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NDSU

### NDSU to take budget case to N.D. Senate

NDSU administrators will present the university's case for funding restoration March 3 before the Senate Appropriations Committee. On Feb. 17, the House voted 56-40 to cut \$7.5 million from the governor's proposed higher education budget, with NDSU taking the largest cut of more than \$1.4 million.

At NDSU, the House budget would cut:

Vacant positions \$350,000 Operating expenses \$250,000 Equipment \$45,000 Capital improvements \$150,000 Across the board (1/2%) \$370,014

Salary increases reduced from 3 percent to 2 percent

"These cuts are not final," said Allan Fischer, interim president. "We will tell the Senate that our first priority is the restoration of funding for what has inaccurately been characterized as vacant positions. Senators need to understand the hiring cycle of higher education often creates searches longer than six months. In the meantime, we are using those salary dollars to hire temporary faculty so students can still get the classes they need."

On March 1, the Board of Higher Education will ask the Senate Appropriations Committee to support the governor's budget and to make restoration of salary increases to 3 percent per year a priority.

# Leitch named dean of College of Business Administration



Jay Leitch, professor of agricultural economics, was named dean of the NDSU College of Business Administration Feb. 19. He had been serving as the college's interim dean since June 1997.

"Leitch emerged from a national search as the lead candidate," said Craig Schnell, vice president for academic affairs. "He has strong support across the campus, within the college, in the community and across the state. He has my full confidence and support as we move ahead and I look forward to working with him."

Leitch

Schnell praised Leitch's administrative skills and said the overriding issue facing the new dean will be the five-year accreditation process the college is now going through.

"I am confident the college will be accredited in April 2000," Leitch said. "I am pleased Interim President Fischer, Vice President Schnell and incoming President Chapman have the confidence in me to lead what will become the foremost College of Business in the region. I have a tremendous faculty, more than 1,100 business students and plenty of friends on campus and in the business community to help the college succeed."

An internationally recognized authority on wetland economics and policy, Leitch joined the NDSU faculty in 1981. His vita lists 35 professional journal articles, 12 books, chapters or monographs and 225 other published material.

Leitch was selected for the NDSU Faculty Lectureship in 1995. He was named the Fargo Moorhead Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor in 1995, Mortar

English seminar on Asian American youth scheduled for Feb. 25

Cynthia Leung's English department seminar "Biculturalism and Reader Response to Jean Fritz's 'Homesick,'" is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

Women's Week items available A few Women's Week sweatshirts and mock turtlenecks are still available for purchase. Anyone interested should contact the Equal Opportunity Office at 1-7708.

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Board Preferred Professor in 1993 and Mortar Board Outstanding NDSU Adviser in 1984. He is listed in "Who's Who in the Upper Midwest," "American Men and Women of Science," and "Who's Who in the World."

Leitch earned his bachelor's degree from Moorhead State University; master's degree in natural resources management from NDSU; and doctorate in agricultural and applied economics from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

He has served on a number of panels and boards, including the Greater North Dakota Association board of directors, Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead's university relations committee, State Water Commission's communications planning committee, State Water Plan Steering Committee, Minnesota Wetland Conservation Plan Committee and Red River Water Resources Council.

He is a member of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, American Agricultural Economics Association, American Water Resources Association, Canadian Water Resources Association, Society of Wetland Scientists, North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Association of Environmental Professionals and International Association for Impact Assessment.

Leitch was named to the dean's position after a national search led by a nine-member committee chaired by Charles Peterson, dean of the College of Pharmacy.

# College of Pharmacy to launch distance ed program

The College of Pharmacy, in cooperation with the University of Colorado Health Sciences School of Pharmacy, has developed a new non-traditional Pharm.D. degree distance education program. It is designed for former NDSU baccalaureate degree pharmacy graduates or pharmacists licensed to practice pharmacy in North Dakota. The entire didactic portion of this non-traditional degree program is available on-line, which provides convenient, unlimited accessibility and flexibility to accommodate the working schedules of practicing pharmacists.

