

Legislature debates higher ed funding

The North Dakota legislature continues to fine-tune Gov. Ed Schafer's state budget, which was presented in December. Last Thursday, a House Appropriations subcommittee proposed \$7.6 million in cuts for higher education, with NDSU's budget bearing the brunt, at least \$2 million. The next day, the full Appropriations Committee restored about half of the money, leaving \$845,000 in cuts for NDSU.

In an e-mail to faculty and staff, Interim President Fischer said, "While the legislative situation is changing, in some cases, by the hour, I want you to know that we are working for full restoration of the governor's budget. Our message to legislators, delivered with due respect to the tough decisions legislators must make, is that NDSU has the most efficient faculty and staff of any campus in the North Dakota University System, and that disproportionate cuts would be an unfair burden to place on the students of any campus."

Korsmo appointed to State Board of Higher Education

Gov. Ed Schafer appointed John T. Korsmo of Fargo to the State Board of Higher Education Feb. 9. Schafer cited Korsmo's education and background in business and politics as important factors in his decision.

"John is extremely bright, well educated and understands the intricacies of operating in North Dakota's political system," Schafer said. "He will be an effective board member who will help focus on the critical policy decisions facing our system."

Korsmo, 48, is president and senior consultant for Thomas Lynn International, Inc., a healthcare consulting firm. He was previously a vice president of physician relations and network development for Dakota Heartland and the policy/legislative director in the governor's office. He also was the Republican nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives from North Dakota in 1992.

"I hope my background and experience, as well as my reputation as a thoughtful, if outspoken, problem-solver, can be of value to the Board of Higher Education as its members make the difficult decisions necessary to keep the North Dakota University System academically strong and fiscally viable into the 21st Century," Korsmo said in his letter to the nominating committee.

He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the North Dakota and Virginia State Bar Associations.

Korsmo's term will begin, upon Senate confirmation, July 1. He is married to Lori Wightman and has three children.

Y2K meetings scheduled

The next Y2K unit rep meetings are set for 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, or 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Tentatively, an IVN meeting is set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. See page two for more details.

Revised draft on Intellectual Property available

A revised version of the policy on Intellectual Property is available on the web at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/zoology/draft347.htm. The draft has been posted in both a portable document file and WordPerfect file format.

A faculty caucus will be scheduled to allow for group discussion of the draft. To provide input before this meeting, comments may be posted to the faculty listserv at ndsu-faculty@listserv.nodak.edu. Those who respond are asked to "cc" comments to Rick Johnson, university counsel, at rjohnson@gwmail.nodak.edu.

Travel reimbursement rate change

The NDSU Accounting Office would like state employees to be aware the per diem rates for claiming reimbursement for out-of-state meals recently changed. The new rates, effective for travel after Jan. 1, can be viewed at the office's Web site at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/accounting/Links.html.

In-state meal reimbursement rates remain the same.

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Campus input sought for computer services access plan

Information Technology Services is seeking campus input as it prepares a plan to address access to computer services in light of rising modem and computer service costs. To facilitate the dialogue, an on-line forum has been set up at <http://listserv.nodak.edu/archives/nds-u-dialin.html>.

"This last year, we expanded our Internet connection by 75 percent for about a 35 percent increase in cost. That's low for what we see for the future, especially if we get into distance education and distance learning," said Bonnie Neas, ITS director. "We think networking costs will continue to increase in the double digit percentage per year rate."

At question is whether ITS continues to provide modem services for faculty, staff and students. Possibilities being discussed include freezing current levels of service, billing for the service or out-sourcing the entire service to local Internet service providers.

Neas is currently presenting budget information to campus groups, so that a recommendation can be made for future dial-in services and sources of funding. She hopes to have a plan finalized by May 1, at which time the university, including ITS, may know its budget for the upcoming biennium. Neas said it is important to have a plan in place at that time so faculty and students who leave for the summer months will have an understanding of what services will be available in the fall.

"We want to find out if ITS-provided modem pool services are strategic to NDSU's mission of teaching, research and outreach," Neas said. "We want to see what information technology services are the most important to moving the institution ahead and enabling faculty, staff and students with technology solutions. Therefore, the question is who pays."

The on-line forum came at the request of the University Senate, which heard Neas' presentation Feb. 8. "All the members of the university community are stake-holders in the modem pool," said Jeffery Gerst, presiding officer of the University Senate. "By sharing over the Internet, we'll be aware and sensitive to each others feelings. We're trying to get as broad a consensus as possible to help give input into the strategic plan."

Demonstration scheduled for electronic payroll system

Advanced Systems of Fargo is scheduled to be on campus at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 in IACC 204 to demonstrate NDSU's electronic timekeeping system. This system is available to all departments to pay hourly staff. The hours are electronically recorded using Kronos® software and uploaded to the university's payroll system each pay period. The system eliminates the need for manual processing of timeslips.

