

PeopleSoft transition problems continue—but improving

NDSU employees are asked to check their 2005 payroll receipts and contact Human Resources at 1-8961, to discuss any errors or questions about pay or benefits. Since the statewide transition to the new software began, hundreds of hours have been devoted to fixing glitches in many areas, including payroll and research administration. And while the number of errors is decreasing, some errors remain.

In the Jan. 15 payroll, 318 payroll checks contained errors among the approximately 4,000 paychecks issued to full- and part-time employees. This was reduced to 90 payroll errors in the Feb. 15 payroll run.

“Of course, if you are one of those 90 people, the problem remains a major problem,” said Dick Rayl, vice president for business and finance. “Our employees in payroll and human resources have been working evenings and weekends to correct mistakes. But it is important for people to contact the Human Resources office to report individual payroll questions. Sometimes, we find that there was no mistake, just a change in withholding or some other explanation. Still, it is important that every error be corrected for our employees.”

One of the challenges in correcting the errors is that some have been fixed and have not reoccurred. This was the case in one situation where some 700 faculty salaries contained a common mistake. The mistake happened once, was corrected and has not resurfaced. Other errors have repeated after being corrected.

“The PeopleSoft conversion has been a massive undertaking and no one expected it to be completed without any glitches,” said Rayl. “In a couple of years, I am convinced that faculty, staff and students will be delighted with all that the new software allows. But until then, a lot of work remains. I want to thank everyone who has been giving up their evenings and weekends to get us through this process.”

EPSCoR announces undergraduate summer research opportunity

The North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Advanced Undergraduate Research Awards (AURA) program provides undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in academic research. AURA activities also provide students information about graduate school opportunities and research related careers.

AURA award recipients also are expected to use the results of their research experience to apply for at least one nationally competitive undergraduate scholarship, such as the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

Applications are due in the EPSCoR office by noon Friday, March 11, and forms are available on the EPSCoR Web page at www.ndepscor.nodak.edu/soar.htm.

For more information contact David Givers, EPSCoR general administrative professional, at 1-7516 or david.givers@ndsu.nodak.edu.

Blood drive scheduled

A blood drive is scheduled for noon-4 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the United Blood Services Mobile Unit, which will be parked on the west side of the Memorial Union. Donors must bring identification. Call Annette Fischer at 1-8961 or visit www.bloodhero.com to schedule an appointment.

Applications sought for Steinhaus-Rhinehart Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the NDSU Development Foundation Steinhaus-Rhinehart Scholarship. Students with a senior standing as of fall 2005 semester can apply for the \$500 scholarships.

The scholarships provide assistance to students in science and mathematics, agriculture and biological sciences. Applications are available in Ceres Hall until the March 29 application deadline.

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Study: community service sentences limit repeat offenses

Results from a study by NDSU researchers say that offenders who are ordered to complete community service sentences are significantly less likely to be re-arrested than offenders who receive fines. The research, led by Jeff Bouffard, assistant professor of criminal justice, monitored 810 adult offenders in the Fargo area during 2003.

Bouffard and graduate assistant Lisa Muftic studied offenders who had been assigned to a program called Responsibly Enforced Sanctions Through Offender Required Employment (RESTORE). The non-profit entity is the primary agency responsible for monitoring the compliance of offenders sentenced to community service by local Fargo area courts.

The researchers then compared the statistics to a group of first-time DUI offenders who had been fined by the Fargo Municipal Court.

"We found a 34 percent reduction in recidivism for folks who got a community service sentence as opposed to people who got a traditional fine from the municipal court," Bouffard said. "It looks to us that the community service process is working in the Fargo area to reduce recidivism."

During the 14-month follow-up period, the study found that 23.4 percent of persons sentenced to perform community service were re-arrested, while the recidivism rate of offenders ordered to pay a fine was 35.6 percent. The study used a statistical procedure to control for some initial differences between the samples of offenders sentenced to community service or a fine. The majority of both groups are offenders sentenced by the Fargo municipal court.