The didactic portion of this curriculum will be 37 semester credits and will be provided by the University of Colorado via the Internet. The experiential portion of the curriculum will be 36 semester credits provided by NDSU utilizing its existing clinical training sites and preceptors in North Dakota. Admissions and granting of the degree will be handled through NDSU. The program is structured for part-time students who will have six years to complete the degree.

Charles Peterson, dean of pharmacy, thinks this will be a model for other pharmacy schools to follow. "Many pharmacy schools do not have the extra resources to pursue distance education programs like this." he said. "Through collaborative programming, two schools can share resources to make this type of program a reality. We would not be able to pursue offering a distance education degree program without this collaborative partnership with the University of Colorado. It's a very convenient and cost-effective way of doing business."

The college is currently seeking qualified applicants for this new program and hopes to enter its first non-traditional Pharm.D. distance education class in August. Individuals interested in applying should contact the admissions secretary at 1-6259.

## People

## Area junior high students visit engineering department

About 25 students and instructors from area junior high schools toured the College of Architecture and Engineering Feb. 16.

The seventh- and eighth-grade students from Sullivan Junior High, Oak Grove, Cass Valley Junior High and Discovery Junior High visited the architecture and six engineering departments. They saw demonstrations that included a plant being sprayed with herbicide and analyzed by a computer for coverage, water and air flow demonstrations, architectural models and solar cars and other vehicles in various stages of computer design construction.

The tour introduced National Engineering Week, which is being held Feb. 21-27. It was coordinated by Brian Nelson, assistant professor of engineering, Jackie Cox, college relations coordinator in engineering and architecture and mechanical engineering graduate Jim Nelson of Fargo.

A similar open house for area students is scheduled for April 16. For more information contact Cox at 1-8342.

## **Events**

## Gallery plans artist's talk, reception for "Between Places"

The Memorial Union Gallery has planned an artist's talk featuring Dana Boussard at 1 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. Her exhibit, "Dana Boussard: Between Places," opened Feb. 22 in the Gallery.

Boussard has more than 50 commissioned artworks permanently installed in places including the MCI Communications Corporate Headquarters, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and US West Corporation in Denver. She will show slides of her work and talk about the process of commissioning artists and the planning stages involved with architects and interior designers. She will offer strategies for artists to maintain strong working relationships with designers.

A reception is planned for 4-6 p.m. March 1, in the gallery. It will be hosted by the Panhellenic Council. The exhibit will run through March 23. The event is being held in conjunction with NDSU Women's Week. For more information contact Peg Furshong, visual arts and gallery coordinator, at 1-8239.

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### NDSU Women's Week set for March 1-5

The following events have been scheduled as part of Women's Week at NDSU.

#### Monday, March 1

- Brown bag, "Creating Space for Women in Engineering and Technical Fields," noon-1 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room
- "Bronte: A Solo Portrait of Charlotte Bronte," 3:30-5 p.m., Memorial Union, Century Theater
- Gallery reception for artist Dana Boussard, 4-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery
- "Gender Gap," 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Century Theater

#### Tuesday, March 2

- Brenda Weiler concert preview performance, noon-1 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery
- Brown bag, "Stress and Elusive Balance: Are We Just Keeping Our Heads Above Water?" 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room
- Focus on student research, 2-3 p.m., Memorial Union, University Chamber
- "Spiritual Space/Healing Pace: An Hour of Talk and Yoga,"
  3:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room
- Brenda Weiler concert 7-9 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery

#### Wednesday, March 3

- Brown bag, "I Can't Believe S/HE Said That!" noon-1 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room
- Women and Men: Dressing the Part—Emily P. Reynolds Costume Collection Display, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Memorial Union, Meineke Lounge
- Campus Attractions film: "GI Jane," 7 p.m., Memorial Union, Century Theater

#### Thursday, March 4

- Brown bag, "Career Panel," 12:30-1:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room
- Film discussion, 2-3 p.m., Memorial Union, University Chamber
- Women's Studies Symposium, "Cracking the XX Files: Career Experience of Women Managers in Finland and the United States," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 380
- "Truth Tales: Visiting the Modern Indian Woman and Her Literary and Ideological Place in Indian Literature," 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Peace Garden Room

#### Friday, March 5

- Brown bag, "Essie's Story—The Life and Legacy of a Shoshone Teacher," noon-1 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room
- Book signing of "Essie's Story," 1-1:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room

A more detailed list of events can be found on the web at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/holbrook/wweek99.stm. For more information call the Office of Equal Opportunity at 1-7708.

