

Federal grant helps bring researchers to North Dakota

Researchers are coming to North Dakota with the help of a federal grant designed to increase the state's biomedical research capacity.

The North Dakota Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) is providing six researchers in the state with up to \$100,000 each in start-up packages that enable them to pursue their biomedical research at either NDSU or the University of North Dakota. The network also provided the initial funding for a new faculty position at Valley City State University.

"New biomedical technologies not only help solve human health issues, but they also lead to spin-off companies that create jobs and economic growth," said Mark Sheridan, North Dakota EPSCoR director and BRIN start-up coordinator. "For North Dakota to become more competitive in attracting biomedical research funds from federal agencies, it's essential to bring talented, highly qualified researchers to the state. Start-up funds enable us to attract top scientists from around the country to receive external funding for biomedical research."

At NDSU, the funds are allowing research in several areas for participating faculty.

Receiving funding are Clayton Neighbors, assistant professor of psychology, who is a health psychologist specializing in addiction, such as eating disorders, alcohol and drug abuse, road rage and problem gambling; and Penelope Gibbs, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, who specializes in research on avian E. coli and antibiotic resistance.

Also receiving funding is Margaret Khaita, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences, who will join the NDSU faculty in January. She will work with food safety research involving E. coli and salmonella.

In addition, three UND faculty members are receiving BRIN funding for their research.

According to Sheridan, the project is expected to bring additional researchers to the state in coming years. "What we will have is a network of scientists working in similar areas, and that framework provides synergism among the scientists. That will lead to external grant support, not only for the individuals, but also opportunities for the network itself for multi-disciplinary approaches to critical scientific questions," he said. "That level of activity is attractive to bringing more scientists to the region."

BRIN was created last fall with a \$6 million, three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health. North Dakota is one of 23 states and Puerto Rico in the national BRIN program, which is designed to assist states in building biomedical research capacity to improve their ability to compete for NIH funding.

Memorial Union Veteran's Day hours announced

The Memorial Union will close at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and there will be no MU Live. The union will remain closed all day Saturday, Nov. 9 and Sunday, Nov. 10. It will reopen from 1-11 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11.

NDSU Libraries Veteran's Day hours announced

Due to the Veterans' Day holiday, the NDSU Main Library will be open from 1 p.m.-midnight Monday, Nov. 11. Branch libraries will be open from 5-10 p.m. The Institute for Regional Studies will be closed. Regular academic hours resume Tuesday, Nov. 12. For a current listing of hours consult the Libraries' Web page at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu, use the HRS command on the online catalog, or call the information tape at 1-9456.

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Transportation survey participation requested

President Joseph A. Chapman invites all NDSU faculty and staff to complete an online transportation needs study.

The Small Urban and Rural Transit Center (SURTC) on campus is working in conjunction with NDSU Student Government to identify how to better meet the transportation needs of faculty, staff and students to, from and around campus.

Participation is voluntary and will take approximately three minutes to complete. The survey can be completed online at www.surtc.org/ndsu/faculty/. Select the *NDSU Faculty and Staff Survey* link.

For more information or questions about the study, contact Gary Hegland, associate research fellow, at 1-6436. Questions about the rights of human research participants should be directed to the NDSU Institutional Review Board office at 1-8908.

State government payroll decision expected

The State Payroll Team is expected to make a decision on the payroll pay cycle Nov. 15, according to Jean Ostrom-Blonigen, director of internal audit and special projects.

The ConnectND project is the implementation of the PeopleSoft system that will replace the state's current administrative computer systems. It will involve all of state government, including the North Dakota University System. More information is available at www.nodak.edu/connectsnd/.

Ostrom-Blonigen, who also serves as ConnectND communication manager, is providing the campus with information regarding the plan to move from the current monthly pay cycle to a semi-monthly cycle with a lag period. The Higher Education Payroll Team and Executive Steering Committee have adopted the plan.

The decision by the State Payroll Team will impact state agency employees.

In an e-mail message to faculty and staff, Ostrom-Blonigen wrote, "As many of you know, the ConnectND Higher Education Payroll Team reached its decision on Sept. 12 and sent it to the Higher Education Executive Steering Committee for informational purposes. On Sept. 17, the committee voted to show its support for the decision, but expressed the following: concern over the length of lag time (recommended to be 15 days, with pay dates of the end of each month for work done from the 1st to the 15th and the 15th of each month for work from the 15th to the end of the prior month) and asked that the lag time be reduced to the shortest amount possible; and interest in determining whether state government was interested in partnering the university system in this decision.