According to Bouffard, the RESTORE community service program supplies a form of restitution through unpaid labor at local food banks, churches, and various other agencies and local events. He notes that the 810 persons studied in 2003 supplied more than 46,000 hours of service, valued at nearly \$300,000 to the Fargo community.

Bouffard added that another interesting finding relates to the harshness of the penalty. "People who got more severe sentences above the median level, whether a fine or community service, were less likely to recidivate as well," Bouffard said. "So, there is evidence that either process is deterring future offending."

Bouffard joined the NDSU faculty in 2002. He earned his bachelor's degree at Suffolk University, Boston; his master's degree in clinical psychology at St. Michael's College, Burlington, Vt.; and his doctorate in criminology and criminal justice at the University of Maryland, College Park. His research interests include community corrections and correctional rehabilitation.

Staff Senate nominations sought

The NDSU Staff Senate is seeking nominations for 32 vacant positions for the 2005 term.

Staff Senate is comprised of approximately 5 percent of the total number of staff members designated as regular benefited employees of NDSU in several band areas. The number of senators in each broadband category and the estimated number of vacant positions for each band are listed below.

Band	Title	Total	Vacancies
1000/3000	Administrative/ Managerial/ Professional	24	14
4000	Technical/ Paraprofessional	11	2
5000	Office Support	14	9
6000	Crafts and Trades	3	1
7000	Services	10	6

Senate members are normally elected for two-year terms, with approximately half of the membership elected each year.

All staff members in the 1000 and 3000-7000 job bands are encouraged to nominate themselves and others for Staff Senate. If you are nominating someone else please check with him or her before doing so. Nominees also are encouraged to discuss the opportunity with their supervisors before being nominated.

Nominations may be submitted at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/staff_senate. The nomination deadline is Monday, March 21. For more information, contact Pam Hommen, election committee chair, at 1-7701.

Main Library to be renovated, casual reading collection added

The NDSU Main Library is scheduled to undergo a renovation to house a new casual reading collection of award-winning books. The work is possible through a gift from George and Marylou Shott, an NDSU alumna.

According to Pamela Drayson, dean of libraries, the collection will be housed in a remodeled storage space adjacent to the Main Library's front lobby. "The lobby of the building is an ideal location as it is continuously busy with people coming and going, students visiting with friends and working together. However, until now the area has been somewhat dark, crowded and uninviting," Drayson said. "With the upcoming renovation and appropriate furnishings, the area will be transformed into a welcoming and comfortable space. That includes comfortable lounge chairs, bistro tables and an electric fireplace—all designed to make it a cozy spot to curl up with a good book on a cold day."

The collection will offer popular and classic fiction, biographies, popular nonfiction and other materials especially of interest to undergraduate students. Audiobooks also will be available and expected to be popular.

"The intent is to make available a broad range of recreational reading materials and expose students to award-winning writing.

A collection such as this is common at other academic libraries around the country and usually sees the most use of any available resources," Drayson said. "Easy access to a collection of this type encourages lifetime reading, deepens understanding and directly relates to education for a lifetime."

Drayson said many of the items will be selected from sources such as the Pulitzer Awards, National Book Awards, Library Journal Best Books list, Books for College Libraries, Notable Book Award List, Edgar Award list, Hugo Award list and Nebula Award list.

In addition, Drayson said several students are involved in the project, by helping to select furniture, carpet and books.

The Shott's gift was \$100,000 this year, and another \$25,000 per year for the next four years. It includes a challenge for a match up to \$500,000, to be raised in the capital campaign for an unrestricted library endowment fund.

Marylou Shott graduated from NDSU in 1972, and is a trustee of the NDSU Development Foundation. She and her husband live in San Francisco.

People

2005 Masters Week honorees announced

The 12th annual NDSU Masters Week is scheduled for March 2-10. Masters Week, sponsored by the Alumni Association in cooperation with individual colleges, is an opportunity to educate students by introducing them to successful alumni and also is a chance to recognize and honor outstanding alumni. The masters will share career-related experiences and knowledge while visiting campus. Each master will have the opportunity to meet with and give presentations to students, faculty, staff and the NDSU community. The classroom presentations and seminars listed are free and open to the public

A complete listing of the Masters Week events is planned for an upcoming issue of "It's Happening at State." For more information, contact Sara Tanke at the NDSU Alumni Association at 1-6804.

