

President Bush visits NDSU



**President Bush addresses the crowd
at the Bison Sports Arena**

As an enthusiastic crowd cheered, President George W. Bush came to the NDSU campus on Feb. 3 for the second time during his administration. Bush was making his first public appearance following his State of the Union Address.

The 43rd president was introduced by Gov. John Hoeven, who said, "It is a warm winter day, but the reception in here for the president is even warmer. Last night, he spoke to the nation about bold plans for the future. Today, he's here with all of us."

"I'd like to thank our host, (President) Joe Chapman and North Dakota State University," Bush told a crowd of 7,500 ticket holders at the Bison Sports Arena before discussing his proposals for the Social Security program.

Bush also recognized the undefeated Bison women's basketball team, and players waved to the crowd from their seats. "It's really exciting for the team to be acknowledged by the president. But, just to see him, it is an exciting time for the whole university. Obviously, we consider it a great honor," said head coach Amy Ruley.

For many NDSU students and employees who attended the event, Bush's appearance was an experience that won't be forgotten.

"This was the president's first speech after the State of the Union, and the world was looking at Fargo and NDSU," said Bruce Franz, director of Facilities Management. "All the wire services were posted in Fargo, so all the news stories that came out of here identified Fargo. This was a major, major event for us. We were the center of the political world."

Members of the NDSU Gold Star Band and pep band provided entertainment for the crowd before the president's arrival at the BSA. It was an opportunity for the 40 student musicians to witness a historical local event. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of our students, and they are genuinely excited about it. It's a big deal for the students," said Warren Olfelt, assistant professor of music and director of bands.

Comments from students confirmed that statement.

"This a special event. It's not too often that you get to be in same room with the president," said saxophonist Chris Neu, a junior from Wadena, Minn.

"I feel honored to be a part of the Gold Star Band and be invited to play for president," said Jenna Olschlager, a junior from Fessenden, N.D., who played the clarinet. "It's really exciting that we get to hear him talk. It's really cool that he's in Fargo."

With the president's visit came some additional duties for campus personnel. The Feb. 1 men's basketball game against Northern State University was moved to the Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse because the BSA was being prepared for the presidential event. NDSU custodial crews removed the arena's basketball floor, scoreboard, netting and track team equipment, while campus carpenters built risers and handrails

'IHAS' holiday deadline reminder

Due to the President's Day holiday Feb. 21, the deadline for the Feb. 23 issue of "It's Happening at State" is noon Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Weight Watchers reminder

The NDSU Staff Senate offers an on-site Weight Watchers program at 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, in the Memorial Union University Chambers. For more information, visit the Staff Senate Web site at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/staff_senate.

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to complement the stage and seating brought in by a White House advance team.

"The NDSU staff has been outstanding. They have been very accommodating to the White House people. I've got nothing but kudos for them," said Don Larson, Gov. Hoeven's media and legislative relations policy adviser. "It's definitely a lot of work. Some people put in some long hours at the BSA to put it all together."

On Jan. 28, it was announced that Bush was coming to Fargo, and on Jan. 31, the governor's office made the official announcement that Bush would appear at the BSA. Lynn Dorn, women's athletic director, praised NDSU workers for pulling together on short notice to make the event a success.

"It was a pleasure to watch the teamwork in motion at NDSU. That ranged from custodial supervisors to ticket managers to carpenters—it was phenomenal to watch good people depart from everyday work to really make a difference in the honor of hosting the president of the United States," she said. "The collaboration, the partnership, the willingness to do above and beyond when called upon—that's what was amazing to me."

BSA classrooms were transformed into media rooms for White House staff and national news reporters. The networks and newspapers focused on the Fargo trip, because it was Bush's first chance to talk directly to citizens about his proposals in the State of the Union Address.

"Having the spotlight on Fargo, and especially on NDSU, is just great. This is great university, and the White House people have been very impressed with our city and our campus here," Larson said, noting that more than 120 volunteers assisted with event activities.

"On behalf of the governor's office, we are so appreciative of the NDSU staff and all the volunteers here," he said. "We want them to get the thanks that they deserve."

Bush previously visited NDSU on March 8, 2001. At the time, he was the first sitting president to come to Fargo in 31 years.

Participants sought for smoking study

Participants are sought for a research study to learn about smokers who smoke more than four cigarettes per day. The study is funded by the National Cancer Institute.

Participants will visit the NDSU psychology laboratory for four short visits during a three-week period to complete questionnaires. Some participants may be asked to record daily information in a personal digital assistant.

Participants will receive financial compensation. Interested participants may register until May 1. The study will be conducted through May 17. The study has been approved by the NDSU Institutional Review Board.

To register, contact graduate students Amanda Dillard or Amber Koblitz at ndsypsychologylab@yahoo.com or (701) 793-7281.

Estate to fund NDSU pharmacy professorship, scholarships

A Fargo man's generosity and love for his daughter will leave a legacy for NDSU pharmacy students and faculty members.

NDSU alumnus Ordean Berg, 88, died Jan. 23, leaving an estate in excess of \$1.3 million to the NDSU Development Foundation to benefit of the College of Pharmacy. Throughout the agreement establishing the Ordean K. Berg Endowment Fund are references to his late daughter, Mary J. Berg.

Mary Berg was an internationally recognized pharmacist in women's health issues and a longtime faculty member at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. A 1974 graduate of NDSU and a member of the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame, she served in leadership positions with the International Pharmaceutical Federation and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She died Oct. 1 at the age of 53 following an extended illness.