"Since then, the following has occurred. On Sept. 24, the Higher Education Payroll Team Lead determined that the lag-time could be shorted to eight days; however, in order to maintain the monthly and quarterly integrity of the pay cycle, the pay dates would become the 23rd of the month for work done from the 1st to 15th and the 8th of the following month for work done from the 16th to 31st.

"The State Payroll Team has indicated it plans to reach its decision on or before Nov. 15. What happens next? At its Oct. 15 meeting, the Higher Education Executive Steering Committee agreed to wait for the State Payroll Team's decision, before determining whether it will revisit this decision."

The question and answer document recently prepared by the Higher Education Steering Committee regarding the decision can be found at www.nodak.edu/connectnd/repository/development/payroll_Q&A.pdf.

Ostrom-Blonigen said she will continue to follow the issue and keep faculty and staff informed.

Flex benefits, life insurance enrollment encouraged

Faculty and staff are encouraged to enroll in the flexible benefits plan for the 2003 plan year. The plan allows tax savings on monthly expenses such as dependent care and medical-related expenses not covered by insurance.

Employees will receive information packets regarding enrollment. Enrollment deadline is Friday, Nov. 29.

Faculty and staff who wish to enroll in the life, dental or vision insurance plans may do so through Friday, Nov. 15. The required enrollment forms are available online at www.state.nd.us/ndpers/enrollment_2002_actives.htm or in the Office of Human Resources, Old Main 205.

For more information, contact Lyn Pletta at lyn.pletta@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Participants sought for FrontLine Leadership course

The FrontLine Leadership program, set to begin in January, seeks participants. The application deadline is Nov. 15.

The 13-week course is open to all managers and supervisors within the university, but does not cover issues specific to faculty. Each session runs 3.5 hours. Some of the topics scheduled include FrontLine Leadership: Your Role and the Basic Principles, Dealing with Emotional Behavior, Establishing Performance Expectations and Managing Change.

A minimum of 10 participants is needed or the course will be delayed until next fall.

To apply or for information about funding to attend, contact Kelly Larson at 1-8961 or kelly.larson@ndsu.nodak.edu or Jill Spacek at 1-8525 or jill.spacek@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Supreme Court denies deLlano appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court has denied a request filed by Manual deLlano for a review of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' decision to dismiss deLlano's lawsuit stemming from his termination from the NDSU faculty in 1995.

"This has been a long road, but it's finally over," said Rick Johnson, general counsel. It's too bad the second lawsuit was ever filed, but it was dismissed before any trial, which was a real plus. It's unusual for litigation to take this long to finally resolve, but we're happy with the end result."

Applications sought for undergraduate research awards

Applications are being sought for the Advanced Undergraduate Research Awards (AURA). Sponsored by North Dakota EPSCoR, the program provides undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in faculty-mentored research projects.

AURA recipients can earn up to \$2,500 working for eight to 10 weeks during the summer at NDSU or the University of North Dakota.

Up to 10 awards may be made on each research campus, depending on fund availability. Applications are due by noon Friday, Nov. 29, and forms are available online at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/epscor/science_outreach.

For more information, contact David R. Givers, assistant project director, at 1-7516 or david.givers@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Campus reminded of department name change

Campus offices are reminded that a department in the College of Human Development and Education has a new name. During the last academic year, the Department of Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design became the Department of Apparel, Design, Facility and Hospitality Management.

The revamped department offers programs in apparel and textiles (with options in retail merchandising or apparel studies), interior design, facility management, and hospitality and tourism management (with options in lodging management or restaurant management).

Holly Bastow-Shoop, professor and chair of apparel, design, facility and hospitality management, asks campus offices to change their records and use the new designation.

"The name better reflects the academic programs housed in the department," said Bastow-Shoop. "The department's majors have a business orientation and focus on the impacts of environments on people. The combination of majors is working well together as there are so many interrelationships among quality of life, economic well-being, personal and societal needs of the near environment."

People

Holmgren wins national player honors

Kari Holmgren, a junior setter for the NDSU volleyball team, was named the AVCA/Sports Imports Division II National Player of the Week for guiding the Bison to wins over two nationally ranked North Central Conference opponents.

