

USD Researchers Earn \$250K In Grants

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota announced recently that three of the five grants from the state's Competitive Research Grant Program have been awarded to USD faculty.

The grant program, managed by the South Dakota Board of Regents, invests in researchers to enhance the research capabilities and capacities of the state universities and benefits the state's economic development. USD grant monies total \$264,350. The recipients include:

• Hongmin Wang — "Role of Ubiquitin in Ischemic Stroke," \$93,450: Stroke is a leading cause of high mortality and long-term disability in the United States and is associated with excessive production of aberrant proteins. However, the effect of these aberrant proteins on nerve cell repair following strokes remains unclear. Dr. Wang's research project proposes

the study of the removal of aberrant proteins on the survival of nerve cells following stroke.

• Gopinath Mani — "Polymer-Free Dual Drug-Eluting Coronary Stents," \$87,450: Atherosclerosis is a condition in which the arteries that supply blood to the heart are blocked due to build-up of cholesterol plaque. Drug-eluting stents are implanted to treat this condition. However, late stent thrombosis is a serious complication that is associated with the currently available drug-eluting stents. Dr. Mani's research project aims to treat late stent thrombosis using a novel drug-eluting stent.

• Vincente Guisepp — "Development of a Radon Progeny Surface Contamination Study for Deep Underground Experiments," \$83,450: Neutrinos are one of the most abundant particles in the universe and yet scientists have only recently begun to fully understand them. Studying dark matter and neutrinos will enable discovery of new types of energy and a better

understanding of radiation such as radon. Dr. Guisepp's research focuses on developing methods to investigate and predict contamination from natural radiation as interference to ultra-sensitive neutrino and dark matter experiments. This will be beneficial in helping to minimize the harmful effect of radon in homes and other occupied spaces.

The University of South Dakota emphasizes research on campus with incentives and dedicated research services to promote the benefits of faculty research.

"This is a great way to spotlight some of the important research happening here at the university," said Dr. Laura Jenks, vice president of Research at USD. "We are proud of our accomplishments, and it's encouraging that the state recognizes the benefits of the research being conducted at the universities around the state with programs like the Competitive Research Grant Program."

Flood-Impacted Communities Learn To Live With Levees

PIERRE — South Dakota Emergency Operations officials say record flooding on the Missouri River will require citizens to learn to live with levees, perhaps for two months or more.

To help protect riverside communities from the flooding, nearly 14 miles of levees have been built. About 7.5 miles are in the Pierre-Fort Pierre area and about 6.5 miles are in southern Union County in the Dakota Dunes area.

Many residents in those communities are unfamiliar with levees, and officials in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) say some basic information will help people understand what the levees do and what to watch for in the way of maintenance, security and public safety.

"The levees are our first line of defense against this record river flooding," said Trevor Jones, Secretary of the State Department of Public Safety. "To keep the people and property safe, we need to make sure the levees are maintained in strong working condition. Citizens in the river communities need to know what to worry about and what to report to officials."

Here are some levee basics for residents who have never before needed the information.

PERSONAL SAFETY/ PUBLIC SAFETY

• The levees are in place to protect people and property. People should not climb or drive on the levees. They are not designed for these kinds of activity. For their own safety, citizens should stay away.

• But keeping people and vehicles off the levees is more than a personal safety issue. The integrity of the structure could be compromised, particularly if the plastic covering is pierced or torn. That could diminish the ability of the levees to protect against flooding.

• Law enforcement and National Guard soldiers will patrol the levees. They will be clearly identifiable by their uniforms. Unauthorized individuals caught on the levees could face criminal charges and face prosecution.

MAINTENANCE

• Contractors working in coordination with state and local officials will perform maintenance throughout this flooding event. Authorized personnel can be identified by their vests or uniforms. Anyone authorized to be on the levees should be carrying credentials or identifying documents.

• Levee maintenance includes repairing plastic coverings, reducing and repairing erosion, and pumping water pooled near levees. That means citizens passing near the levees could see pumps and hoses and similar activity. That doesn't mean an emergency is happening. More than likely, it is routine activity designed to assure that the levees remain strong and stable.

RANDOM WATER AND SAND BOILS

• With temporary levees, it is common for some water to pool on the inside of the levee. However, if water is seen bubbling from the underside of the levee or water is flowing from the levee structure, that could be a sign of a potential breach.

• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers say it's also important to know that clean, clear water isn't a threat. Murky, dirty water could be an indication that material from the levee is being eaten away. If you see moving water, bubbling water or dirty water behind the levees, make a call.

• Sand boils are bubbling water pools found on the dry side of levees during floods. If undetected, sand boils can suck sand and other materials away from levees causing the structure to

weaken and making it more susceptible to breaching.

WILDLIFE

• Burrowing animals that make dens in levees can cause the levee to weaken.

• Additionally, deer are known to poke holes in protective plastic sheeting, also diminishing the integrity of the structure.

• Levee security and maintenance personnel will be alert to wildlife around the levees, but citizens should be quick to report such activity, too.