Wednesday, March 2

Perry Rust
Master of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources
CEO, Rust Sales, Harwood, N.D.

Perry Rust received a bachelor's degree in agricultural mechanics from NDSU in 1988. Rust is vice president and CEO of Rust Sales Inc. Harwood, N.D., a reseller, distributor and manufacturer of agricultural, construction and surveying equipment. He has been involved with the company since its inception, and has guided its focus on emerging niche products including laser machine control, GPS applications, sonic sensing and remote sensing radio link products.

A member of North Dakota's trade mission to China, Rust was named the North Dakota Small Business Exporter of the Year in 2001. He served on The Children's Museum at Yunker Farms board of trustees and the Harwood State Bank board of directors, and was an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity while at NDSU. He farms near Fargo.

Rust is scheduled to present "Precision Agriculture Technology" at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room

Thursday, March 3

David Baesler
Master of the College Science and Mathematics
Vice president of sales, Sanyo Fisher Company,
Rochelle Park, N.J.

David Baesler graduated cum laude from NDSU in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics. He later pursued graduate-level studies in business administration at the University of California. He has worked as a sales and marketing executive for more than 20 years, and currently is vice president of sales and marketing for Sanyo-Fisher Company's information/technology division, Rochelle Park, N.J.

Prior to his position with Sanyo-Fisher, Baesler held sales and marketing management positions with Johnson and Johnson, Pioneer Electronics Corp., Toshiba America Consumer Products Inc. and Brother International Corp. He also served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Baesler is scheduled to give a presentation at 9:30 a.m. in FLC 122.

Friday, March 4

Charles E. Turner
Master of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Senior special agent, U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Charles E. Turner earned a bachelor's degree in sociology/criminal justice from NDSU in 1987. Prior to that, he earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from the Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh. Turner is senior special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. He is an ATF special agent certified explosives specialist, responsible for conducting investigations involving federal and state explosives violations and providing assistance to other agencies regarding explosives-related investigations, destruction and training.

A member of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators, the International Association of Arson Investigators and the Midwest Gang Investigators Association, Turner was employed as a special agent for the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation for five years. He currently is assigned to the Akron, Ohio ATF satellite office and police department task force.

Call 1-6800 for presentation information.

Monday, March 7

Max Selig
Master of the College of Engineering and Architecture
Retired engineer

Max Selig received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NDSU in 1965, and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1971. Now retired, Selig was an engineer approximately 30 years, and has estimated, bid and worked on projects including restaurants, schools, air traffic control towers, a cement plant, underground buildings, multi-story office buildings, auditoriums, power plants and a condominium/hotel complex.

Selig is scheduled to present "Construction Site Case Study" at noon in Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering 201.

Terry Irgens
Master of the College of Pharmacy
President, DynPort Vaccine Co. LLC, Frederick, M.D.

Terry Irgens received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1969 and a master's degree in hospital pharmacy administration in 1975, both from NDSU. As president of DynPort Vaccine Co. LLC, Irgens oversees the joint vaccine acquisition program, providing development and delivery of FDA-approved biological defense vaccines to the U.S. government.

Irgens has 27 years of experience in U.S. Navy medical care and management, and 15 years of experience in program management. As CEO of the Naval Medical Logistics Command, he managed worldwide medical material and healthcare contracting support. He also is former director of the Defense Personnel Support Center medical directorate, and has been chief pharmacist for several naval hospitals. He has received several awards from the Navy, and was named 2004 Executive of the Year by the Technology Council of Maryland.

Irgens is scheduled to present "Unconventional Career Path of an NDSU Pharmacy Graduate" at 11 a.m. in Sudro 24.