Holmgren, from Elk River, Minn., recorded 52 assists in a sweep of No. 16 Augustana. In the five-game win over No. 9 South Dakota State University, she had 65 assists.

She also was selected as the North Central Conference Setter of the Week.

Flaskerud to be honored as Communicator of the Year

George Flaskerud, professor of agricultural economics, will be honored as Communicator of the Year at a luncheon scheduled for 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. The award is presented annually by the NDSU agriculture communication department and North Dakota Agricultural Communicators in Education.

Flaskerud is recognized for using a variety of communications tools to educate the public. He writes the Market Advisor column and extension publications, provides Web page information, works with the media, leads training for specific audiences and conducts other communications activities.

Flaskerud teaches agribusiness and applied economics, and is an extension crops economist and marketing specialist. He has been a leader in videoconference teaching across North Dakota.

The scheduled speaker is Daron Selvig. For more information, call 1-7881.

Filpus named Outstanding New Professional

Jodie Filpus, Residence Life hall director, received the Outstanding New Professional Award-Bachelor's Level at the Association of College and University Housing Officers (UMR-ACUHO) Upper Midwest regional conference held Oct. 23-25 in St. Paul, Minn.

The award is given to individuals who display outstanding ability and potential as a new professional in college student housing. Nominees must display creativity in problem solving, a commitment to personal professional development and must seek to improve skills and knowledge of colleagues, support staff and residence hall students.

Filpus currently is the Weible Hall director. Before that, she was Sevrinson Hall director.

Olfert article to be published

"Two Works from the 1965 Season of the American Wind Symphony Orchestra," an article by Warren Olfert, assistant professor of music, is scheduled for publication in an upcoming issue of Festschrift magazine. The article celebrates the 50-year teaching career of James Croft, Florida State University's director of bands.

Olfert directs NDSU's Gold Star Marching Band and Concert Band.

Theater faculty participate in arts and humanities conference

Donald Larew, professor of theater arts; Todd W. Johnson, technical director and lecturer in theater arts; and Rooth Varland, lecturer in theater arts, were participants in the arts and humanities conference held recently in Grand Forks.

Larew, a member of the NDSU faculty since 1969, participated in "Theater Arts and a Career Kickstart." He teaches costume, scenic and makeup design classes, supervises all design work for the theater program, and serves as artistic director for Little Country Theatre.

Johnson and Varland were panelists for other conference sessions. Johnson is technical director for Little Country Theatre. He is an NDSU graduate with degrees in architecture and environmental design. He is an active member of the Minnesota Design Team and has served as technical director for the Minnesota Repertory Theatre in Duluth.

Varland joined the NDSU faculty in 2000, and is the Little Country Theatre costume director. She has a master's degree in theater design from Northwestern University and previously was associate professor of theater at the University of Mississippi.

The NDSU theater department also showed a display of set and costume designs, costumes, models and renderings.

Events

Brown bag seminars scheduled as part of American Indian Heritage Month

Two brown bag seminars are planned in conjunction with American Indian Heritage Month celebrations.

"On and Off the Reservation: Perspectives from American Indian Students" is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. A panel of American Indian NDSU students will explain experiences of growing up on a reservation.

"American Indian Wisdom: The Meaning Behind Our Proud Traditions" is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Memorial Union Dakota Ballroom. A panel of American Indians from throughout the regions will share knowledge, stories and personal insights explaining important aspects of their traditional native heritage.

The seminars are sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU. For more information, call 1-5225.

Fall Baroque Festival scheduled

NDSU Division of Fine Arts is scheduled to present the third annual Fall Baroque Festival, which celebrates the music of Bach, Handel, Telemann, Monteverdi, Purcell and Vivaldi. The festival includes a chamber concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, and a concert of Magnificats at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. Both events take place in Festival Concert Hall.

The chamber concert features the music of Bach, Handel and Telemann performed by internationally-renowned musician Ken Cooper, NDSU faculty, the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber Chorale and members of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. It will include Bach's Cantata #170, Cantata #56, and Brandenburg Concerto #5, Telemann's Concerto in D minor and Handel's Dixit Dominus.