Interested departments that do not currently use the system should call Carolyn in Payroll at 1-6251 to register for the meeting.

Library participates in database trial

All NDSU students, faculty and staff are encouraged to increase their use of the FirstSearch databases during the next three months.

NDSU Libraries is participating in a special trial of the FirstSearch Worldcat and reference databases. This is a major trial set up especially for libraries in the three-state region of North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. The objective of this trial is to determine which databases are heavily used and whether a flat pricing model can be cooperatively established for libraries in the region. The trial runs Feb. 1-April 30.

FirstSearch is an electronic information service providing on-line access to more than 80 databases. It is designed to make searching simple, yet sophisticated enough to meet researchers' needs. It provides easy access, full-text options, email features and powerful research capabilities.

Library staff will provide a FirstSearch "brown-bag" seminar from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in Room 110 of the Main Library. The seminar will feature search technique, displaying records and access methods.

Access to FirstSearch is available from a link in the NDSU Libraries' home page, or directly at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/reference/firstsearch.html.

For more information call the reference desk at 1-8886 or contact your subject librarian.

Y2K unit rep meetings set Feb. 22-23

Campus Y2K unit reps are asked to attend one of two sessions scheduled. Meetings are set for 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, or 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Tentatively, an IVN meeting is set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

The Y2K steering committee will give a progress report and more information on future steps. The committee members also will discuss setting priorities using information from the compliance inventory, as well as updates to the inventory. Information about desktop PC application software and data assessment and remediation also will be discussed.

More information about NDSU's Y2K project is at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/y2k.

Nominations sought for Tapestry of Diverse Talents

The spring Tapestry of Diverse Talents nomination forms are now available. Nominees may include students, faculty, staff or alumni who, through their own life experiences, have contributed to the multiculturalism of the NDSU community.

Letters of nomination should be thorough and provide specific information about the nominee's contributions to multiculturalism. Nominations are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 5, to Robb Thibault, assistant director for campus programs, Memorial Union room 360. Nominations also may be sent by e-mail to thibault@plains.nodak.edu.

The spring induction ceremony is scheduled for noon Friday, April 30, in the Memorial Union Alumni Lounge. For more information call 1-8566.

People

Carter to enter Ag Hall of Fame



Carter

Jack F. Carter, professor emeritus of plant sciences, will be inducted into the North Dakota Agricultural Hall of Fame at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Gov. Ed Schafer will present the award during ceremonies at the North Dakota Winter Show in Valley City.

Carter is being honored for his nearly five decades of plant science research and teaching. He joined NDSU in 1950 and began some of the first research on forage crops, including grazing trials near the Fargo campus. During Carter's tenure as agronomy department chair, the department became a national leader in seed-stocks programs, crop breeding and weed science research. He also taught grain grading from 1950 to 1997.

"It's nice they would recognize someone from academe for contributing to North Dakota agriculture," said Carter, noting he is the first person from higher education to be selected. "Academic people don't often get recognition such as this."

Since his retirement in 1987, Carter has continued to work with the state's Oilseed Council in the research and promotion of oilseed crops, specializing in flax. "This is a wonderful place to be an agronomist," he said. "North Dakota is about 75 percent cultivated, so there are many crops, problems to deal with and a lot of good production. It's ideal for an agronomist."

In its nomination letter, the Oilseed Council wrote Carter's work has meant "hundreds of millions of dollars" to North Dakota agriculture and benefited students and people throughout the world "who depend upon high quality food production."

Carter grew up on a farm in western Nebraska. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln; master's degree in agronomy at Washington State University, Pullman; and doctorate in agronomy at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

His many other awards include the 1978 Faculty Lectureship, Alpha Zeta Outstanding Educator, Alpha Zeta Outstanding Agriculturist and 1989 Blue Key Distinguished Educator Award. Active in many organizations, Carter served as president of the Crop Science Society of America, Flax Institute of the United States and Council of Agricultural Science and Technology.

The other member of the 1999 Hall of Fame induction class is the late E.G. Melroe, founder of the Melroe Manufacturing Co., Gwinner.

Nicklas' book published

Theresa Nicklas, professor and chair of food and nutrition, co-wrote the recently published book, "Introduction of Comprehensive Health Promotion for Elementary Schools: The Healthy Heart Smart Program."

Students honor secretary with plaque, scholarship

NDSU construction management and engineering students gave a heartfelt "thank you" Feb. 9 to administrative secretary Ingrid Scarski. In a surprise ceremony, they presented her with a plaque and announced a scholarship fund had been established in her honor.



Mike Risty, left, and John Babich, right, present Ingrid Scarski with a plaque to commemorate her service to construction management and engineering students.

The plaque's message read, "The Construction Students of NDSU Honor Ingrid Scarski as the World's Best Secretary and Friend."