Thursday, March 10

Kirby Cochran
Master of the College of Business Administration
President and CEO, Covol Technologies, South Jordan, Utah

Kirby Cochran received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1983, and a master's degree in business administration in 1988, both from NDSU. A real estate and industry investor, was named president and chief executive officer of Covol Technologies in 1995. As a result of Cochran's work with Covol, the company was able to raise hundreds of millions of dollars to develop production facilities.

Cochran is an adjunct professor in business and finance at the University of Utah, teaching graduate courses in finance, business strategy, analysis, growth and venture financing. He continues to develop proprietary capitalization models using debt and equity instruments for corporate investments, acquisitions and operations.

Cochran is scheduled to present "Forms of Ownership and Finance Options for Businesses" at 12:30 p.m., in Minard 334.

Tuesday, March 29

Jane Rabe
Master of the College of Human Development and Education
Product manager, Maybe It's Time, Minneapolis

Jane Rabe graduated from NDSU in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in fashion design and fashion merchandising. Rabe is a product manager for Maybe It's Time Inc., Minneapolis, a product development company producing and selling merchandise to national retail chain stores. She previously was a merchandise technician for Target stores, and account manager and recruiter for Professional Merchandising and Management Services Corp. Most recently, Rabe was an account executive for JR Paddon and Associates, and independent home décor wholesale company.

Call 1-6800 for presentation information.

James named 'Employee of the Quarter'

Sharon James, personnel specialist in military science, recently was selected as the Western Region U.S. Army Cadet Command's Employee of the Quarter.

James was recognized for excellence in her daily work performance, as well as an "outstanding showing" in a recent command inspection. Employees from more than 140 universities across the nation were eligible for the honor.

Cummings receives counseling award

Tammy Cummings, digital conferencing coordinator in Information Technology Services, has received the North Dakota Counseling Association's Friend of Counseling Award.

The association annually honors an individual who is not a professional counselor, but who has supported and enhanced the counseling profession. Cummings was recognized for her efforts in assisting in the delivery of counseling courses by coordinating interactive video sites and students across North Dakota and adjoining states.

Paulson receives Master CFI renewal

Michael Paulson, part-time staff member in mechanical engineering, recently received renewal of his Master Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) designation from the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI).

The Master Instructor designation is a national accreditation recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration, and earned by candidates through a rigorous process of continuing education and peer review. The certification must be renewed biennially.

According to NAFI vice president G. Alexander Hill, of the approximately 85,000 certified flight instructors in the United States, less than 500 have earned the prestigious "master" distinction. Paulson is one of four North Dakota educators who have earned the "master" title.

Paulson is the manager and chief flight instructor for Flight Academy of Fargo, a Cessna Pilot Center located at Hector International Airport. He also serves as a pilot examiner and a safety counselor.

For more information, visit www.NAFInet.org.

Khan articles published

Two articles by Mohamed F. R. Khan, assistant professor of soil science, recently have been published.

"Bringing People with Common Interests Together at a Trade Show" was published in the December issue of the Journal of Extension. The article addresses the formation and background of the International Sugarbeet Institute, as well as lessons and methodologies used in conducting a successful Trade Show. For more information, visit www.joe.org.

"Evaluating Fungicides for Controlling Cercospora Leaf Spot on Sugar Beet" was published in Crop Protection 24 (2005). The article describes ways in which growers can use fungicides to effectively control Cercospora leaf spot on sugarbeets. For more information, visit www.sciencedirect.com.

Events

Baseline Safety Training schedule announced

The March schedule for mandatory Baseline Safety Training has been announced. The training is general information for all the employees of NDSU, which is required on a fiscal year basis.

The one-hour sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 2; 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10; 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 16; 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24; and 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 30. Each session is scheduled in the Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room.

Employees unable to attend in person may complete the training online at <http://facilities-mgmt.ndsu.nodak.edu/oseh/Presentations.htm>.

For more information, contact the Office of Safety and Environmental Health at 1-7759.

Quilt exhibit on display at Memorial Union Gallery

"It's All About Color: Contemporary Quilts," an exhibit by five quilt makers, is on display through March 24 in the Memorial Union Gallery. A reception is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2.

