starting a graduate organization in your department feel free to contact the Graduate Student Association for assistance.

Additionally, the Graduate Student Association is compiling a list of all graduate organizations on campus, if you

are in a graduate organization please send us an email at info@ndsugsa.com so we may add your organization to our list

Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

August 24th
Classes Begin

September 3rd, 7:30 pm
Music Faculty Recital
Beckwith Recital Hall

September 7th
Labor Day—No Classes

September 9th, 4:00 pm
Graduate Town Hall Meeting
Arikara Room – Memorial Union

September 14th, 2:00 pm
Internet Research Seminar
Prairie-Rose Room – Memorial Union

September 17th, 4:00-7:00 pm
Meet the Firms
Great Plains Ballroom - Memorial Union

September 23rd, 10:00 am—3:00 pm
Engineering and Tech Expo
Fargodome

September 28th—October 3rd
NDSU Homecoming

October 12th, 10:00 a.m.
Graduate Town Hall Meeting
Arikara Room – Memorial Union

If you are interested in having your event published here please send an email to info@ndsugsa.com

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www.ndsugsa.com

Submit an Article!

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If you are interested in helping please contact newsletter@ndsugsa.com.

Your GSA Executive Team Continued

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Publication and Publicity Chair

Jonathon George

Jon is a graduate student in the department of psychology working on his PhD in visual neuroscience. Jon's research interests include statistical modeling of human behavior, clinical applications of neuroscience and just about anything else interesting. Jon enjoys college and professional football and warm weather.

Student Affairs Chair

Jaimin Patel

Jaimin is a PhD student in

plant pathology. This past semester he worked on a project to measure gene expression in wheat against tan spot disease.

Programming Co-Chair

Aaron Clarke

Aaron is a graduate student studying psychology with an emphasis on Visual Neuroscience. Aaron's research interests include: Perceptual grouping, neuromodelling, visual psychophysics, and natural image statistics.

Executive Council Member

Allison Meyer

Allison is a PhD student studying Animal Sciences.

Her research interest is the effects of nutrition during pregnancy on maternal and offspring outcomes.

Executive Council Member

Aakansha Gambhir

Aakansha is a master's student in plant pathology with research interests in 'Fusarium root rot of dry beans.'

Executive Council Member

Shashindra Pradhan

Shashindra is a graduate student in civil engineering.

Open GSA Executive Positions

The Graduate Student Association has several open executive positions.

We are looking for people interested in chairing the Prospective and New Students Committee, as well as the Website Committee. We are also looking for a Programming Committee Co-chair.

Additionally we are looking for people to serve on all of the committees and for anyone that is interested in becoming part of the association in one capacity or another.

If you are interested please contact the GSA President, Brian Fier at brian.fier@ndsu.edu

Thank you for your interest.