According to the gift's memorandum of understanding, the first \$500,000 of Ordean Berg's estate will be used to fund the Mary J. Berg Distinguished Professorship in Women's Health. In addition, 90 percent of the balance will establish the Mary J. Berg Scholarship Fund for students, with the remainder used to fund the Mary J. Berg Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. Also a classroom in Sudro Hall will be named in coming months for Mary Berg.

"Ordean Berg was a most unusual man. He established the largest single professorship endowment in the College of Pharmacy, along with the premiere scholarship fund for the professional program for pharmacy," said Scott Barrett, director of planned giving for the foundation, who described Berg as a practical man with a strong business sense and an unflinching love for his family.

"In all of his giving, his sole desire was to help the university, the College of Pharmacy, its faculty and students, and to honor the memory of his daughter, Dr. Mary J. Berg, a worldwide leader in pharmacy," Barrett said.

Berg, BS '41, had a long career with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, rising to director of the southeastern North Dakota district. He was an avid golfer and a strong supporter of Bison athletic teams. Berg retired in 1982. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna, in 2001.

John Berg, Ordean Berg's nephew and a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Minneapolis, said, "My uncle has made this gift for two fundamental reasons of equal importance—his lifelong interest in the stature and growth of NDSU as a very loyal alumnus, and his intense desire to honor the legacy of his only child. Ordean wanted to recognize the significant impact the NDSU pharmacy program had in propelling Mary's ultimate career and her achievements as a professor and a recognized pharmaceutical scientist."

The generous gift will be felt for years to come by students and faculty, according to Charles Peterson, dean of pharmacy.

"It will provide recognition in honoring his daughter, Mary Berg, who Ordean loved so dearly," Peterson said. "And it will allow us to continue Mary's legacy related to her career passion in advancing women's health as a researcher, in continuing her love and commitment to students as an educator and in fulfilling her desire to reward faculty for achieving excellence."

NDSU sets enrollment records

NDSU has set records for spring semester enrollment and its number of graduate students. On Feb. 2, the university reported 11,292 students, an increase of 404 students or 3.7 percent, compared to one year ago. In addition, NDSU now has 1,489 graduate students—the university's largest total ever.

These are the official enrollment figures, which are compiled following the third week of classes.

According to George Wallman, vice president for student affairs, "Our residence hall occupancy rate is at about 96 percent, meaning that there are only a few scattered beds available. This is excellent for the Spring Semester."

Wallman said that undergraduate numbers increased by 307 to 9,803, with small decreases in freshmen and transfer students, down 11 and four, respectively. He said the latest increase follows some remarkable years of growth for NDSU, and the completion of Bison Court for next fall will be a welcome addition.

According to David Wittrock, dean of the Graduate School, the current number of graduate students tops the previous high of 1,477, which was set last fall. "This represents another step forward in the growth of graduate education at NDSU. It is clear that the expansion of graduate programs at NDSU is filling a need for North Dakota residents," he said, noting that the new total is 97 more than last spring.

Wittrock also said NDSU's 500 doctoral students represent a 14.4 percent increase from one year ago. The number of unclassified graduate students, those students who are seeking continuing education credits or exploring the possibility of enrolling in a graduate program, also jumped dramatically; from 53 last spring to 98 currently.

People

Dowdell participates in faculty consortium

Thomas D. Dowdell, assistant professor of accounting and information systems, attended a new faculty consortium sponsored by the American Accounting Association and Ernst and Young LLP held Feb. 3-6 in Leesburg, Va.

Selected consortium participants are faculty members who recently completed their dissertation and began a tenure-track position at an accredited business school.

The consortium offers assistance in academic career planning, sharing ideas about effective teaching and research and provides opportunities to meet members of the academic accounting community.

Matchie article published by Modern Language Association

"Collaboration in the Works of Erdrich and Michael Dorris: A Study in the Process of Writing," an article by professor emeritus Tom Matchie, appears in the recent Modern Language Association publication "Teaching the Works of Louise Erdrich." The article traces the development of the literary styles of the married writers as their works evolved in tandem from 1982 through Michael's death in 1993.

Berglund named to advisory committee

Patricia Berglund, director of the Northern Crops Institute, has been named to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics (ACAS) for the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Berglund will serve a two-year commitment. The committee is scheduled to meet in Washington, D.C., Feb. 22-23.

During the February meeting, the committee plans to discuss the 2007 Census of Agriculture, the accomplishments of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in 2004 and the progress of NASS year-end surveys and reports.

The committee is comprised of 27 representatives from state agriculture departments, commodity groups, farmers and ranchers, consultants, economic research and universities. Each year the committee meets to advise the Secretary of Agriculture and NASS on the scope, content and timing of surveys and the five-year census of agriculture.

Berglund, who earned a doctorate in plant sciences from NDSU, became NCI director in 1996. NCI supports regional agriculture and value-added processing by conducting educational and technical programs that expand and maintain domestic and international markets for northern-grown crops.

Ruley featured in Golden Key article

"Shooting for Excellence at a New Level," an article featuring NDSU head women's basketball coach Amy Ruley, appears in the 2005 issue of Concepts, the award-winning magazine of Golden Key International Honour Society.

Written by Bonnie Cooper, Graduate School disquisition editor and adviser for NDSU's chapter of Golden Key, the article details Ruley's career accomplishments at NDSU, including her record, her recent induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and NDSU's move to Division I. Ruley was inducted as an honorary Golden Key member in 1997.