For 12 years, Scarski has helped students in the department with schedules, adviser meetings and competitions. She has made sure they tend to their grades and sent them class materials when they were ill. Scarski even trades recipes with them.

"She does just about everything in the world for the students. This was the least we could do," said John Babich, a senior from Virginia, Minn., who helped organize the event. "It's a small department and she knows everybody. She's great."

Scarski was clearly pleased and, perhaps, embarrassed by the attention. "It's 'way cool.' I'm amazed the students did this for me," she said. "This is a great honor."

The students have raised \$1,500 so far for the scholarship fund and expect to reach a goal of \$5,000. "Now that it's not a secret any longer, I've gotten tremendous words of encouragement from alumni, friends, other staff and faculty. They all want to help," Babich said.

Mike Risty, a senior from Brandon, S.D., and president of the NDSU Associated General Contractors Student Chapter said, "The recognition is a payback for everything she does for us. She goes over and above every expectation. Just to see her smile made the effort worth it."

Olson, North named to national honor society committees

Nancy Olson, assistant director of continuing education, was recently appointed to a three-year term on the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society's National Forum committee.

The National Forum is the honor society's major publication. The official tasks of the committee are to serve as the publication's advisory committee and to make recommendations about the publication to the board of directors.

Barbara North, associate professor of food and nutrition, was elected to the Phi Upsilon Education Foundation Board for a four-year term. Phi Upsilon is an honor society for students, faculty and alumni with majors in areas related to family and consumer sciences.

Bierwagen presents paper, talk at conferences

Gordon Bierwagen, professor of polymers and coatings, presented a paper and was an invited speaker at conferences in November.

He presented a paper titled "Absorption of Poly(ethylene Oxide) from Solution onto Battery Grade Fine Particles" Nov. 6 at the lithium batteries symposium of the 194th meeting of The Electrochemical Society in Boston. The paper was based on research by Simon Besner, post-doc, and Jason Legleiter, a recent master's degree graduate in polymers and coatings, under Bierwagen's direction. The work was sponsored by a research team lead by 3M, Hydro-Quebec and Argonne National Laboratory under a contract from the U.S. Advanced Battery Consortium.

Bierwagen was an invited speaker at the fifth biannual North American Research Conference on the Science and Technology of Organic Coatings at Hilton Head Island, S.C. His Nov. 10 presentation was entitled "An Examination of Transport Properties of Organic Coatings as Related to Corrosion Prevention." The talk was based on work directed by Bierwagen in the Corrosion/Coatings Group, an interdepartmental group co-directed by Bierwagen and Dennis Tallman, professor of chemistry.

Strand named District Scholar of the Year

Brad Strand, chair of health, physical education and recreation, received the District Scholar of the Year Award at the Central District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance annual conference.

The central district is comprised of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado. The Scholar Award is presented to an individual who exemplifies well-rounded scholarship in teaching, research and service.

Strand has made more than 100 national, regional and state presentations; published 50 manuscripts, two books, and two booklets; received a number of teaching awards; and has held state, regional and national offices. He sits on the Joint Projects Committee for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance/American Heart Association. Strand's Scholar Lecture was titled "Finding Flow, Seeking Challenge."

Rourke Gallery features art of NDSU alumnus

The artwork of Patrick A. Rothwell, a 1998 graduate of NDSU, is currently being featured at the Rourke Gallery in Moorhead. The collection features paintings and sculpture that have been inspired by influential issues and events in Rothwell's life in the past decade.

Rothwell has had one-man exhibits at Gallery 101 at NDSU and Atomic Coffee and has previously participated in exhibits at the Plains Art Museum and the Rourke Gallery. His work also is part of the Permanent Collection at NDSU. Rothwell is currently living in Minneapolis as an interior design intern at Ellerbe Becket.

The exhibit runs through March 14. Public viewing hours are 1-5 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment. For more information contact James O'Rourke at 236-8861.

NDSU student wins accounting scholarship

Denesh Gunasekerampulle, a senior from Sri Lanka majoring in accounting, business and industrial engineering, is one of three winners in the "Account for Your Future" international accounting scholarship program. Gunasekerampulle will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

"I'm really honored and a little surprised because it was open to students in all the top business schools," Gunasekerampulle said. "I have to give the College of Business Administration credit because it has an excellent accounting and business program. They really pick up on issues that are pertinent to the business world and what employers are looking for. My application just reflected everything I've been told in class."

The scholarship program, which offers awards twice annually, is the first to be run entirely on-line. This term's contest drew more than 700 applicants worldwide.

"Denesh is one of our top students and is one of the best students anywhere in the country," said James Hansen, assistant professor of accounting, noting the other winners came from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Tennessee, Knoxville. "This shows the quality of NDSU students, who can compete with big schools across the nation."