The Nov. 16 performance will feature nationally-recognized soloists, the NDSU Concert Choir, NDSU faculty and members of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony in four settings of the Magnificat. The composers featured include Monteverdi, Purcell, Vivaldi and Bach.

Tickets for individual concerts are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students, and are available at select Ticketmaster outlets, Marshall Fields, Discontent and through charge-by-phone at 235-7171. Tickets also are available at the NDSU Division of Fine Arts Box Office. Call 1-7932 for more information.

Brown bag seminar on student alcohol abuse scheduled

"Eddie Talks: An Interactive Drama About One Student's Struggle with Alcohol," is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

Presented by theater arts major Cole Davidson, the seminar will give a glimpse into the life of a student struggling with alcohol abuse. Panel members will discuss the situation at NDSU and ways to help students who may suffer from alcohol abuse.

The event is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU. For more information, call 1-5225.

Seminar on visualization in the classroom scheduled

"Is Virtual Reality Ready for the Classroom?" a bag lunch seminar and demonstration, is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the Memorial Union University Chamber.

Paul Morin, from the University of Minnesota's Department of Geology and Geophysics, will present the seminar. Morin's presentation will include methods and uses of 3-D visualization in areas such as molecular visualization, engineering and architecture, anthropology and biology. He also will discuss the pedagogical background of the use of visualization in the classroom.

Woodwind chamber night scheduled

The NDSU music department is scheduled to present Woodwind Chamber Night at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in Beckwith Recital Hall.

Featured performers include the Gold Star Saxophone Quartet, the NDSU Flute Quartet, the Bison Saxophone Quartet, the NDSU Woodwind Quintet and the NDSU Saxophone Quartet.

The flute quartet and woodwind quintet are coached by Michael Thrasher, assistant professor of music. The saxophone quartets are coached by Matthew Patnode, assistant professor of music.

Bilen-Green to present women's studies symposium



Canan Bilen-Green, assistant professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering, is scheduled to present the women's studies symposium, "Quality in North Dakota: Opportunities and Challenges," at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

Bilen-Green Bilen-Green will discuss the growing quality needs of North Dakota companies from both managerial and technical perspectives.

Bilen-Green has been at NDSU since 1998. She has a master's degree in industrial engineering from Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, and a doctorate in statistics from the University of Wyoming. Her research interests include quality and liability engineering, design and auditing of quality and productivity monitoring systems, and statistical modeling and applications in industry.

The symposium is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Bilen Green at 1-7040 or canan.bilen.green@ndsu.nodak.edu. For special assistance needs, contact Ann Burnett, director of women's studies, at 1-7290 prior to the event.

Lively Arts Series features acoustic jazz group

Randy Sabien and Brian Q. Torff are scheduled to present "A Tribute to Stephane Grappelli" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in Festival Concert Hall.

Fiddler Sabien has performed in jazz clubs and concert halls for more than two decades. Joining Sabien is bass virtuoso Torff in a two-hour program of acoustic club-style jazz.

Shorts and Reminders

Union Food Court specials for Nov. 6-13

Soup of the day

Wednesday: cream of potato and vegetarian vegetable

Thursday: chicken tortilla and beef noodle

Friday: lentil and tomato

Monday: knoepfla and zesty Italian

Tuesday: wild rice and chicken noodle

Wednesday: chicken tortilla and broccoli cheese

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: chicken Caesar wrap

Thursday: roast beef

Friday: turkey

Monday: closed

Tuesday: chicken

Wednesday: All-American wrap

A La Carte

Wednesday: grilled chicken alfredo

Thursday: hot ham and cheese wrap

Friday: hand-carved roast beef

Monday: closed

Tuesday: big Texan salad

Wednesday: chicken lasagna

Pizza Express

Wednesday: farmhouse

Thursday: Red River

Friday: Hawaiian

Monday: closed

Tuesday: taco

Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken

The Union Grab and Go

Wednesday: chicken Szechwan

Thursday: meat loaf and gravy

Friday: broasted chicken

Monday: closed

Tuesday: roasted turkey

Wednesday: meatball sandwich

Items are subject to change without notice. Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 to check out all of our daily specials. Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or call Kristina at the Union Buffet at 1-8122.