Quilters Jane Armstrong Gibb, Sheila Haberman, Kathy Laid, Coni Lamb and Lynn Rustad say they are inspired by the seasons, fabric, colors and each other. They meet regularly to share ideas, gain inspiration and admire each other's work. Each quilter says she reacts to and interprets her surroundings in different ways, adding an eclectic flavor to the exhibition.

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

Computer, network policy forums set

Public forums concerning recommended revisions to the Computer and Network Usage Policy (1901.2) are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, and 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in the Memorial Union Century Theater. All NDSU faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of the revised procedure, along with concerns and questions for discussion. The revised procedure is available at <http://its.ndsu.nodak.edu/new-policy/>.

Action on the revision will be determined by comments received. Comments should be sent to Theresa Semmens, information technology security officer, at theresa.semmens@ndsu.edu, or via campus mail to IACC 210C, by March 31.

Anxiety disorders screenings set

Counseling and Disability Services has scheduled free anxiety disorders screenings from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 7-11, in Ceres Hall room 212. The screenings are designed to help individuals learn about anxiety and depressive disorders, their symptoms and effective treatments.

Participants should allow approximately 30 minutes for the screening process. All screenings are anonymous. Those who show symptoms of anxiety will be encouraged to make an appointment for a full evaluation.

Appointments are suggested, but not needed, and can be made by calling 1-7671. Screening also is available online at www.ndsu.edu/counseling.

Shorts and Reminders

Fargodome discount tickets available

NDSU employees may now purchase tickets for Fargodome events at discounted rates at the Fargodome box office or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Information on upcoming events eligible for the discount is available by clicking on "News and Events" at www.ndsu.edu/hr.

Union Food Court specials for March 2-9

Soup of the day

Wednesday: wild rice and vegetarian vegetable
Thursday: beef noodle and chicken tortilla
Friday: beef barley and broccoli cheese
Monday: turkey rice and California medley
Tuesday: chicken noodle and corn chowder
Wednesday: vegetable beef and baked potato

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: turkey club wrap
Thursday: roast beef
Friday: tuna salad
Monday: chicken salad
Tuesday: Italian
Wednesday: Southwest wrap

A La Carte

Wednesday: carved pork loin
Thursday: meatballs and gravy
Friday: lasagna trio
Monday: meat loaf with gravy
Tuesday: big Texan salad
Wednesday: carved roast beef

Pizza Express

Wednesday: meat lovers
Thursday: Philly
Friday: Tuscany
Monday: bacon cheeseburger
Tuesday: chicken supreme
Wednesday: taco

The Union Grab and Go hot entrée

Wednesday: ham
 Thursday: beef stroganoff
 Friday: veggie stir fry
 Monday: chicken rosemary
 Tuesday: turkey
 Wednesday: beef pepper steak

Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: Italian
 Thursday: garlic chicken
 Friday: veggie wrap
 Monday: chicken strip
 Tuesday: beef fajita
 Wednesday: ham and cheese

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 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:

Custodian/#00021891
 M-F; 5 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 Facilities Management
 \$16,752+/year
 March 8

Lead Caterer
 12-month position; 40 hours/week
 M-F; 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; some evenings
 Dining Services-Union Dining Center
 \$8+ per hour
 Open until filled

Pharmacy Technician
 Family HealthCare Pharmacy
 \$21,800+/year
 March 3

Electrical Equipment Technician/#00018753
 Electrical and Computer Engineering
 \$27,000+/year
 March 4

Parking Coordinator
 Facilities Management
 \$28,000+/year
 March 9

Business Office Manager
 Business Office
 Salary commensurate with experience
 March 9

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

Graphic Designer
 University Relations
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Open until filled

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

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. 23.

Session key dates include:

- Friday, April 29—day 80 (session is limited to 80 legislative days)

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

Senate Bills

SB 2003: General Fund appropriations 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 or other private entities 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. An NDUS amendment to include \$10 million to address equity and parity was narrowly defeated in committee on a vote of 7-8. See also SB 2206. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

SB 2013: Distributes to NDSU \$1.146 million from permanent funds. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

SB 2014: Appropriation NDUS bond payments \$14,278,141. Passed Senate as amended 43-2.