## Weeklong brown bag series to focus on women's issues

The YMCA of NDSU is sponsoring brown bag seminars every day of Women's Week at NDSU. All seminars will be presented in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room.

**Susan Marino**, director of the women's program at the Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota, is scheduled to present "Creating Space for Women in Engineering and Technical Fields" at noon Monday, March 1.

Marino's talk will consider the question of why, in an era of equal opportunity, women seem out of place in engineering and other technical fields. Her presentation will draw from her experiences as director of the women's program, which is dedicated to the recruitment and retention of talented women in the institute's physical and computer sciences, mathematics, and engineering programs. Her talk also will incorporate personal issues and obstacles she has encountered in trying to balance her activities as a neuroscientist, wife and mother of two teenage children. Her seminar is being sponsored by ND EPSCoR.

**Andrea Heldt**, an NDSU student, is scheduled to present "Stress and Balance" at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2.

Heldt will discuss the pressures of women achievers and how they can fall victim to their own goals by trying to balance multiple obligations. Participants will examine stress and obstacles and methods for regaining control.

**Deanna Sellnow** and **Ann Burnett**, associate professors of communication, are scheduled to present "I Can't Believe S/HE Said That!" at noon Wednesday, March 3.

The seminar will address differences in men's and women's communication styles and point out the benefits of understanding these differences. Sellnow and Burnett predict by the end of the session participants will be able to say, "I CAN believe s/he said that, and this is how I will respond."

**Penny Retzler** from the Women's Business Institute is scheduled to lead a "Career Panel" discussion with women entrepreneurs at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4. The women will discuss managing one's own business.

**Esther Horne** and **Sally McBeth** are scheduled to present "Essie's Story: The Life of a Shoshone Teacher and Elder" at noon Friday, March 5.

Horne and McBeth will talk about their collaboration in writing a book about Horne's life. The book traces her ancestral roots to Sacajawea, documents an American Indian woman's place in the 20th century in America and examines changes in American government policy toward American Indians.

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# Women's Studies symposium to focus on women in management



Jacobson

Sarah Jacobson, associate professor of business administration, is scheduled to present a Women's Studies symposium, "Cracking the XX Files: Career Experience of Women Managers in Finland and the United States," at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in Loftsgard 380. The presentation is part of NDSU's Women's Week activities.

Jacobson will discuss her cross-cultural research with women bank managers in Finland and the United States. Despite marked differences in how American and Finish women talk about their experience, Jacobson notes both groups commonly find gender inequality in organizations to be subtle and complex.

Jacobson came to NDSU in 1991 after being a visiting faculty member at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. She received her doctoral degree in organization studies at the School of Management, University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1991. In addition to her involvement in other campus activities, she is a member of the Women's Studies Advisory Board.

The symposium is open to the public. For more information contact Jacobson at 1-7770.

Women's Studies events planned in for the future include the 1999 Women's Studies Lecture and Writing Workshops, presented by Ruth Behar, professor of anthropology, University of Michigan, March 25-26; and the final Women's Studies Symposium, "Taking Pills in Old Age: It's Not Just about Memory," by Odette Gould, assistant professor of psychology, April 22. For more information about these events, contact Kathleen Slobin, director of women's studies at 1-8939 or look on the web at <a href="https://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/womens.studies">www.ndsu.nodak.edu/womens.studies</a>.

## Folk-rock singer Brenda Weiler in concert March 2

Fargo native Brenda Weiler is scheduled to give musical performances at noon and 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in the Memorial Union Gallery. The first show is a free preview of the evening's concert. Tickets for the 7 p.m. concert are \$5 and are available at the Memorial Union Information Desk.

Weiler's folk-rock style has been compared to Ani DiFranco, Tracy Chapman and Sarah McLachlan. She will perform music from her new album "Crazy Happy," which will be for sale at both performances.