Junior, senior and graduate-level accounting students are eligible to apply for the program. Applicants are evaluated on academic record, career goals, communication skills and understanding of the accounting/technology relationship. The scholarship is sponsored by AccountingNet, Great Plains and John Wiley and Sons. More information is available at www.accountingstudents.com.

Events

Butch Thompson Trio to perform Feb. 20

The Butch Thompson Trio will perform 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Festival Concert Hall of the Reineke Fine Arts Center.

Thompson is a Minnesota native and jazz pianist known from public radio's "Prairie Home Companion." He and his trio will explore the appeal and evolution of the early jazz tradition. The concert will include a wide range of music from the subdued sound of Scott Joplin to the funky sounds of the Southside Chicago blues to Thompson's own compositions and unique commentary.

Thompson also is scheduled to present a master class, "Regional Styles in Jazz: New Orleans, New York and the Midwest," 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in Beckwith Recital Hall. It is free and open to the public.

The event is part of the Festival Concert Series and funding was provided by the Heartland Arts Fund Program with the National Endowment for the Arts and the North Dakota Council on the Arts. Tickets for the concert are \$13 for adults, \$10 for NDSU employees with ID and \$5 for NDSU students with ID. For tickets call the Memorial Union Ticket Office at 1-8458.

International Week set for March 22-26

International Week, World Fest 1998, is set for March 22-26. Some highlights include an International Expo, in which international associations share information about their countries. Charles Okigbo, associate professor of communication, will discuss his work in health communication with such health agencies as the World Health Organization and United Nations AIDS project. A variety show is scheduled for International Night, featuring songs, dances and skits from around the world.

For more information contact the Office of International Programs at 1-7895.

Brown bag to examine student anxiety

The YMCA of NDSU is scheduled to present the brown bag seminar, "Anxiety in a College Student's Life," at noon Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

Peggy Gaynor, director of the counseling center, will discuss panic, nervousness, and other forms of anxiety. She will explain the difference between normal symptoms that arise from daily life and others that are more debilitating and how to tell when they become a problem.

For more information contact the YMCA of NDSU at 235-8772.

English seminar to focus on Asian American youth, customs and culture

Cynthia Leung, assistant professor of education, will present "Biculturalism and Reader Response to Jean Fritz's 'Homesick,'" as an English department seminar at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, in Minard 215.

Leung's lecture will explore the relationship between responses to literature and the world views of bicultural students who move between mainstream American ways, traditional or modified Asian customs and American youth culture. The focal literary work of the study is the cross-cultural text "Homesick," by Jean Fritz, which is an account of the author's growing up in China on the eve of the Communist revolution.

The seminar may be of particular interest to faculty, staff and students of social studies, English and Asian studies. It is free and open to the public. For more information contact Bill Cosgrove at 1-7147 or by email at cosgrove@plains.nodak.edu or Anjali Pandey at 1-7148 or by email at apandey@prairie.nodak.edu.

Memorial Union Gallery to exhibit Dana Boussard Feb. 22

The Memorial Union Gallery is sponsoring "Dana Boussard: Between Places" Feb. 22 through March 23. A reception is scheduled 4-6 p.m. Monday, March 1.

Dana Boussard's work consists of fabric that is cut, layered, painted, hung on a wall and painted again. The fabric is repeatedly sewn, rearranged and painted until the project is finished. Boussard has more than 50 commissioned works permanently installed in such places as the Anchorage International Airport, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, MCI Communications Corporate Headquarters and the Montana State Justice Building. Private collectors of her work include Robert Redford and Carroll O'Connor.

This collection is being displayed in conjunction with NDSU Women's Week. For more information contact Peg Furshong at 1-8239.

Theology forum to address fate of family farms

Gary Goreham, associate professor of sociology, is scheduled to present "Is the Family Farm a Thing of the Past?" at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Memorial Union University Chamber.

The forum is part of the weekly "Horizons" series presented by United Campus Ministry and the University Lutheran Center. It is free and open to the public. For more information contact United Campus Ministry at 235-0672 or the University Lutheran Center at 232-2587.

Shorts and Reminders

Quantity Foods meals

A "Mardi Gras Meal" is planned from 11:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 18. The menu includes Southwestern chicken chili, Cajun rice, cornmeal muffins, Italian salad and ice cream with oreos.

A "Hawaiian Lunch" is planned from 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 23. The menu includes pork kabobs, blended rice, vegetable stir-fry, fruit salad, hard rolls and coconut cake.

"The Platter of Little Big Horn" is planned for 11:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 25 in the lower level of the West Dining Center. The menu includes Indian tacos, wild rice soup and pumpkin pie.

All meals are served in the lower level of the West Dining Center and are open to everyone. The cost is \$5.25 or free to those on a meal plan. To make a reservation call 1-7023.

Open positions

Positions open and their closing dates through the Office of Human Resources, Room 205, Old Main:

Information Specialist/#0577
Admission
\$17,048 minimum/year
Open until filled.