Positions Available

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

Administrative Secretary/#1901
Center for 4-H Youth Development
\$21,500+/year
Nov. 12

Food Service Lead/#1154
10 months; 40 hours/week
6 a.m.-2:30 p.m., M-F; summer hours vary
Weekends as necessary
Dining Services-West Dining Center
\$8/hour
Nov. 8

Custodian/#989
5 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; M-F; requires some weekends and overtime
Physical Plant
\$16,752+/year
Nov. 7

Heating Plant Operator (Entry Level)
Full-time, seasonal position; seven months; rotating shifts
Physical Plant
\$9.50+/hour
Nov. 12

Parent Education Specialist
Child Development and Family Science
\$22,400+/year
Nov. 6

NDUS Common Information Services Communications
Coordinator
Information Technology Services
\$33,000+/year
Nov. 11

Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

Calendar

November

- Through Nov. 14 "To Ride and Resist," exhibit by Lorin Humphreys, Memorial Union Gallery
- Through Nov. 29 "Crossroads," exhibit by Eric Johnson, President's Gallery, Old Main
- 6 USDA-ARS—Robert Sabba, USDA-ARS researcher, "Changes in Cell Wall Polymers of Cork Cambium Associated with the Maturation of Native and Wound Periderm in Potato Tuber," 10 a.m., Northern Crop Science large conference room
- 6 YMCA of NDSU—Brown bag seminar, "On and Off the Reservation: Perspectives from American Indian Students," noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 6 Physics—Tar-Pin Chen, University of North Dakota, "Buffer Layers for YBCO Multilayers: The Hope for High-Tc Superconducting Electronics," 4 p.m., South Engineering 208
- 6 Lively Arts Series presents Randy Sabien and Brian Q. Torff, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets available at the Memorial Union Ticket Office
- 6-7 Native American Basket Makers demonstrations and sales by Rose Cree, Clyde Estey and Earl Hoagland, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery
- 7 YMCA of NDSU—Brown bag seminar, "American Indian Wisdom: The Meaning Behind Our Proud Traditions," 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Dakota Ballroom
- 7 Entomology—Erin Hodgson, University of Minnesota, "Colonization and Within-Field Distribution of the Soybean Aphid," 1 p.m., Northern Crop Science laboratory large conference room
- 7 Volleyball vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 7 Woodwind chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 8 Animal and range sciences—Constance Buford, graduate student, "The Use of Hyperspectral Imaging and Neural Networks in Assessing Vegetative Species Composition on the Rough Creek Fire Complex," 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 8 USDA-ARS—Manoharan Muthusamy, "Transgenic Approaches to the Control of Fusarium Head Blight in Barley," 10 a.m., Northern Crop Science large conference room
- 8 Plant sciences—Guotai Yu, graduate student, "Cloning Genes by Subtractive Hybridization Approaches," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 8 Psychology—Michael D. Robinson, assistant professor of psychology, "Does Quick to Blame Mean Quick to Anger," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209
- 8 Keith "Northern Lights" Bear in concert at the Memorial Union Gallery. Children's and family concert, 7 p.m., free for children accompanied by adult with NDSU identification; main concert, 8 p.m., \$5. A portion of the proceeds will go the Native American Student Association. Sponsored by Multicultural Student Services and the Memorial Union Gallery. Call 1-7900.
- 11 Veteran's Day holiday; university closed
- 11 Baroque Festival student recital, 7:30 p.m. Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 12 Environmental and conservation biology graduate program kickoff luncheon, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. RSVP to David.Layfield@ndsu.nodak.edu.
- 12 Science, religion and lunch seminar—Davis Cope, associate professor of mathematics, "The Age of the Earth: The Failure of Creationism (Conclusion)," noon, Memorial Union University Chamber
- 12 Volleyball vs. UND, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 12 Baroque Festival chamber concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students.
- 13 Geosciences—Bag lunch seminar by Paul Morin, University of Minnesota, "Is Virtual Reality Ready for the Classroom?" noon, Memorial Union University Chamber
- 13 YMCA of NDSU—Brown bag seminar, "Eddie Talks: An Interactive Drama About One Student's Struggle with Alcohol," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 14 Entomology—Brady Vick, USDA laboratory research leader, "The Role of the Lipoxxygenase Pathway in Plant Defense," 1 p.m., Northern Crop Science laboratory large conference room
- 14-25 Baccalaureate exhibition—Lori Knudson, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.
- 15 Plant sciences—Karri Haen, graduate student, "Controlling Transgene Introgression in Plants," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 15 Psychology—Lisa Sethre-Hofstad, Concordia College, "Childhood Stressors and Cortisol Production," 3:30 p.m., Minard 209
- 15 Volleyball vs. St. Cloud State, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 16 Wrestling hosts the Bison Open, 9 a.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 16 Football vs. St. Cloud State, 7 p.m., Fargodome
- 16 Fall Baroque Concert "Magnificats," 7:30 p.m. Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 or students.