Concepts may be accessed online at www.goldenkey.org. The direct link to the article is www.goldenkey.org/GKweb/PublicationsAndSocietyNews/CONCEPTS.

Concepts features articles written by Golden Key members and honorary members from around the world. The articles focus on chapter activities, members and honorary members; feature stories; and the Society's literary contest award winners.

Tomac interns at the Smithsonian

Shannon Tomac, computer graphics manager in the Center for Science and Mathematics Education, has been accepted for an internship in exhibition design at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

The competitive internship program offers four six-month positions to a limited number of applicants each year.

Tomac will work on a variety of projects connected to a new exhibit entitled "Whatever Happened To Polio?" commemorating the 50th anniversary of the polio vaccine. The exhibit is scheduled to open April 12.

Events

Open forums set for dean candidates

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs has announced the schedule for open forums with the four candidates for dean of engineering and architecture. Each candidate will give a talk entitled "Leading the College of Engineering and Architecture: Challenges and Opportunities."

The candidates include Duane Abata, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology at Northern Arizona University; Dan Ewert, NDSU professor and chair of electrical and computer engineering; Bor Jang, NDSU professor and chair of mechanical engineering; and M. Sathyamoorthy, professor and dean of the Leonard C. Nelson College of Engineering at West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

The first open forum will feature Ewert, and is set for 2:30-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, in the Century Theater.

Sathyamoorthy's talk is scheduled for 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Abata is set to present at 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, March 3. Jang is scheduled to give his talk at 2:30-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. All presentations are in the Century Theater.

LaDuke exhibit scheduled

"From Eritrea with Love," an exhibit of paintings by Betty LaDuke, is on display through Feb. 25 in the Memorial Union Gallery. A reception is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9.

According to LaDuke, the exhibit was inspired by her travels to Africa, specifically the nation of Eritrea. "As an artist, I particularly enjoyed sketching the survival rhythms of village life, people's dependency on the land, their animals, farming and marketing activities as well as their traditional celebrations of rites of passage," she said.

An accomplished artist and instructor, LaDuke began her art education at the High School for Music and Art in New York. She received special secondary art teaching credentials and a master's degree in printmaking from California State University. She was director of art programs at Grand Street Settlement House, New York, and has taught at the junior high school level.

LaDuke currently has nine shows in circulation, and has published five books and four videos.

Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/memorial_union/gallery, or call 1-7900.

Kaplinger exhibit showing at Cando Art Center

"Eclectic Vision," an exhibit by Kent Kaplinger, associate professor of visual arts and director/master printer of the Printmaking Education and Research Studio, is on display through Feb. 19 at the Cando, N.D., Art Center and Gallery.

The exhibit features artistic collaborations with a diverse group of individuals, and includes interior design, carpentry, writing and other visual art.

NDSU Spring Career Fair scheduled

The NDSU Career Center is scheduled to host the third annual NDSU Spring Career Fair from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Bison Sports Arena. The "all majors, all disciplines" career fair is expected to attract as many as 120 employers.

Faculty members are invited to attend the fair to network with employers and also to join Career Center personnel for a box lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., according to Joel Hanson, Career Center assistant director. Faculty who wish to participate in the networking lunch must R.S.V.P. by Friday, Feb. 18, to Barb Lindberg at 1-8467 or barb.lindberg@ndsu.edu. "Employers are excited to touch base with the faculty during this event. Faculty are key players in helping us build and maintain relationships with employers who hire our students," Hanson said.

Invitations for the event were sent to 1,700 employers who have worked with the Career Center in hiring for full-time positions, cooperative education placements, internships and part-time opportunities. A shuttle bus will run from the south end of the Memorial Union to the Bison Sports Arena to make attendance easier for students and faculty.

"Our goal is to connect students with employers, and I can't think of a better environment to do so. We ask that the faculty assist us in advertising this event to the students by encouraging them to attend," Hanson said. "The event is for the students and it's about their futures. This is an opportunity for them to learn about potential employers and to talk with them face to face to determine if there is a match."

Hanson said the Career Center annually conducts exit surveys with student participants. Last year, 76 percent of the 703 respondents said they were either "very confident" or "confident" in marketing themselves to employers. According to Hanson, "Our advice is to have students research the companies in advance and seek assistance in the Career Center to help build their confidence."

For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/career_center/. To see a list of employers registered to attend, click on the "Spring Career Fair" link. The Web site is updated frequently.

Radiation safety, lab and chemical safety short courses scheduled

Four sessions of "Laboratory Use of Radioactive Material" are scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Memorial Union Prairie Room; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, in the Prairie Room; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Memorial Union Badlands Room; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Memorial Union University Chambers.

The course is designed for new or potential users of radioactive materials in the laboratory or field applications. It also serves as a refresher course for those currently using radioactive materials. Topics include basic theory of radioactivity; biological interactions with radiation; radiation protection; minimizing exposure level; rules and regulations; and safe handling, decontamination and laboratory procedures. The instructor is William Diamanti, safety officer.

Course fee is \$25 for NDSU and cooperative agreement institutions, and \$50 for all others. Participants should bring a scientific calculator.

Four sessions of the laboratory and chemical safety courses are scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room; 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 14, in the Peace Garden Room; 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room; and 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, in the Prairie Room.

The course is required for new laboratory workers, and serves as a refresher course for anyone currently working in laboratories.

Topics will include knowledge of chemicals, personal protection, fire safety, electrical safety, hazard communication standards, physical and chemical hazards, chemical spills and waste handling. There is no fee. Diamanti is the course instructor.