The event is in conjunction with NDSU's Women's Week and is co-sponsored by Campus Attractions. For more information contact Peg Furshong at 1-8239.

### Master's Week set for March 22-26

The sixth annual NDSU Master's Week will be held March 22-26. Master's Week is sponsored by the Alumni Association in cooperation with individual colleges. It is a chance to educate students by exposing them to successful alumni and an opportunity to recognize and honor outstanding alumni. The Masters will share their career experiences and knowledge while visiting campus. Each Master will have the opportunity to present to students, faculty and the NDSU community.

Please watch future issues for a Master's Week schedule of events. For more information contact Liz Christianson at 271-8104.

#### Tuesday, March 23

Jeff Bigger, Master of Engineering and Architecture, is the vice president of operations for Douglas Machine, Alexandria, Minn. He is a 1990 graduate in industrial engineering and management.

Bob Thompson, Master of Business Administration, graduated in 1960, majoring in economics and communication. The previous owner of Temporary Talent and TempCraft, he is a consultant to the staffing industry on management and organization issues. He is based in Missouri City, Texas,

Yenson Chin, Master of Science and Mathematics, is a 1950 graduate in chemistry. Chin is president and chief executive officer of Universal Chemicals and Coatings, Elgin, Ill.

Daniel Chin, Master of Science and Mathematics, is vice president of research and development of Universal Chemicals and Coatings, Elgin, Ill. He graduated in 1974, majoring in economics.

#### Wednesday, March 24

Jerry Doan, Master of Agriculture, received his animal science degree in 1975. He is a rancher from McKenzie, N.D.

#### Thursday, March 25

Janis Ward, Master of Human Development and Education, is a 1996 graduate in food and nutrition. She is a registered dietitian at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

#### Friday, March 26

Steve Sando, Master of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, is director of bureau operations for CBS News, New York. He graduated in 1983 in University Studies.

## Theology forum to study bi-partisanship

John T. Korsmo, former chair of the North Dakota Republican Party, and Jackie Brodshaug, acting chair of the Cass County Democratic Party, are scheduled to present "Is Bi-partisanship a 'Good Thing,' or a 'Bad Thing,' or What?" at noon Wednesday, March 3, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

The seminar 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.

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## Tri-College seminar to examine equality

A Tri-College seminar is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in McLean 173, Moorhead State University. The topic of the panel discussion will be "Equality and Human Rights."

Members of the panel and their topics are:

Max Richardson, racial equality Mavis Nymon, religious equality Virginia Lawson, cultural rights Paul Kramer, civil rights Rick Henderson, political rights

The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information contact Maggie Skrogstad at 1-9731 or by e-mail at *skrogsta@plains.nodak.edu*.

### Golden Key to hold induction ceremony

Golden Key National Honor Society has scheduled its fourth annual new member induction ceremony for 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Memorial Union Ballroom. New and honorary members will be recognized for their accomplishments at the ceremony. The event is open to the public.

Juniors and seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher are eligible for membership. Honorary memberships are awarded to individuals who embody the ideals of Golden Key and encourage academic excellence.

# Event scheduled to showcase teaching and research

The third annual "Showcase of Innovative Teaching and Research" is planned for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. Fargo-Moorhead area K-12 teachers and graduate students and faculty members from Concordia College, Moorhead State University and NDSU will be exhibiting innovative teaching techniques and research results in a trade show format. Interested persons can browse the exhibits. No formal presentations will be made, but presenters will answer questions and hand out free materials.

Scheduled exhibits range from "Early Access to Success in Education" to "Educational Kinesiology and Whole Brain Learning." One research display will present the portfolio option in educational leadership. Another deals with "An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Study of Oppression in Teacher Education."

The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Moorhead-Fargo Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, an international fraternity of educators working to promote quality education. For more information contact Dorothy Suomala, assistant professor of educational leadership, Tri-College University, at 236-2026 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:suomalad@mhd1.moorhead.msus.edu">suomalad@mhd1.moorhead.msus.edu</a>.