Administrative Secretary III/#0440
Aerospace Studies
\$18,000+/year
Feb. 22

Administrative Secretary I/#4356
Polymers & Coatings
\$13,000+/year
Feb. 24

Recruit Police Officer/#0656
Physical Plant
\$1,718/month
March 3

Computer Store/Department Manager/#4021
(Bookstore Manager I)
Varsity Mart/Bookstore
\$21,576 minimum/year
Feb. 18

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.nodak.edu/human-resources/.

Research Opportunities

The Office of Research Administration in Old Main 201 announces the following funding opportunities and deadlines. For more information call 1-8908.

Department of Education

Teacher Quality Enhancement Program

www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/heatqp/

Deadlines: April 2 (preapplications for partnership grants)

April 16 (state and teacher recruitment grants)

July 9 (partnership grant proposals)

Eligibility for this program consists of a consortia of at least a college or university with an eligible teacher preparation program, a school of arts and sciences and a local education agency. State grants will support implementation of comprehensive statewide reforms to improve the quality of a state's teaching force; partnership grants will bring teacher preparation programs, schools of arts and sciences, and school-districts and schools together to improve teacher education; and teacher recruitment grants will recruit and train more teachers.

NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention of Alcohol-Related Problems Among College Students

www.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AA-99-001.html

Deadline: March 23

This program is in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. Applications are being invited to conduct intervention-oriented research that will lead to the reduction of alcohol-related problems among college students. The prevention strategies may focus on the larger normative or cultural environment in which drinking occurs or on drinkers as individuals or groups of persons engaged in hazardous drinking behavior.

National Science Foundation

Engineering Sciences for Modeling and Simulation-Based Life-Cycle Engineering

www.nsf.gov/pubs/1999/nsf9956/nsf9956.htm

Deadline: April 12 (two-page proposal abstracts)

May 10 (proposals)

This announcement is for a collaborative research program to be funded by the National Science Foundation and Sandia National Laboratories. The focus areas are thermal transport, solid mechanics, engineering design (design theory and modeling and simulation uncertainty) and computational intelligence and engineering systems.

The Alternatives Research and Development Foundation Research Grants

Deadline: April 30

The ARDF is soliciting research proposals to develop methods for alternatives to traditional uses of laboratory animals in basic research, testing and education. Funding of up to \$40,000 is available to support individual research projects. For application instructions contact ARDF at (612) 949-2409.

Calendar**February**

Through Feb. 26 art exhibition of work by Janet Hart Heinicke, Gallery 101, Art Building

17 Architecture/Landscape Architecture and Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics—Steven McNeill, architect and senior vice president, Mark Anderson, landscape architect, David Williams, mechanical engineer of LHB Engineers and Architects, Duluth, will present “LHB: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Office Practice,” noon, 125 Electrical Engineering

17 USDA/ARS—David G. Davis, “Biological and Physiological Aspects of Leafy Spurge Growth and Development: Including Enzymatic Responses to Stress,” 10 a.m., Northern Crop Science Laboratory, Large Conference Room

19 Psychology—Laura DeHaan, “Individual and Community Risk Factors Among Early Adolescents in North Dakota,” 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

19 Brad Ramsdale, graduate seminar, “Construction and establishment of golf course turf,” 3:30 p.m. Loftsgard 380

19 Animal and Range Sciences—Abraham Scheaffer, graduate student, “How Does an Animal Know How Much Fat It Really Has?” and Chris Schauer, graduate student, “Comparison of Self-Limiting Supplements Fed to Cattle on Grass,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104

20 Butch Thompson Trio, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

22 Opening of “Dana Boussard: Between Places” exhibit, Memorial Union Gallery

22 Architecture/Landscape Architecture—Pliny Fisk III, co-director, Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems, Austin, “Conceptual Space Race,” 5 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, Reineke Fine Arts Center

24 USDA/ARS—Gaylord D. Paulson, “Construction of a Replica of the Hopperstad Norwegian Stave Church,” 10 a.m., Northern Crop Science Laboratory, Large Conference Room

25 Chemistry—Paul Kiprof, University of Minnesota, Duluth, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

26 Psychology—David Corina, University of Washington, “Neural Representations of Human Language and Human Action,” 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

March

Through March 23 “Dana Boussard: Between Places,” Memorial Union Gallery; for info call 1-8239

1 NDSU Women's Week begins

1 “Dana Boussard: Between Places” reception
4-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

2 Brenda Weiler concert, 7-9 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery; Tickets are \$5 and available at the Memorial Union Information Desk

2 Chemistry—William Bailey, University of Connecticut, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

2 University Chorus and Madrigal Singers Concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

2 Architecture/Landscape Architecture—Carol Mayer-Reed, partner, Mayer/Reed, Portland, “The A-Mazing Water Garden and Other Current Works,” 5 p.m., 114 Loftsgard