A laser safety class is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. Friday, March 4, in the Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room; 9-11 a.m. Monday, March 7, in the Memorial Union Rose Room; and 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in the Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room. The class is open to anyone on campus, and there is no fee.

General information sessions on storm water environmental awareness issues are set for 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, March 10, and Friday, March 11, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

A safety course for X-ray users is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday, March 14, and 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, in the Prairie Rose Room. The course is open to anyone interested and there is no charge.

To register for any of the courses, contact stephanie.wegner@ndsu.nodak.edu or call 1-7759.

Transportation Learning Network to display new equipment

The Transportation Learning Network (formerly Tel8) will display its new Tandberg video conferencing equipment during an open house scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in IACC 412. Refreshments will be served.

The network facilitates technical training, transportation short courses, peer sessions, graduate-level classes, professional management and leadership courses, and seminars. It connects the North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana departments of transportation, and four universities, including NDSU, that make up the Mountain Plains Consortium. The consortium is one of 10 university transportation centers funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The new equipment marks the network's shift from ISDN technology to Internet-based video conferencing. "The change has doubled the quality of our transmissions," said network director Julie Rodriguez. "In addition, with costs being fixed, use of the system is essentially free, which gives sites much more incentive to actually use it."

Currently, 24 sites participate in TLN events and another 10 North Dakota locations are planned.

The Mountain Plains Consortium and the Transportation Learning Network are administered by NDSU's Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute.

Pedagogical luncheon on student learning set

Faculty and staff are invited to a pedagogical luncheon scheduled for 11:45-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. Lisa Montplaisir, assistant professor of biological sciences and teacher education, will facilitate discussion on "How Students Learn from Lectures and What Can Instructors do to Enhance Student Learning?"

The presentation will describe the role of the lecture environment as a mainstay on the university campus. Montplaisir will present some of the latest research on the subject, including results from her recently completed dissertation, and practical tips for enhancing student learning.

The pedagogical luncheon is designed to enhance student learning and comradeship among teachers. It also is considered an opportunity to meet people from different colleges, get ideas and collaborate on interdisciplinary projects.

The luncheon is sponsored by Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Register online at www.ndsu.edu/peer/lunch, by 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. For more information, call Sudhir Mehta, associate vice president for academic affairs and professor of mechanical engineering, at 1-8493.

Agricultural Engineering Show planned

The 57th annual Agricultural Engineering Show is scheduled for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Building.

Using the theme "Using Today's Technology for Tomorrow's Success," the one-day event allows students to display new technology in agriculture and engineering. It also is an opportunity for the public to attend and gain an understanding of agriculture and its technology. A student team, assisted by faculty advisers, assumes responsibility for organizing the show.

More than \$1,000 in scholarships will be awarded to the top project winners in the divisions of power; machinery; structures, electrical power and processing; soil, water and environment; and precision agriculture.

Presentations will include food safety, economics of using a yield monitor, natural resource management systems, a quarter-scale tractor, GPS technology, livestock odor control solutions, grain bin drying technology, irrigation systems, biodiesel fuel, biocontrol treatment for managing leafy spurge and several implements.

The show is free and open to the public.

Brown bag on minority health issues set

The YMCA of NDSU brown bag seminar "Health Issues Among Minority Students" is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

A panel will discuss healthy habits and behaviors, and provide information about diseases and health issues that affect people of color more frequently than the average population.

For more information, call 1-5225.

Legislative Bill Status Report

Office of the NDSU General Counsel

Listed are brief descriptions of bills and resolutions that may impact NDSU. The Legislature's Web site is located at www.state.nd.us/lr. To view a bill or resolution, visit www.state.nd.us/lr/assembly/59-2005/leginfo/bills-res-jour/index.html. For a list of hearing times, visit www.state.nd.us/lr/assembly/59-2005/committee-hearings/c-hearing/html. Report as of Feb. 2.

Session key dates include:

- Friday, Feb. 18—crossover date for bills.
- Saturday, Feb. 19–Tuesday, Feb. 22—recess
- Wednesday, April 27—day 80 (session is limited to 80 legislative days)

Abbreviations: SB-Senate Bill; HB-House Bill; SCR-Senate Concurrent Resolution; HCR-House Concurrent Resolution; NDUS-North Dakota University System; SBHE-State Board of Higher Education.

Senate Bills

SB 2003: Base-level funding for NDUS. Bond issuance authorization, Wellness Center addition—\$12 million; Memorial Union renovation and addition—\$22 million. NDSU may enter into agreements with NDSU Foundation or other private entities to authorize construction by the foundation for the College of Business building using donations, gifts or other private funds. SBHE may authorize NDSU to request the City of Fargo to create a \$1.025 million special improvement district to finance repairs and improvements to 17th Avenue North on the NDSU campus.

SB 2013: Distributes to NDSU \$1.146 million from permanent funds.

SB 2014: Appropriation NDUS bond payments \$14,278,141.

SB 2018: Mirror image of SB2032 introduced by the Interim Commerce Committee.

SB 2019: Appropriations for state board for career and technical education.

SB 2020: Base level funding for NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, main research center and research centers.

SB 2021: ITD appropriations, including \$20 million for ConnectND.

SB 2023: Appropriations for capital projects; NDSU hazardous material handling and storage facility—\$3.5 million; North Central Research Center agronomy lab and greenhouse—\$440,000; Main Research Center greenhouse complex—\$1.1 million. Bond issuance repayment—\$2.8 million for Main Research Center available from non-general fund sources to help in retirement of indebtedness for project costs associated with construction authorized by this act.