SB 2018: Department of Commerce appropriations bill that includes the Center of Excellence proposals. Centers of Excellence line item reduced from \$5 million to \$2.5 million. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

SB 2019: Appropriations for state board for career and technical education. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

SB 2020: Base level funding for NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, main research center and research centers. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

SB 2021: ITD appropriations, including \$20 million for Connect ND. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

SB 2023: Appropriations for capital projects; NDSU hazardous material handling and storage facility, \$3.3 million (reduced from \$3.5 million); North Central Research Center agronomy lab and greenhouse, \$440,000; main research center greenhouse complex, \$2 million; Central Grasslands \$350,000 for office addition. Passed Senate as amended 44-1.

SB 2032: Comprehensive economic development bill. The Center of Excellence legislation was moved to SB 2018. Section 35 requires UGPTI to study transportation infrastructure. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

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. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

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. Failed Senate 3-41.

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 up 6 cents per mile to 37 cents per mile. Passed Senate as amended 47-0.

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. Passed Senate as amended 42-5.

SB 2069: Except for active investigatory work product of the attorney general, the 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. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

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 lowers 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 services personnel" 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. Passed Senate 47-0.

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: Provision that would create certified beef program to coordinate with NDSU Beef System Center of Excellence was removed. Passed Senate as amended 44-0.

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. Failed Senate 4-39.

SB 2195: The reimbursement of lodging allowance increase from \$45 to \$50 was changed back to \$45. Total meal allowances increase from \$20 to \$25. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

SB 2206: Appropriation of \$10 million for three institutions, (NDSU \$7,605,130) to provide equity funding of minimum 55 percent of peer group. Failed Senate 22-25.

SB 2223: Creates a nico-ed 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. Failed Senate 12-31.

SB 2235: Establishes manufacture liability for injury or loss due to the release of a genetically engineered wheat variety. Failed Senate 14-30.

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. Failed Senate 15-31.

SB 2245: Changes name of the Department of Labor to Department of Labor and Human Rights. Passed Senate 36-10.

SB 2247: Provides to permanent state employees including Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, research centers, Extension and Northern Crops Institute, a one-time bonus payment of 1.5 percent of salary for a six-month period January-June 2005. Passed Senate as amended 40-5.

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 director of the office of management and budget. Passed Senate as amended 33-14.

SB 2269: New N.D.C.C. Chapter 43-53 creating the North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board. Passed Senate as amended 40-4.

SB 2300: Provides for smoke-free environment in public places and places of employment. Exempts bars and public places operated by social, fraternal or religious organizations used solely by members or their guests and families until August 2007. Passed Senate as amended 28-17.

SB 2323: Appropriates \$1 million to SBHE for awarding a cancer detection or treatment grant. Passed Senate as amended 36-9.

SB 2337: Creates a Commission of Human Rights in the Department of Labor. Failed Senate 17-30.

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. Passed Senate as amended 26-21.

SB 2391: Allows income tax credit for individuals for planned gifts made after July 31, 2005 to qualified North Dakota non-profit organizations. Passed Senate as amended 45-0.

SB 2400: Legislative intent that 2005-07 biennium compensation adjustments for permanent employees are to be average increases of 3 percent starting July 2005 to be paid in August 2005 and 4 percent starting July 2006 to be paid in August 2006. The increases are to be a minimum of \$35/month. Passed Senate as amended 44-1.

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. Senate adopted.

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. These provisions were removed. Passed House as adopted (Majority Report).

HB 1017: National Guard tuition assistance program appropriation. Passed House as amended 89-0.

HB 1024: Appropriation-NDSU 2000 rain event expenditures \$1.5 million. Passed House as amended 75-11.

HB 1030: Restrictions on smoking in places of public access, publicly owned buildings or offices and nonpublic workplaces, and to provide for a penalty. Failed House 45-47.

HB 1035: Requires NDUS to continue performance and accountability information. Passed House as amended 78-10.