WHAT TO REPORT

• Unauthorized vehicles or people on the levees, or people who appear out of place or not engaged in patrols or maintenance.

• Moving or bubbling water and suspected sand boils.

• Animal activity along the levees.

• Any other activity that appears out of the ordinary. "See something, say something" applies as much to levee protection as to Homeland Security.

• To report issues or concerns about the levee systems, contact local authorities.

Levee Safety Fact Sheet:
http://www.disasterrecovery.sd.gov/flood_info_pubs.aspx

Yankton Co. Seeking Info On Damaged Homes

The Yankton County Office of Emergency Management is seeking information from citizens who are experiencing flood damage to their homes.

The state of South Dakota is compiling a list of homes that have been affected in the county. This information needs to be compiled as soon as possible.

Yankton County residents who have experienced damage from the flood may contact the Office of Emergency Management using the following methods:

- Go to www.co.yankton.sd.us, download the form, fill it out and drop it off at the auditor's office in the Yankton County Government Center, located at 321 West Third St.;
 - stop at the Yankton County Emergency Management Office, located at 805 Capital St., and fill out the form;
 - or call emergency management at (605) 260-5286 and do it over the phone. Someone will be in the office between 1-5 p.m.
- If individuals have any questions, please call the emergency management office.

Johnson Seeks Fall Intern Applicants

WASHINGTON — As students begin to plan for their fall semesters, U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) is now accepting applications for fall internship positions in his Washington, Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Aberdeen offices.

The Washington internship program matches interns' interests to South Dakota and federal issues and provides a firsthand opportunity to experience a wide-range of office duties. Interns may attend hearings, research issues for projects, and work with the office administrative staff. Students may also apply to intern in the press shop for Johnson. Press interns work on tracking media coverage, organizing clips, writing releases, and other various press shop activities, as needed.

Internships in Johnson's state offices will provide students with in-depth knowledge of current issues affecting the state and the opportunity to work directly with South Dakotans. An intern in a state office will assist staff with special events, constituent casework, and administrative functions.

College sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for Johnson's fall internship program. College credits or a stipend are available. To apply for a state office internship, call toll-free at 1-800-537-0025. To apply for a Washington, D.C. internship, interested students should submit a cover letter, resume, references, and a writing sample to:

- General Internship: Senator Tim Johnson Attn: Intern Coordinator, 136 Hart SOB, Washington, DC 20510; By Fax to: 202-228-7575; by email to: Intern_Coordinator@johnson.senate.gov
- Press Internship: Senator Tim Johnson; Attn: Todd Deutsch, Press Intern Coordinator; 136 Hart SOB; Washington, DC 20510; By Fax to: 202-228-7575; by email to: Todd_Deutsch@johnson.senate.gov

Crohn's Support Group To Meet Today

There will be a Crohn's and Colitis support group meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:45 p.m. at the Avera Sacred Heart Campus Pavilion, 409 Summit, Yankton, SD 57078.

This meeting is for patients with Crohn's or Colitis and their family and friends. For information, please call Kathy Ryken @ 665-8667 or Dave Brown @ 665-7199, evenings.

Yankton Rec. Has Summer Openings Available

Are you looking to get your child involved this summer? It's not too late, as the Yankton Recreation Department has several openings in a variety of summer activities. Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Middle School Conditioning, Memorial Pool Swim Lessons, Tennis, Language Arts, Preschool Activity Classes and Day Camps are just a few programs that have openings for second session starting Monday, July 11. Visit our website at www.cityofyankton.org to get a full listing of all the exciting programs we have to offer.

You can view, register, and submit payment for all of the summer programs and activities directly from the City of Yankton's website. Or, walk-in and register at the Summit Activities Center during normal business hours.

For further information, please call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street.

Live Video Images Of Gavins Point Offered

With releases at Gavins Point Dam running at historic highs, the Press & Dakotan now offers live video images of the dam at <http://www.yankton.net/flooding/>.

The live video is taken from the Welcome Center overlooking the tailwater area below the dam.

Other video and stories related to the Missouri River flooding can also be found at that site.

Sir Charles Housing Open House Planned

An open house at Sir Charles Housing, LLC, located at 118 E. Third St., Yankton, will be held Wednesday, June 22.

Tours will be available from 3-6 p.m. There will be a short presentation at 4:30 p.m.

Sir Charles Housing, LLC, is operated by Lewis and Clark behavioral Health Services, Inc., of Yankton.

Freeman Creative Arts Workshop This Weekend

FREEMAN — A Creative Arts Workshop is being provided by Freeman Academy on Saturday, June 25, running from 2-4:30 p.m. for children in grades 4-8 (2011-2012 school year).

The afternoon will consist of three sessions: visual art with Joe Mason, musical rhythm/drumming with Amy Hofer-Vetch, and dance as it pertains to musical theater with Kathryn Reimler.

All of the sessions will be held in the Music Hall building on the Freeman Academy campus. Register early as space is limited. There is no charge for the event but you must preregister by Wednesday, June 22.

For more information and to register, contact Bonnie Young at byoung@freemanacademy.org or 925-4237 ext 225.