SB 2032: Department of Commerce appropriation bill; includes the governor's Centers of Excellence proposal. Sections 4 and 27 pertain to the Center of Excellence initiative. Section 35 requires UGPTI to study transportation infrastructure.

SB 2037: SBHE shall manage and regulate information technology planning and services for institutions under its control including development of information technology policies, standards and guidelines in coordination with the information technology department.

SB 2038: Statewide information technology improvements revolving fund available to all state agencies and departments for information technology projects providing improvements in the efficiency of state government services or information technology projects involving multiple state agencies or institutions.

SB 2043: Changes to the State Bond Fund statute. Section 10 relates to a fidelity bond for public employees or officials. **Passed Senate 47-0.**

SB 2044: State Seed Department may utilize space and equipment at NDSU as assigned by the university. **Passed Senate as amended 43-0.**

SB 2058: Mileage reimbursement for state officials and employees increased 6 cents per mile to 37 cents per mile.

SB 2063: Workforce Safety must reopen a denied claim and reassess if, within four years of the filing of the claim, the injured employee requests in writing to reopen claim based on after-acquired medical evidence. **Withdrawn.**

SB 2064: If applicants for state scholarships have same composite scores and same numeric scores, they must be ranked by the numeric sum of their English and mathematics scores rather than high school rank on a percentile basis. SBHE may establish additional criteria for applicants with same English and mathematics scores. **Passed Senate 47-0.**

SB 2067: Defining age 21 for use of alcohol to be 21 at 8 a.m. on the person's 21st birthday.

SB 2069: State auditor shall have access to any books, papers, accounts or records the state auditor may deem relevant to an ongoing audit of any state agency or computer system audit.

SB 2076: Resident student for tuition purposes includes a member of a North Dakota national guard unit and a child, spouse, widow or widower of a veteran killed, disabled or declared missing in action. **Passed Senate 47-0.**

SB 2077: Increases the limit of an individual grant under the North Dakota student financial assistance program from \$600 to \$1,000 per recipient per academic year. **Passed Senate as amended 43-0.**

SB 2078: Technology occupations student loan eligibility requirement reduces required grade point average from 3.0 to 2.5. Also allows SBHE to adopt rules governing amount of loan forgiveness for teachers. **Passed Senate as amended 46-1.**

SB 2079: Adds "emergency medical technician" to tuition and fee waivers. Also removes the exception from a waiver for fees to retire outstanding bonds. **Passed Senate as amended 44-0.**

SB 2117: Defines an "aggrieved person" for the Department of Labor proceedings as being any person who claims to have been injured by a discriminatory practice. Neither the Department of Labor nor an administrative hearing officer may order compensatory or punitive damages.

SB 2120: Unlawful to knowingly obtain a promotion or higher compensation by using or claiming to have a false academic degree. **Passed Senate 46-0.**

SB 2147: Creates certified beef program to coordinate with NDSU Beef System Center of Excellence.

SB 2158: Allows tax credit up to 50 percent of contribution for tuition scholarships for rural leadership program through NDSU Extension Service. **Passed Senate 47-0.**

SB 2169: Mandates coverage for colorectal cancer screening through PERS.

SB 2195: Increases reimbursement of lodging allowance from \$45 to \$50 and total meal allowances from \$20 to \$25.

SB 2206: Appropriation for institutions, (NDSU \$7,605,130) to provide equity funding of all higher education institutions at minimum 55 percent of peer group.

SB 2223: Creates a nicotine education fund from tobacco settlement funds with a continued appropriation to the SBHE. **Failed Senate 1-45.**

SB 2233: Provides for health insurance and public employee health insurance coverage for diabetes.

SB 2235: Establishes manufacturers liability for injury or loss due to the release of a genetically engineered wheat variety.

SB 2241: Creates an act to provide for organization and representation of state employees, collective bargaining, a state employment relation board and public employment relations.

SB 2245: Changes name of the Department of Labor to Department of Labor and Human Rights.

SB 2247: 2003-05 biennium state employee compensation adjustments including UGPTI, Research Centers, Extension, and Northern Crops Institute. Four percent increases for period of Jan. 1-June 30, 2006.

SB 2250: Allows agencies to limit liability to the state in certain contracts. The liability limitations must be approved by the Attorney General and the Office of Management and Budget director.

SB 2269: New N.D.C.C. Chapter 43-53 creating the North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board.

SB 2300: Provides for smoke-free environment in public places and places of employment.

SB 2323: Appropriates \$1 million to SBHE for awarding a cancer detection or treatment grant.

SB 2337: Creates a Commission of Human Rights in the Department of Labor.

SB 2363: Allows the use of gaming equipment not otherwise lawful in North Dakota to be used by any institution under the control of the SBHE for the purpose of research in a controlled environment on campus. **Passed Senate 43-3.**

SB2368: Allows for distinctive number plates for non-profits. Cost of the one-time fee for 400 sets of plates must be prepaid by the non-profit.

SB 2400: Provides a \$35 per month compensation increase to permanent state employees who earn less than \$25,000 per year in addition to any other increase provided by the legislature.

SCR 4002: Legislative council to study SBHE's performance and accountability measures and report to the 60th Legislative Assembly. **Senate adopted.**

SCR 4013: Expresses support for the Red River Valley Research Corridor.

House Bills

HB 1015: OMB appropriation bill; compensation adjustment guidelines in Section 7. Agencies may provide a 4 percent salary increase in 2005 and a 3 percent increase in 2006.