3 Varsity Band and Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

3 Art Exhibition, “Paintings and Drawings,” by Tracy Otten, Gallery 101, Art Building; runs through March 26

5 Psychology—Andrea Zevenbergen, University of North Dakota, “Factors Related to Effective Parenting,” 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

5 Tapestry of Diverse Talents nominations due by 5 p.m. to Robb Thibault, Memorial Union room 360.

8-12 Spring break, no classes

15 Classes resume

15 Food and Nutrition—William H. Dietz, Jr., director, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, “Therapeutic Treatment of Childhood Obesity,” 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

18 Concert Choir Home Concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

19 Psychology—Gina Grimshaw, California State - San Marcos, “Interhemispheric Interactions: Why Two Brains Are Better Than One,” 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

19 Architecture/Landscape Architecture—Donald MacDonald, principal, MacDonald Architects, San Francisco, “Creation of Democratic Architecture,” 4 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall, Reineke Fine Arts Center

21 Oscar J. Howard Native Memorial Scholars Fund Art Auction, Ramada Plaza Suites; for more info call the Office of Multicultural Student Services at 1-1029

21 Gold Star Concert Band concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

22 Advising week begins for fall 1999 semester

22-26 International Week. For info. call 1-7895

22-26 International juried photo exhibit, Memorial Union Gallery; for more info contact the Office of International Programs at 1-8046

26 Red River Psychology Conference, Moorhead State University

26 NDSU art senior thesis projects on display, Memorial Union Gallery; Reception 4-6 p.m.

April

Through April 6 NDSU art senior thesis projects on display, Memorial Union Gallery

2 Good Friday, administrative offices closed

2-5 Holiday/recess, no classes

5 Administrative offices open

6 Civil Education Week begins

8-16 Interior design senior thesis projects on display, Memorial Union Gallery

9 Interior design senior thesis projects reception, 4-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

9 Psychology—John K. Robinson, SUNY at Stony Brook, "Rats as Small Furry Humans in Studies of the Neurobiology of Amnesia," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

9 Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

10 Day of Percussion, all day, Festival Concert Hall; Tri-College Percussion Ensemble and Marimba Choir spring concert, 4 p.m. Festival Concert Hall

13 Little Country Theatre free preview night for NDSU staff; call ext. 1-7969 to reserve tickets; production, "Hedda Gabler"

14-17 Little Country Theatre production of "Hedda Gabler," 8 p.m., Askanase Auditorium; for tickets call 1-7969

15 Chemistry—Robert Malecza, Michigan State University, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

16 Psychology—Scott Lilienfeld, Emory University, "Psychopathic Personality: Links Among Theory, Assessment, and Research," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209

20 NDSU Architecture and Landscape Architecture Day, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

21-23 NDSU landscape architecture finalists on display, Memorial Union Gallery

23 NDSU landscape architecture finalists reception 4-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

23 Psychology—Student presentations, honors thesis/graduate students

26 Jazz Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

28 Varsity Band and Brass Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

29 Last day of classes

29 Gold Star Concert Band concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall

26-30 NDSU McKenzie Award architecture finalists on display, Memorial Union Gallery

29 Chemistry—Michael Patane, Merck & Co., Inc., will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

30 Reading/review day

30 NDSU McKenzie Award architecture finalists reception, 4-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

30 Spring ceramic sale, 4-6 p.m., Department of Visual Arts

30 Psychology—Student presentations, Graduate Students

30 Tapestry of Diverse Talents spring induction ceremony, noon, Memorial Union Alumni Lounge

May

2 Spring Pops Concert featuring University Chorus, Madrigal Singers, Jazz Ensemble; 3 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom

3-7 Final exams

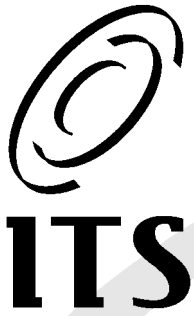
8 Commencement

10 On-site registration for standard four-week summer courses

11 Classes begin

13 Chemistry—Randy Halcomb, University of Colorado at Boulder, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152

31 Memorial Day, administrative offices closed, no classes



Client Services adds consultant

Jeff Schoenack, has joined ITS as a client services consultant. He was formerly the Varsity Mart computer manager, so he is not new to the campus community. Schoenack is well-versed with an array of computer knowledge and experience.

He will be responsible for a variety of support functions focusing particularly on the needs of the Colleges of Business Administration, Science and Mathematics, Engineering and Architecture, assessment and institutional research and ROTC.

Research activity supported

ITS has collaborated with the computer science department and EPSCoR to acquire joint funding in support of a temporary position designed to enhance the advancement of scientific research computing proficiencies using the latest in technological developments.

Francis Larson has been hired to assist researchers with assessing and using available technologies and to develop infrastructure that promotes and enhances scientific research projects and programs. Larson has a diverse background to understand the needs of those developing scientific research projects that require leading edge information technology skills. This position has a significant focus on understanding and meeting the needs of the research community.