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: Biennium compensation 3 percent increase July 2005 to be paid August 2005 and 4 percent increase July 2006 to be paid August 2006. Passed House as amended 64-28.

HB 1059: Workforce 20/20 eligibility requirements become more stringent. Passed House as amended 82-9.

HB 1061: Sex offender registration would include DNA sample. Passed House as amended 91-0.

HB 1069: Retirement purchase service credit for qualified military service. Passed House as amended 89-0.

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. Passed House 93-0.

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 1076: Changes to certification for kindergarten teachers and provides \$1,500 increase after four years if teacher is participating in mentor program. Passed House as amended 67-17.

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: At least 20 percent of paper products purchased must contain at least 25 percent recycled material. Passed House as amended 83-0.

HB 1119: Drug testing of injured workers for Workforce Safety and Insurance. Passed House as amended 57-31.

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 U.S. 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. Passed House 86-1.

HB 1170: Office of Management and Budget shall do cooperative purchases for agencies and institutions if in best interests of the state. Passed House as amended 89-0.

HB 1223: Requires equine and livestock activity sponsor or professional to post a sign and include, in every contract governing equine or livestock activity, language warning of the inherent risks and stating the sponsor or professional is not liable for injury or damage. Passed House as amended 60-31.

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

HB 1260: Legislative Council to study public improvement contracts. Passed House as amended 87-2.

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 1266: Addresses retirement benefits for retirees who return to work. Employee may waive future participation in future retirement plan and maintain retirement status. Passed House 90-0.

HB 1271: Broadens the tuition waiver for dependents of veterans. Passed House as amended 88-0.

HB 1275: Executive, legislative and judicial branch agencies, except institutions reporting to the SBHE, report information technology projects to information technology advisory committee. Passed House as amended 88-0.

HB 1282: Adds provision requiring a detailed report for continuing appropriations to Office of Budget. Passed House as amended 83-0.

HB 1297: Changes the definition of “meeting” in open meetings law to exclude a gathering if no official decisions or votes made. Failed House 1-89.

HB 1301: Requires a report to Office of Budget, as part of budget, on all outstanding bonds. Passed House as amended 86-0.

HB 1304: Requires agency and institution to prepare written analysis documenting financing and leasing arrangements. Documentation is to be available to auditor. Passed House as amended 85-2.

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. Failed House 39-52.

HB 1334: Establishes a state employee compensation pool. Passed House as amended 49-38.

HB 1341: Office of Management and Budget to adopt rules relating to sending notice or intent to make limited competitive, noncompetitive and negotiated purchases. Passed House as amended 91-0.

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. Passed House as amended 92-0.

HB 1363: Four-year institutions under SBHE may not calculate tuition for full-time students on a credit-hour basis. Failed House 39-46.

HB 1364: SBHE to create policy relating to assessment of faculty and teaching assistant communication skills including the ability to speak English with good pronunciation. Passed House as amended 78-12.

HB 1377: Allows preference to be given to bidder indicating work will be performed within the United States. Failed House 40-50.

HB 1379: Requires new curriculum based achievement college entrance exams for 11th grade students. Failed House 21-72.

HB 1381: PERS health insurance coverage to include certain outpatient drugs such as hormone replacement therapy, contraceptives, infertility therapy and osteoporosis treatments. Failed House 6-87.

HB 1387: Removes internship requirement from technology occupations student loan program. Passed House as amended 88-1.

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. Passed House as amended 83-5.

HB 1403: Allows retiree health benefit premium payment for insurance selected by the eligible individual. Failed House 3-89.

HB 1407: State funds cannot be used to lobby legislature. Failed House 20-69.

HB 1456: Employers must provide breaks for nursing mothers and make reasonable efforts to provide a private area to express milk. Failed House 16-69.

HB 1485: Would prohibit public entities from awarding exclusive commercial broadcast contracts. Failed House 47-44. Reconsidered. Failed House 45-43.

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. Passed House as amended 68-23.