HB 1017: National Guard tuition assistance program appropriation.

HB 1024: Appropriation—NDSU 2000 rain event expenditures \$1.5 million.

HB 1030: Restrictions on smoking in places of public access, publicly owned building or office and nonpublic workplaces, and to provide for a penalty.

HB 1035: Requires NDUS to continue performance and accountability information.

HB 1038: Creates advisory commission on No Child Left Behind. No higher education representative included on commission. **Passed House as amended 77-14.**

HB 1047: SBHE instead of North Dakota Board of Nursing shall establish standards for in-state nursing education programs for initial or advanced licensure. **Withdrawn.**

HB 1050: Appropriations for state employee pay raises of 4 percent for the 2005-07 biennium. Includes UGPTI, research centers, Extension and Northern Crops Institute.

HB 1059: Work Force 2000 eligibility requirements become more stringent. **Passed House as amended 82-9.**

HB 1061: Sex offender registration would include DNA sample.

HB 1069: Retirement purchase service credit for qualified military service.

HB 1070: PERS—Retirement benefits for those retiring on or after July 1, 2009 will be based on the average of the highest salary received for 36 months within the last 180 months.

HB 1072: Increases state's contribution to retiree health benefit fund from 1 percent to 1.45 percent. **Failed House 4-87.**

HB 1074: State auditor may conduct a review and assessment of computer systems and related security systems of a state agency or political subdivision to determine system vulnerability. **Passed House as amended 91-0.**

HB 1084: "Scope of employment" definition refined in the Tort Claims Act. **Passed House 92-0.**

HB 1091: If bids are identical, preference must be given to bids submitted by North Dakota vendors. **Passed House 92-0.**

HB 1092: Would repeal N.D.C.C. § 54-44.4-08 that required a certain percentage of paper purchased by a state agency to be of recycled material. **Passed House as amended 83-0.**

HB 1119: Drug testing of injured workers for Workforce Safety and Insurance.

HB 1129: Meal allowance for travel outside continental United States is equal to the per diem meal rate in the city for which claim is made on that day as established for federal employees by the United States per diem committee. **Passed House 86-5.**

HB 1152: \$9 million earnings from North Dakota student loan trust to be transferred to the general fund.

HB 1170: Office of Management and Budget shall conduct cooperative purchases for agencies and institutions if in best interests of the state.

HB 1223: Requires equine activity sponsor or professional to post a sign and include, in every contract governing equine activity, language warning of the inherent risks and stating the sponsor or professional is not liable for injury or damage.

HB 1232: A school board may provide a stipend to a student teacher. **Passed House 78-9.**

HB 1260: Public improvements cannot be split into smaller parts to circumvent the requirements of Chapter 48-01.1.

HB 1264: SBARE membership—after initial two-year term, may serve four-year term (was five years). Also provides procedure for appointing members because of a vacancy. **Passed House as amended 82-4.**

HB 1271: Broadens the tuition waiver for dependents of veterans.

HB 1275: If costs of an information technology systems project of more than \$100,000 exceed the original estimate by 20 percent, or the completion date goes beyond 60 days of the original completion date, it must be reported to the state ITS committee and legislative council.

HB 1282: Adds provision requiring a detailed report for continuing appropriations to Office of Budget.

HB 1297: Changes the definition of “meeting” in open meetings law to exclude a gathering if no official decisions or votes made.

HB 1301: Requires a report to Office of Budget, as part of budget, on all authorizations for issuing evidence of indebtedness.

HB 1304: Requires agency and institution reports to legislative assembly on financing and leasing arrangements.

HB 1308: At least 10 percent of electricity purchased by state agencies must come from wind energy. All state owned vehicles powered by gas or diesel must operate on at least 10 percent ethanol blend (gasoline) or at least 5 percent biodiesel blend (diesel). Create Office of Renewable Energy and Conservation and appropriates money for renewable energy projects.

HB 1334: Establishes a state employee compensation pool.

HB 1341: Office of Management and Budget is to send invitations to bid or requests for proposals to each vendor domiciled in state meeting approved vendor requirements.

HB 1349: Prohibits credit card marketing and advertising on campus. **Failed House 27-60.**

HB 1360: Provides eligibility for student loans to part-time students.

HB 1363: Four year institutions under SBHE may not calculate tuition for full-time students on a credit-hour basis.

HB 1364: Requires instructors to speak English clearly with good pronunciation. Allows a student who believes the instructor does not speak English clearly to withdraw from that class and request a reimbursement of tuition and fees for that class.

HB 1377: Allows preference to be given to bidder indicating work will be performed within the United States.

HB 1379: Requires new curriculum-based achievement college entrance exams for 11th grade students.

HB 1381: PERS health insurance coverage to include certain outpatient drugs such as hormone replacement therapy, contraceptives, infertility therapy and osteoporosis treatments.

HB 1397: Allows SBHE to contract with Kansas State University to provide for up to 10 students to enroll in KSU's veterinary medical education program. Appropriates \$525,000.

HB 1403: Allows retiree health benefit premium payment for insurance selected by the eligible individual.

HB 1407: State funds cannot be used to lobby legislature.

HB 1456: Employers must provide breaks for nursing mothers and make reasonable efforts to provide a private area to express milk.

HB 1488: Legislative council to study elementary and secondary education system. Creates an education congress to receive input from teachers, parents, students, local businesses, community leaders and representatives of higher education.