Larson has a unique combination of background experience and skills that will enable him to work collaboratively with this segment of our user community. You may contact him at Francis_Larson.ndsu.nodak.edu or by calling 1-6123.

New HECN programmer analyst

Michael Klemen has joined the HECN Administrative Services group as a programmer analyst for the HECN Financial Systems. His time will be spent maintaining the legacy systems and working on the project to make legacy information available via the web.

Klemen has been self-employed for the last five years, doing custom programming under Windows 3.1 and Windows 95. Prior to that he was employed at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., as a UNIX system administrator and a client services analyst.

NDUS IVN staff member located at NDSU

Jarilyn Gess of Moorhead, the newly named NDUS IVN academic support specialist, is located in IACC 228. Gess replaces Julie Schepp who formerly held this position at Dickinson State University while living in Dickinson. ITS was asked to support this position in finding suitable space because the location of this person is not dependent on any particular campus affiliation, but rather the closest campus affiliation to where the person lives. NDSU should see this as an opportunity for improved communication between our campus' IVN program and the system's IVN program.

Although Gess is not an official ITS staff member, there has been an agreement to provide limited services and contractual billing for such things as telephone, faxing and printing, much like we do for HECN Administrative Services.

NDSU LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Prepared by Rick Johnson, NDSU General Counsel
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The following are some of the bills of particular interest to NDSU. The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Office tracks additional bills. Text of the bills and other legislative information is available on the web at www.state.nd.us/lr/. Bolded descriptions below indicate information added since the previous report. Crossover (bills must be reported out of house of origin) is February 19. This status report will likely be reported every two weeks after that date until closer to the end of the Session.

House

HB 1003 NDUS appropriation bill. Appropriates \$128,100,635 to NDSU from all funds (\$72,401,732 general fund). Authorizes bonding of \$4,500,000 for the Health and Wellness Center.

HB 1004 Section 7 provides that OMB should collect indirect cost reimbursement from state agencies.

HB 1021 Ag appropriation bill. Appropriates \$96,793,422 from all funds (\$47,917,280 general fund).

HB 1022 Appropriation authority for bonding for the animal care research facility.

HB 1034 Section 15 relates to higher education credit for juniors and seniors in high school who take courses.

HB 1037 Restricts claims against the State for Y2K liability if good faith effort is made. **Passed House as amended.**

HB 1046 Prohibits service contracts from extending into the following biennium. **Passed House as amended.**

HB 1048 Provides for the State Treasurer to collect debts for state agencies and for the State Treasurer and Director of Office of Management and Budget to supervise collection of debts.

HB 1049 Provides for confidentiality of audit reports until presented to the Legislature. Failed House.

HB 1058 Makes ticket scalping to public events, such as athletic contests, a Class A misdemeanor.

HB 1096 Requires employers to pay for medical examinations or drug tests if required for retaining or obtaining employment. Passed House.

HB 1105 Authorizes DMV to issue special collegiate license plates for \$25 per year. Failed House.

HB 1138 Makes patient records at the Student Health Service confidential. Passed House.

HB 1165 Provides for continuing appropriation for special revenue funds, including tuition.

HB 1170 Section 14 requires all vendors for state purchasing to be approved by the Director of OMB. **Passed House as amended.**

HB 1171 Deletes Board of Higher Education membership on State Personnel Board. Passed House as amended.

HB 1173 Exempts higher education institutions from certain postage meter approval requirements. Passed House.

HB 1174 Allows employee suggestion incentive rewards to cover cost savings in other agencies and provides for supervisors to share in the award. Passed House as amended.

HB 1186 Repeals a number of outdated provisions relating to various higher education institutions. **Passed House as amended.**

HB 1199 Creates a residency incentive loan program of \$250 per semester. **Failed House.**

HB 1228 Requires prefiled bills for state employee raises. **Failed House.**

HB 1257 Creates an alternative defined contribution retirement plan for nonclassified state employees. **Passed House as amended.**

HB 1262 Makes employees who voluntarily retire ineligible for Worker's Comp. Failed House.

HB 1296 Creates authority for Worker's Comp. programs for coverage beyond the state's borders.

HB 1297 Creates mandatory medical coverage for annual mammograms for women who are at least 40 years of age. Passed House.

HB 1300 Requires state agencies to grant mandatory leaves of absence for employees elected to the Legislature.

HB 1311 Establishes the state radiology technology board of examiners for licensure of persons who administer radiological procedures.

HB 1316 Requires economic impact statements to be filed before closure of a higher education institution.

HB 1331 Removes worker's comp. immunity for employers who intentionally injure an employee. Passed House.

HB 1341 Increases the lodging per diem from \$39 to \$42 per day.