HB 1493: Attorney's fees awarded to a plaintiff's attorney in a civil case against the state must be based on number or hours reasonably expended multiplied by a reasonable hourly rate. A percentage fee basis would not be allowed. Failed House 26-64.

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. Failed House 17-71.

HB 1514: Office of Management and Budget 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. Passed House as amended 57-36.

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

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

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

HCR 3042: Legislative Council to study North Dakota laws and laws of other states relating to identity theft and misuse of personal identifiable information.

Calendar

March

Through March 24—"It's All About Color," exhibit of contemporary quilts, Memorial Union Gallery

2-24 Juried high school art exhibition, NDSU Downtown gallery. Reception 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

2 Business administration—John Bitzan, assistant professor of management, marketing and finance, "Enhanced Utilization of the Rail Freight Network: A Benefit of Regulatory Reform," noon, Putnam 101

2 United Campus Ministry and University Lutheran Center—brown bag panel discussion, "Denominations: What's the Difference?" noon, Memorial Union Meadowlark Room

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 World I View presentation—"Kyrgystan," presented by Rose Yunusova, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room

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 CD sale and signing, 2:30-4 p.m., Varsity Mart

4 Animal and range sciences—Christy Oliver, graduate student, "Ontogeny of the Fetal Small Intestine," 3 p.m., Hultz 104

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

7 Psychology—James M. Hillis, University of Pennsylvania, "Perception as Statistical Inference," 3:30 p.m., Minard 334

9 Staff Senate meeting, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. Program is legislative committee.

9 United Campus Ministry and University Lutheran Center—brown bag panel discussion, "Denominations: What's the Difference?" noon, Memorial Union Rose Room

9 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar "The Concept of Race in Humans," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room

11 Animal and range sciences—Claire Strom, assistant professor of history and religion, "Eradication of Texas Fever in the Southern United States," 3 p.m., Hultz 104

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

11 Psychology—Stephane Rainville, York University Center for Vision Research, "Intermediate Computational Stages in Shape Perception," 3:30 p.m., Minard 138

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

29-April 1 International Week

30 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar "Global Roles of Women," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room

30 World I View presentation—international studies students panel discussion, 3 p.m., 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 World I View presentation—"Nepal," presented by Ashish Thapa and Kuldeep KC, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room

- 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, with Andrew Froelich, professor of music, piano, 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
- 7 World I View presentation, topic to be announced, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 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 NDSU Health Fair “Treasure Your Health,” 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 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
- 15 Woodwind chamber night, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 16 Jazz Arts Group concert, 8 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 17 Student honors recital, 2 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 20 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Boxes and Walls,” noon, Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 21 World I View presentation, topic to be announced, noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 21 Opera workshop performance, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free.
- 21-23 Little Country Theatre presents “The Beggar’s Opera,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 22 Plant sciences—Shipra Mittal, graduate student, “Centromere: An Essential Part of a Eukaryotic Chromosome;” Sujan 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
- 27 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar “Gender Gap in Politics,” noon, Memorial Union Gallery
- 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.
- 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
- 29 Madrigal and Men’s Singers Ensemble concert, 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
- May**
- 1 Baseball vs. South Dakota State University, noon and 2 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 1 “A Salute to Percy Grainger,” Joseph Kreines, guest artist, with NDSU ensembles and soloists, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and children. Call 1-9442.
- 2 Baseball vs. Concordia College, 6 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 5 Baseball vs. the University of Minnesota-Duluth, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 6 Ceramics, printmaking, painting and drawing sale, noon-5 p.m., NDSU Downtown
- 6 Plant sciences—Ju Wang, graduate student, “Long Distance (Trans-Continental), Movement of Pathogens;” Bahadir Sezegen, graduate student, “Plant Gravitropism: Unraveling the Ups and Downs of a Complex Process,” 3:30 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 6 Baseball vs. the University of Minnesota-Duluth, 6:30 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

- 11 Staff Senate meeting, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 13 Commencement, 4 p.m., Fargodome
- 18 Baseball vs. Creighton University, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 19 Baseball vs. Creighton University, 1 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field

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