HB 1493: Attorney's fees awarded to a plaintiff's attorney in a civil case against the state must be based on number of hours reasonably expended multiplied by a reasonable hourly rate. A percentage fee basis would not be allowed.

HB 1502: A state agency may not acquire private land unless it disposes an equal or greater acreage of its property to a private entity.

HB 1514: OMB budgets data due to legislative Council by Nov. 20 (previously was the organizational session) of even numbered years, meaning higher education budgets will be due a month earlier as well.

HCR 3005: Legislative council to study the utilization of land owned by state agencies and institutions and report to 2007 Legislative Assembly.

HCR 3011: Urges the state's public research institutes of higher education to participate in a regional hydrogen and energy research and education consortium.

HCR 3036: Legislative Council to study agency and institution continuing appropriation authority.

Shorts and Reminders

Food production management meal

An "All-American Grill Out" food production meal is planned for 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in the lower level of West Dining Center. The menu includes banana bread, fresh fruit with dip, cheeseburgers with condiments, corn on the cob, broccoli pasta salad and chewy chocolate caramel bars. Cost of the meal is \$6.50 or free to those on a meal plan. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are preferred. Call 1-7023 for reservations.

Union Food Court specials for Feb. 9-16

Soup of the day

Wednesday: vegetarian spaetzle and knoepfla

Thursday: tomato and Southwest chicken chili

Friday: minestrone and beer cheese

Monday: cream of broccoli and turkey rice

Tuesday: beer cheese and chicken noodle

Wednesday: cheeseburger and vegetarian vegetable

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: Southwest wrap

Thursday: turkey

Friday: egg salad

Monday: ham

Tuesday: roast beef

Wednesday: All-American wrap

A La Carte

Wednesday: carved roast beef

Thursday: fried chicken

Friday: pan-fried cod

Monday: beef pepper steak

Tuesday: Swiss steak

Wednesday: carved honey glazed ham

Pizza Express

Wednesday: taco

Thursday: Red River

Friday: gourmet veggie

Monday: Thundar

Tuesday: meat lovers

Wednesday: Southwestern chicken

The Union Grab and Go hot entrée

Wednesday: beef pepper steak

Thursday: meat loaf

Friday: veggie lasagna

Monday: pork loin

Tuesday: fried chicken

Wednesday: grilled chicken alfredo

Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: ham and cheese

Thursday: chicken cordon bleu

Friday: barbecue chicken

Monday: chicken strip

Tuesday: Philly steak

Wednesday: Italian

Entrée salad (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: popcorn chicken

Thursday: taco

Friday: chicken Caesar

Monday: turkey Cobb

Tuesday: Southwest chicken salad

Wednesday: popcorn chicken

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

Positions Available

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

Secretary/Receptionist

Distance and Continuing Education

\$19,600+/year

Feb. 15

Lead Cook/#00020656

12-month position; 40+ hours/week

M-F; schedule varies between 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Some evenings and weekends

Dining Services-Union Dining Center

\$10.75/hour

Feb. 10 or until filled

Lead Caterer

12-month position; 40 hours/week

M-F, 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; some evenings

\$8+/hour

Feb. 11 or until filled

Research Specialist

Combinatorial Materials Research Laboratory

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering

Salary commensurate with experience

Feb. 15

Career Specialist

Career Center

\$26,500+/year

Feb. 9

Graphic Designer

University Relations

Salary commensurate with experience

Feb. 17

Residence Hall Director

Full-time; 12-month position

Residence Life

\$25,000/year plus partially furnished apartment, meal plan, competitive benefits package; large halls slightly higher salary

March 7 or until filled

Anticipated start date June 6

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

Calendar

February

- Through Feb. 16 Dan Siverson exhibit, Reineke Visual Arts Gallery
- Through Feb. 25 "From Eritrea with Love," exhibit by Betty LaDuke, Memorial Union Gallery
- Through July 31 NDSU Renovation and Construction Projects exhibit, President's Gallery, Old Main
- 9 Staff Senate meeting, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 9 NDSU Athletics Bison Valentine Victory blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 9 Physics—Miha Rosnaric, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, "Pores in Lipid Bilayers—Effect of Anisotropic Inclusions on Pore Stability," 4 p.m., South Engineering 208
- 9 Business administration spring distinguished speaker—William T. Sena, Sena Weller Rohs Williams Inc., Cincinnati, "The Current and Distant Market Outlook," 4:45 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 10 Wrestling vs. the University of Northern Iowa, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Animal and range sciences—Glenn Dorsam, assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, "Epigenetic Regulation of Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide Receptor-1 (VPACR-1) by Ikaros in T Lymphocytes," 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 11 Plant sciences—Gauri Nazre, graduate student, "Invasive Weeds in a Greenhouse World;" Rongshuang Lin, graduate student, "DARt Application in Crop Improvement," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 11 Psychology—Wolfgang Teder-Salejarvi, University of California, San Diego, "Temporal Dynamics of Spatial Attention in Audition," 3:30 p.m., Minard Annex 138
- 11 Men's basketball vs. Mayville State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 12 Men's basketball vs. Upper Iowa University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 12 Jazz Arts Group concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 15 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 1-3 p.m., IACC 150C
- 16 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 10 a.m.-noon, IACC 150C
- 16 YMCA of NDSU —brown bag seminar "Health Issues Among Minority Students," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 17 Black History Month—Mafany Mongoh and Danielle Yarbrough World I View presentation on Cameroon, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 17 Women's basketball vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 17 Wellness education leaders 3-on-3 basketball tournament, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 18 Plant sciences—Xunfen Chen, graduate student, "Domestication of Maize;" Zhiwei Chen, graduate student, "Strategies for Developing Resistance to Late Blight in Potato," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 18 Faculty recital—Neil Mueller, assistant professor of music, trumpet, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 19 Women's basketball vs. Upper Iowa University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 21 President's Day holiday—university closed
- 22 Black History Month—"Soul Food Sampler" sponsored by Black Student Organization, 11 am.-1 p.m., Alumni Center. Tickets are \$7, and are available in the Multicultural Student Services office.
- 20 The Second City comedy troupe, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall
- 23 Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre's "Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road," 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre
- 24-27 Little Country Theatre presents "Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Walsh Studio Theatre
- 25 Plant sciences—Vijaya Varanasi, graduate student, "Cluster Roots-An Adaptation to counter Phosphate and Iron Deficiencies in Soil;" Lesley Lubenow, graduate student, "Environmental and Disturbance Impacts on Suckering Woody Plants," 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 25 Faculty recital—Matthew Patnode, assistant professor of music, saxophone, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 25 Wrestling vs. South Dakota State University, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 26 Women's basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 26 Men's basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 8 p.m. Bison Sports Arena
- 27 Mid-winter choral concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.
- 28 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar "The Vagina Monologues," noon, Memorial Union Century Theater
- 28 Varsity Band, Jazz Combo and Jazz Lab Band concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.