HB 1355 Establishes a midwestern regional higher education commission for coordination of certain higher education activities in 12 midwestern states.

HB 1359 Broadens state provisions restricting nepotism. **Passed House as amended.**

HB 1388 Includes performance of laboratory tests in the definition of practice of pharmacy. **Passed House as amended.**

HB 1398 Requires specific legislative approval for any building construction project or expansion.

HB 1418 Requires multiple bids for building projects when combination of separate contracts exceeds \$100,000.

HB 1419 Appropriates \$250,000 to NDSU for value added agriculture production.

HB 1437 Provides for additional student loans for education majors.

HB 1442 Mandates a bid preference for resident providers of information technology services and products.

HB 1443 Name change for UND-Williston and Lake Region and provides a workforce training appropriation.

HB 1469 Creates a North Dakota human rights commission for investigation of discrimination complaints.

HB 1470 Eliminates the 4 cent motor vehicle fuel refund funding for the agricultural research fund and replaces with 20% of the special fuels tax.

HB 1482 Restricts number of grant committees on the State Board for Agricultural Research.

HB 1483 Requires the State Board for Agricultural Research to evaluate a research funding goal equal to 2 percent of gross farm income.

HB 1484 Appropriates \$3,830,000 to NDSU for agricultural research.

HB 1486 Allows private sector employees and uninsured individuals to become members of the PERS health insurance program.

HCR 3032 Would amend Constitution to create a health and education trust fund from the tobacco settlement monies.

HCR 3036 Would amend Constitution to preclude individuals from having to exhaust administrative remedies before going into court.

HCR 3042 Would amend Constitution to distribute tobacco settlement monies, including 45% to the common schools trust fund.

Senate

SB 2015 Appropriates \$5,400,000 for equity compensation adjustments for classified state employees (Section 6). Provides \$35 minimum per month raises both years of the biennium with 3% each year of the biennium overall raises (Section 7).

SB 2029 Eliminates requirement that the legislative budget section approve the nonresident tuition rate. **Passed Senate.**

SB 2031 Creates a legislative budget committee and provides procedure for developing a legislative budget.

SB 2043 Creates a state information technology department to regulate information technology for the state under the control of a state information technology board. State agencies will be required to access wide area network services through the department.

SB 2044 Creates a legislative council information technology committee to review activities of the information technology department.

SB 2047 Restricts contingent fee arrangements by the Attorney General.

SB 2056 Relates to Board of Higher Education's six year plan. **Passed Senate.**

SB 2058 Allows a fee waiver for criminal history record checks. **Passed Senate as Amended.**

SB 2071 Increases the PERS multiplier from .77% to .89% and allows retirement plan rollovers to PERS. **Passed Senate.**

SB 2072 Sets premium rate for non Medicare eligible retire health insurance. **Passed Senate.**

SB 2084 Reduces higher education's portion of the Guard tuition on waiver to 25% **Passed Senate.**

SB 2108 Provides for out of state lodging prepayments where sales tax exemptions can be obtained. **Passed Senate.**

SB 2110 Creates a state risk management motor vehicle accident review board. **Passed Senate as Amended.**

SB 2124 Requires OMB to prefile a separate bill for state employee salary increases. **Withdrawn.**

SB 2140 Relates to Board of Higher Education's six year plan. **Failed Senate.**

SB 2141 Makes confidential university fundraising and donor records. **Passed Senate as amended.**

SB 2176 Relates to the practice of pharmacy. **Passed Senate.**

SB 2191 Creates state mandatory collective bargaining act.

SB 2195 Establishes a prepaid tuition credit program for residents of the state and requires universities to participate in the program.

SB 2208 Relates to recommendation of the state employee benefits program committee regarding benefits extending beyond the current biennium.

SB 2215 Repeals statutory provisions relating to BHE membership and terms and to junior college mill levies. **Passed Senate.**

SB 2260 Creates a new section providing a civil penalty for refusing employee access to their personnel file. **Failed Senate.**

SB 2291 Exempts all higher education employees from the state classified system. **Passed Senate as amended.**

SB 2312 Provides for a state facility energy improvement program to identify energy efficient conservation projects for state buildings.

SB 2335 Requires postsecondary enrollment options program credits to have been in courses taught by higher education faculty.

SB 2338 Mirrors HB 1483 and 1484.

SB 2340 Appropriates \$350,000 to NDSU for value added and irrigation research.

SB 2341 Provides appropriations for farm management, rural tuition rebates and 4-H programs.

SB 2380 Would change the legislative regular sessions to even numbered years from the current odd numbered years.

SB 2383 Would provide for legislative sessions in even numbered years for budget adjustment purposes.

SB 2431 Requires grant applications to be pre-approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Assistance.

SCR 4016 Proposes Constitutional amendment to allow two graduates from the same university on the Board of Higher Education at the same time.

SCR 4037 **Would study cost of providing student health services.**

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