### **Shorts and Reminders**

#### **Quantity Foods meal**

"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. The meal is served in the lower level of the West Dining Center and is 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:

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

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

Hall Director Residence Life

\$15,000/year plus furnished apartment, nine-month food contract and food stipend for three summer months
March 9

Electronic Equipment Technician I/#4897 Polymers & Coatings \$9/hour (20-35 hours/week) March 10

Agricultural Research Technician II/#1643 North Central Research Extension Center Minot, N.D. \$17,316 minimum/year March 15

Research Specialist II/#4895 Plant Sciences \$24,732+/year March 10

Research Specialist II/#3832 Plant Sciences \$24,732+/year March 10

Bookstore Manager/#1324 Varsity Mart Bookstore April 2

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

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## **Research Opportunities**

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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Community Partners for Healthy Farming Intervention www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/funding.htm Deadline: Letter of Intent (March 23) Proposal (April 23)

The purpose of this program is to utilize the special resources of researchers, workers, farm managers, local agricultural communities and other stakeholders to evaluate farm safety and health interventions.

Department of Energy
Energy Efficiency/Waste Reduction in Agriculture
www.ch.doe.gov/business/acq/agri/agri.htm
Deadlines: Pre-applications (March 12)
Proposals (April 23)

The Department of Energy is soliciting proposals to fund research and development with commercial promise to reduce energy consumption and waste in agriculture. Teaming among two or more organizations is required.

The NATSO Foundation Research Grant Program www.natsofoundation.org Deadline: April 9

The foundation is awarding three research grants for projects focusing on the truck stop and travel plaza industry. A few of the areas of interest include private fleet fueling practices, the Internet's influences and impact on the truck stop industry, truck stop and travel plaza customer demographics and competitive pressures on travel plazas and truck stops.

National Science Foundation
Undergraduate Education Grants
www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf9953
Deadlines: April 14 (Preproposals for Advanced
Technological Education projects)
May 1 (Preproposals for Collaboratives for
Excellence in Teacher Preparation projects)

The Advanced Technological Education program promotes improvement in the education of technicians at the national and regional levels by supporting curriculum development and program improvement in undergraduate and secondary school education. The purpose of the Collaboratives for Excellence in Teacher Preparation program is to achieve significant and systemic improvement in the science, mathematics, engineering and technology preparation of prospective teachers.

### Calendar

#### February

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

- 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, "High Oxidation State Transition Metal Arene Complexes," 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152
- 25 Zoology—Doug Smith, Yellowstone National Park, "Yellowstone Wolves: The First Four Years," 4 p.m., Van Es lecture hall
- 26 Plant Sciences—Jeff Nelson, thesis seminar, "Integration of the flea beetle, *Aphthona nigriscutis*, and herbicides for control of leafy spurge," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 380
- 26 Psychology—David Corina, University of Washington, "Neural Representations of Human Language and Human Action," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209
- Animal and Range Sciences—Wendi Rogers, graduate student, "Drought on the Prairie: Plant Population Stability and Diversity as Influenced by Drought and Grazing on the Northern Great Plains," and Mark Goertel, graduate student, "Monitoring Military Impacts on the Rangelands of Camp Grafton," 3 p.m., Hultz 104

### March

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

- 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

## $\operatorname{NDSU}$ legislative

Prepared by Rick Johnson, General Counsel, Feb. 18, 1999

- **HB 1003** NDUS appropriation bill. Appropriates \$129,430,938 to NDSU from all funds (\$73,732,798 general fund). Authorizes bonding of \$4.5 million for the Health and Wellness Center. **Passed House as amended.**
- **HB 1004** Section 7 provides that OMB should collect indirect cost reimbursement from state agencies. **Passed House as amended. Amendment just applies now to Health Department.**
- **HB 1021** Ag appropriation bill. Appropriates \$95,486,934 from all funds, \$46,915,156 general fund (general fund = 6.3 percent increase). **Passed House as amended.**
- **HB 1022** Appropriation authority for bonding for the animal care research facility. **Passed House as amended.**
- **HB 1034** Section 15 relates to higher education credit for juniors and seniors in high school who take courses. **Passed House as amended.**
- **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 the Office of Management and Budget to supervise collection of debts. Failed House.
- **HB 1058** Makes ticket scalping to public events, such as athletic contests, a Class A misdemeanor. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1096** Requires employers to pay for medical examinations or drug tests if required for retaining or obtaining employment. Passed 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. **Passed House as amended.**
- **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 1257** Creates an alternative defined contribution retirement plan for nonclassified state employees. Passed House as amended.
- **HB 1296** Creates authority for worker's compensation programs for coverage beyond the state's borders. **Passed House as amended.**
- **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. **Passed House as amended.**