March

- 1 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Student Soldiers,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 2-24 Juried high school art exhibition, NDSU Downtown gallery. Reception 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12.
- 2 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Refugee Women’s Network,” noon, Memorial Union Gallery
- 2 Brass chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 3 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Living Life as a Lesbian,” noon, Memorial Union Gallery
- 3-5 Little Country Theatre presents “Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road,” 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre
- 4 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Biology of Gender,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 4 Black History Month—Deb Jenkins book and compact disc sale and signing, 2:30-4 p.m., Varsity Mart
- 4 Plant sciences—Sunil Kumar, graduate student, “Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase (MAPK) pathway in Plant Defense Signaling;” Sun Eun Lee, graduate student, “Advances in Grafting,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 4 Black History Month—Deb Jenkins Band performance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Memorial Union Cul de Sac
- 5 Gold Star Concert Band concert, David Gregory and Bobby Adams, guest conductors, 7 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.
- 6 Women’s basketball vs. Grand Canyon University, 1:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 9 Staff Senate meeting, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 9 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “The Concept of Race in Humans,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 11 Plant sciences—Robbie Hulthussen, graduate student, “Non-chemical Factors That Influence Glyphosate Efficacy;” Brian Otteson, graduate student, “Influence of Weed Density on Crop Performance,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 14-18 Spring break
- 15 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 1-3 p.m., IACC 150C
- 16 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 10 a.m.-noon, IACC 150C
- 20 Concert Choir home concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.

- 23 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Taking Care of Yourself: Women’s Health Care in the 21st Century,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 30 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Global Roles of Women,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 31 Baseball vs. Valley City State University, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 31 Percussion Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.

April

- 1 Plant sciences—Kevin Jacobson, graduate student, “Soybean Rust: Is North Dakota at Risk?” Aruna Kandikonda, graduate student, “Genomic Approaches for Studying Weed Biology,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 3 Gold Star Concert Band chamber concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442.
- 5 Baseball vs. UND, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 5 Faculty recital, Virginia Sublett, associate professor of music, soprano, Beckwith Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Free.
- 6 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 6 Baseball vs. the University of Wisconsin-Superior, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 8 Plant sciences—Chelsea Juricek, graduate student, “Biology and Control of Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*);” Carrie Schumacher, graduate student, “Rood Induction, Initiation and Growth of Newly Transplanted Rootstock,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 12 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 1-3 p.m., IACC 150C
- 13 Staff Senate meeting, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 13 Equal opportunity—PeopleSoft application help session, 10 a.m.-noon, IACC 150C
- 13 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Race and Privilege,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 13 Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre’s “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 14-16 Little Country Theatre presents “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 15 Plant sciences—McDonald Jumbo, graduate student, “Soybean Cyst Management and Crop Rotation;” Clarissa Barata, graduate student, “Selection For Multiple Traits,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114

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| 15 | Woodwind chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free. | 27 | YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Gender Gap in Politics,” noon, Memorial Union Gallery |
| 16 | Jazz Arts Group concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets. | 28 | Varsity Band and Brass Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442. |
| 17 | Student honors recital, 2 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free. | 29 | Plant sciences—Nyle Jonason, graduate student, “Risk Assessment of Exotic Versus Native Woody Plants in the United States;” Clint Ostby, graduate student, “Ashes on the Decline: Is the Emerald Ash Borer a Threat to North Dakota?” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114 |
| 20 | YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Boxes and Walls,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room | 29 | Madrigal and Men’s Singers Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free. |
| 21 | Opera workshop performance, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free. | 30 | Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Newman Outdoor Field |
| 21-23 | Little Country Theatre presents “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askana Auditorium | | |
| 22 | Plant sciences—Shipra Mittal, graduate student, “Centromere: An Essential Part of a Eukaryotic Chromosome;” Sujana Mamidi, graduate student, “Candidate Gene Analysis of Quantitative Disease Resistance Loci,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114 | | |
| 25 | Jazz Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Call 1-9442. | | |
| 26 | Baseball vs. the University of Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field | | |

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