OBITUARIES

Robert Karolevitz

Robert Francis Karolevitz, age 89, of Yankton, SD and formerly of Mission Hill, died Friday, June 17, 2011 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

A Memorial Mass will be at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, with Military Rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791, Yankton, and the SDARNG, Sioux Falls. Visitations will begin at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, with a 7:30 PM Scripture Service and video tribute. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Bob was born in Yankton to Frank and Martha (Rathjen) Karolevitz on April 26, 1922. He attended Sacred Heart School for eight years and graduated from Yankton High School in 1940.

He graduated from South Dakota State University in 1947 with a B.S. in printing and rural journalism and history. He later served as president of the SDSU Alumni Association and was honored with its Distinguished Alumnus Award. In 1950, he received his Master's Degree in Journalism from the University of Oregon.

Bob married Phyllis Gunderson on January 4, 1951 in Yankton. Their daughters, Jan Marie and Martha Jill, were born in Seattle, WA.

Bob was a veteran of the U.S.



Karolevitz

Army in World War II serving in the infantry in the Philippines and Japan with the 25th Infantry Division, later writing the official Division history. In 1950, he graduated first in his class at the

Armed Forces Public Information School at Carlisle Barracks, PA. He was recalled for duty in the Korean War, first stationed at the Seattle Port of Embarkation. While there, he set up pier welcomes and ticker tape parades for returning Korean War veterans. He was later sent to Korea and served at 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul for several months.

Upon his return from Korea, and subsequent honorable discharge from the Army, he became a free lance writer for all of his professional career. While in Seattle he did publicity work for several advertising agencies and the 1962 Seattle World Fair. He was also a political ghost writer and newspaper columnist.

In 1967, Bob, Phyllis and daughters moved back to South Dakota. They bought Cedar Crest Farm near Mission Hill where they resided for the 37 years and Bob continued to write, authoring 37 books and thousands of magazine articles and newspaper columns for the *Yankton County Observer*, the *Yankton Daily Press* and *Dakotan* and other South Dakota

publications. He also traveled all over the U.S. as a public speaker.

Bob and Phyllis moved to Yankton in 2005 after Bob was diagnosed with atypical Parkinson's disease.

Bob served as president and member of the S.D. State Historical Society for many years. He was also on the board of the S.D. Art Museum in Brookings and was the proud recipient of the Wrangler Statuette from the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City for "Where Your Heart Is," his biography of artist Harvey Dunn.

He received the Polish Gold Cross Award in Chicago from then Premier (in exile) of Poland for his book "Flight of Eagles". Among his many other awards he received: Author of the Year from the S.D. Council of Teachers of English; the A.H. Pankow Media Award; S.D. Governor's Award for History; the prestigious Robinson Award; Service to Mankind Award from the Yankton Sertoma Club and Distinguished Alumnus of Sacred Heart School. He was one of the first inductees into the S.D. Newspaper Hall of Fame. Bob was named Yankton's Citizen of the Year in 1998 and in 2005 received an Honorary Doctorate from SDSU.

Bob served as chairman of many state health planning organizations and while president of the board of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, he was instrumental in establishing the Dr. Clark Johnson Memorial Fund, which evolved into the Benedictine Health Foun-

ation. One of his books was the history of Sacred Heart Hospital, called, "A Commitment to Care."

Bob and Phyllis traveled extensively throughout the U.S., both for pleasure and research. They also traveled to Europe, Canada, and Mexico and took several cruises.

Bob is survived by his wife, Phyllis, Yankton; daughter Jan and her husband Patrick Garrity and grandson Samuel Robert Garrity, Yankton; daughter Jill Karolevitz and her special friend James "Pete" Peterson, Mission Hill; sister Mary and her husband Robert Barr, Langley, WA; brothers and sisters-in-law Jack and Diane Gunderson, Yankton, and George and Jean Gunderson, Mesa, AZ; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Martha Karolevitz and sister Ruth (Vince) Hagen.

Memorials may be directed to the Bob and Phyllis Karolevitz Journalism Scholarship Fund at SDSU, the Bob and Phyllis Karolevitz Scholarship Fund at Sacred Heart School (Yankton), the Benedictine Health Foundation at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, or the memorial of your choice.

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John Schuckman

CROFTON, Neb. — John J. Schuckman, age 84, of Crofton, Neb., passed away on Saturday, June 18, 2011, at his residence. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be at approximately at 3:00 PM, Thursday

afternoon, in the St. Bonaventure Catholic Cemetery, Columbus, NE with Military Graveside Rites by the VFW Post 3704 of Columbus, Neb. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. Rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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Warm greetings and a special thank you for all the lovely cards and letters we received in honor of our 60th wedding anniversary. It was a wonderful celebration with our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends aboard the Starlight Majesty dinner and dance cruise near our home in Clearwater Beach, Florida. Thank you again for helping to make our anniversary very special.
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Wednesday, July 6 newspaper
5 p.m., Thursday, June 30th
Thursday, July 7 newspaper
5 p.m., Friday, July 1st
There will be no newspaper on Monday, July 4, 2011.
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