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A Balanced Energy Diet Dr. Michael Mann Professor and Chair, UND Chemical Engineering Department

Grand Forks, ND – America is facing serious energy and environmental challenges as it moves into the 21st century. Our current dependence on fossil fuels puts us on a direct collision course with global climate change. Likewise, our strong appetite for foreign oil places a strain on the security of our nation. An additional strain will be felt worldwide as other nations increase their energy use to improve their standard of living.

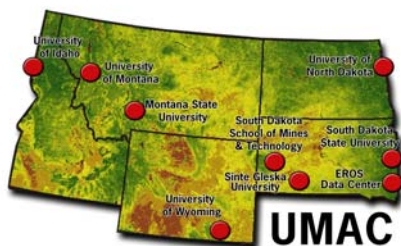
Dr. Michael Mann, Professor and Chair of the UND Chemical Engineering Department, will present his view of the current energy crisis and his reasons for an approach that will consist of multiple solutions and technologies on **Friday, April 13, 2007 at 3:00 pm in Clifford Hall Auditorium, room 210, on the UND campus**. A reception will be held before the talk at 2:30 pm. The public is invited to attend.

While there have been major advances in the area of renewable energy, Dr. Mann will explain why he does not see a single “silver bullet” that will solve this difficult problem. He will discuss the mix of difficult engineering, political, social, economic, and environmental factors that make this issue so difficult to address.

Dr. Mann holds a PhD in Energy Engineering. He served in several research and supervisory capacities at UND’s Energy and Environmental Research Center between 1981 and 1999 before joining the faculty in the Chemical Engineering Department.

Dr. Mann is the recipient of the 2006 Thomas J. Clifford Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Research. He currently holds three patents advancing the use of clean coal technology and is a NSF Career Award winner.

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