- **HB 1311** Establishes the state radiology technology board of examiners for licensure of persons who administer radiological procedures. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1316** Requires economic impact statements to be filed before closure of a higher education institution. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1331** Removes worker's compensation immunity for employers who intentionally injure an employee. Passed House.
- **HB 1341** Increases the lodging per diem from \$39 to \$42 per day. **Passed House.**
- **HB 1355** Establishes a midwestern regional higher education commission for coordination of certain higher education activities in 12 midwestern states. **Failed House.**
- **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. **Passed House as amended.**
- **HB 1418** Requires multiple bids for building projects when combination of separate contracts exceeds \$100,000. **Passed House.**
- **HB 1419** Appropriates \$250,000 to NDSU for value added agriculture production. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1437** Provides for additional student loans for education majors. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1442** Mandates a bid preference for resident providers of information technology services and products. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1443** Name change for UND-Williston and Lake Region and provides a workforce training appropriation. **Passed House as amended.**
- **HB 1469** Creates a North Dakota human rights commission for investigation of discrimination complaints. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1470** Eliminates the 4 cent motor vehicle fuel refund funding for the agricultural research fund and replaces with 20 percent of the special fuels tax. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1482** Restricts number of grant committees on the State Board for Agricultural Research. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1483** Requires the State Board for Agricultural Research to evaluate a research funding goal equal to 2 percent of gross farm income. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1484** Appropriates \$3.83 million to NDSU for agricultural research. **Failed House.**
- **HB 1486** Allows private sector employees and uninsured individuals to become members of the PERS health insurance program. **Failed House.**
- HCR 3032 Would amend constitution to create a health and education trust fund from the tobacco settlement monies. Failed House.
- **HCR 3036** Would amend constitution to preclude individuals from having to exhaust administrative remedies before going into court. **Failed House.**
- HCR 3042 Would amend constitution to distribute tobacco settlement monies, including 45 percent to the common schools trust fund. Failed House.
- HCR 3059 Would study flexible benefits making health insurance optional for state employees.
- HCR 3070 Would study health care coverages and costs.

**SB 2015** Appropriates \$5.4 million for market equity compensation adjustments for classified state employees (Section 7). Provides \$35 minimum per month raises both years of the biennium with 2 percent each year of the biennium overall raises (Section 7). **Passed Senate as amended.** 

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

SB 2031 Creates a legislative budget committee, provides procedure for developing a legislative budget. Passed Senate as amended.

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. Passed Senate as amended.

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

**SB 2047** Restricts contingent fee arrangements by the Attorney General. **Passed Senate.** 

**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 0.77 percent to 0.89 percent and allows retirement plan rollovers to PERS. Passed Senate.

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

**SB 2084** Reduces higher education's portion of the National Guard tuition waiver to 25 percent. 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 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. Failed Senate.

University Relations North Dakota State University PO Box 5167 Fargo, ND 58105 **SB 2195** Establishes a prepaid tuition credit program for residents of the state and requires universities to participate in the program. **Passed Senate.** 

**SB 2208** Relates to recommendation of the state employee benefits program committee regarding benefits extending beyond the current biennium. **Passed Senate as amended.** 

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

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

SB 2338 Mirrors HB 1483 and 1484. Failed Senate.

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

**SB 2341** Provides appropriations for farm management, rural tuition rebates and 4-H programs. **Passed Senate as amended.** 

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

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

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

**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.

SCR 4039 Would study methods to recruit out of state students.

SCR 4047 Would study preservation of state electronic publications.

SCR 4050 Would study grant preapproval process - excludes higher education.

SCR 4052 Would study annual legislative sessions.