- 18 Catherine Cater Lecture Series—Dan Flores, professor of western history, University of Montana, Missoula, “The Natural West: Converging on a New Way to See the West,” 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater. Free.
- 19 Science, religion and lunch seminar—Otto Helweg, professor and dean of engineering, “Science and Christianity,” noon, Memorial Union University Chamber
- 19-Dec. 19 Juried student art exhibit, Memorial Union Gallery. Reception 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20.
- 20 YMCA of NDSU—Brown bag seminar, “Going Home for the Holidays: Working Toward a Peaceful Visit with Your Family,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 22 Plant sciences—Alyson Hyrkas, graduate student, “Playing Surface Evaluation of Sports Fields,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 22 Psychology—Rebecca Compton, Haverford College, “Affect and Laterality,” 3:30 p.m., Minard 209
- 22-23 Men’s basketball hosts the NDSU Tournament, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 26 Science, religion and lunch seminar—Gary Ellingson, “Is Your God Too Small?” noon, Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room
- 27-Dec. 8 Baccalaureate exhibition—Gloria Tate, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.
- 28 Thanksgiving Day; university closed
- 29 Men’s basketball vs. University of Wisconsin, Platteville, 1 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 29-30 Women’s basketball hosts the Valley Imports Classic, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- December**
- 3-4 Memorial Union Gallery Gift Nook holiday sale 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Memorial Union Gallery. Call 1-7900 for more information.
- 3 Science, religion and lunch seminar—Tariq Azam, “Islam and Science,” noon, Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room
- 4 YMCA of NDSU—Brown bag seminar, “HIV/AIDS,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 5-8 Madrigal dinners, 6:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall Grand Lobby. Tickets are \$30.
- 5 Entomology—Robert Dregseth, research specialist, “Novel Approaches to the Control of Sugarbeet Root Maggot,” 1 p.m., Northern Crop Science laboratory large conference room
- 5 Plant sciences—Guillermo Van Becelaere, graduate student, “Use of Exotic Germplasm in Wheat Breeding,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 6 Psychology—David Matz, Augsburg College, “Affect Resolution in Groups: The Case of Dissonance Reduction,” 3:30 p.m., Minard 209
- 6 Women’s basketball vs. Concordia University, St. Paul, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 9 Jazz ensembles concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, students and seniors.
- 10-21 Baccalaureate exhibition—Marla Yellow Bird, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery. Reception 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.
- 10 Science, religion and lunch seminar—Uninhibited discussion and planning, noon, Memorial Union University Chamber
- 11-May 1 “Down to Earth; Photographs of North Dakota,” exhibit by Dan Koeck, photographer in publications services, President’s Gallery, Old Main. Reception 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11.
- 11 Men’s basketball vs. the University of Minnesota, Crookston, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Concert band concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall
- 12 Entomology—Tom Baker, Iowa State University, “Science with Practice: Insect Olfaction and Applied Neuroethology,” 1 p.m., Northern Crop Science laboratory large conference room
- 13 Printmaking and ceramic sale, noon-6 p.m., art building
- 13 Last day of classes
- 13-14 Women’s basketball hosts the Comfort Inn Classic, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 14 Men’s basketball vs. Minnesota State University Moorhead, 1 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 15 Winter choral and brass ensembles concert, 2 p.m., Festival Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, students and seniors.
- 19 Entomology—Terry Adams, USDA-ARS (retired), “Paleocene Flora of North Dakota,” 1 p.m., Northern Crop Science laboratory large conference room
- 19 Women’s basketball vs. Minnesota State University Moorhead, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 19 Men’s basketball vs. Mayville State University, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20 Commencement, 4 p.m., Fargodome
- 21 Women’s basketball vs. Valley City State, 1 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 21 Men’s basketball vs. Valley City State, 3 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 25 Christmas Day; university closed

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