

University Senate approves equity resolution

The University Senate has approved a resolution supporting the concept of equity funding within the North Dakota University System. The resolution, proposed by David Danbom, professor of history, was passed by a 51-3 vote during the group's March 21 meeting.

The resolution reads, "Whereas: Underfunding of North Dakota State University relative to its peer institutions and to other institutions in the North Dakota University System imposes an unfair financial cost on our students and impedes our ability fully to serve their needs;

"And whereas: Underfunding of NDSU relative to its peer institutions and to the other institutions in the NDUS diminishes our ability to serve the State of North Dakota;

And whereas: Funding inequity violates the basic principles of fairness on which American society is based, on which public higher education should be based, and which we attempt to convey to our students;

"Therefore, let it be resolved that: The University Senate of North Dakota State University fully and enthusiastically supports the efforts of President Joseph Chapman to achieve fair treatment and equitable funding for NDSU within the North Dakota University System."

NDSU Downtown bus displays 'Poetry on Wheels'

Some NDSU Downtown bus riders recently have been treated a different type of bus wall display—poetry.

"Poetry on Wheels" features poetry by Tri-College University creative writing students and faculty, including David Martinson, lecturer in English; Cindy Nichols, senior lecturer in English; and NDSU creative writing students.

The brainchild of Thomas Riley, dean and professor of arts, humanities and social sciences, and Dale Sullivan, professor and head of English, with assistance from Martinson and Nichols, the Poetry on Wheels project is an effort to make poetry available and visible to the community, share local writing talent and add a creative flair to the daily bus ride.

Because of limited space and concerns over visibility, most of the poems on display are known as "short-short poems," which are very brief and condensed but lyrical, and vary in content and form.

Coordinators plan to refresh the display once or twice each semester, and hope to add more buses to the line-up as well. Poems currently are featured in the two No. 13 MAT buses and in one NDSU circulator bus.

For more information, contact Cindy.Nichols@ndsu.edu or 1-7024.

Gunkelman Award nominations reminder

Nominations are being sought for the 2005 Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award, which honors a person on campus who best contributes to creating a happy environment for students.

Students, faculty and staff are eligible for the award. Nominations should include specific examples of nominees' contributions toward a pleasant, cheerful campus during the past academic year. Nomination forms are being sent via campus mail and also are available at the Orientation and Student Success office, Ceres 211. All nominations must be received by that office by 4 p.m. Friday, April 1.

Finalists will be honored and the winner announced during a reception scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, April 21, in the Alumni Center.

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University Senate exempts ACT writing section

The University Senate has approved delaying the essay component of the American College Test exam until after the spring of 2008. The exemption was approved on a 45-3 vote at the senate's March 21 meeting.

In November, the State Board of Higher Education voted to make the essay portion of the ACT mandatory for admission, but included an exemption that allows campuses to opt out of the requirement.

The senate's resolution noted that the University Senate and Student Senate previously voted not to require the ACT writing test at NDSU, and said NDSU does not intend to use the ACT writing test scores for purposes of admission or English placement.

The senate said it would review the exemption after studying the implication of the essay scores.

Wellness Center offers facilities to returning Guard students

The NDSU Wellness Center fitness program is offering the use of its facilities to students who are returning from National Guard and Reserve military activation.

"This is a way for NDSU to say thank you to returning National Guard and Reserve students for service to their country," said Gary Narum, associate vice president for student affairs and Wellness Center director. "Making the fitness portion of the Wellness Center available to National Guard and Reserve students also helps to ease their transition back into student and civilian life."

The students must have completed the Returning Military Re-Enrollment form for one of the next two semesters. They also are asked to bring their reactivation letter from the Office of Registration and Records to the Wellness Center Control Desk to complete the necessary forms to start their membership and to pick up their membership card.

The Returning Military Re-Enrollment Form can be found at www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/deott/forms/milreactiv.shtml.

NDSU receives recruiting fair award

An NDSU informational booth received the Most Informative Booth award at the Rotary Career Symposium recruiting fair held March 1-3 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Award criteria included accessibility for questions, informative answers, distribution and explanation of materials and knowledgeable exhibit staff. Approximately 150 exhibits were eligible to receive the award.

NDSU representatives Alicia Kauffman, international student adviser in international programs; Kisha Loewen, admissions counselor; and Jim Venette, associate dean of academic programs in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources, attended the recruitment fair. The NDSU team estimated that more than 500 prospective students and parents visited the NDSU booth.

NDSU Archives launches Larew Web site

The NDSU Archives have unveiled a new Web site called "The Passion of Theatre: The Don Larew Collection," which recognizes the many contributions by Don Larew, professor of theatre arts.

The exhibit currently features scenes from 118 theatrical performances in which Larew participated, including many pictures of Little Country Theatre productions.

"In our continuing campaign to make as much of the history of NDAC/SU available as possible, we were thrilled to be able to mount such a beautiful exhibit featuring the works of Professor Larew over a 37-year period. This reflects on the creativity and diversity of not only Don, but also of the theater program here at NDSU," said Mike Robinson, archivist. "I also need to acknowledge senior computer science major Dan Hamre, who is responsible for the design and all technical aspects of the exhibit, and special thanks go to Don, who proofed and added his expertise to the final product."

Larew earned his bachelor's degree at Iowa State University and his master's degree in dramatic arts with a scenic design and technical direction emphasis from the University of Iowa.

He joined NDSU in 1969 as an instructor, rising to full professor in 1986. In addition to his responsibilities as a teacher and student adviser, he is the artistic director and designer for the Little Country Theater. He also has served as theatre arts coordinator, director of theatre and technical director of Little Country Theatre, scenic designer and technical director of the North Dakota Repertory Theatre and scenic and costume designer/technical director of NDSU's Prairie Stage Touring Company. He also has been involved in the F-M Community Theater, Red River Dance and Performing Company, Fargo-Moorhead Civic Opera, Carousel Dance Theatre and Sceno-Graphics, New Wilmington, Pa.

In 1999, Larew received the American College Theatre Festival Meritorious Achievement Award for his scenic design of "Something's Afoot." The NDSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science awarded him the Outstanding Research/Creative Award in 1992. He was awarded the American College Theatre Festival Meritorious Achievement Award for his scenic design and painting for "Helen of Troy" in 1991.

The NDSU Archives Web site on Larew can be found at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/archives/exhibitions/donlarew/introduction.htm.

People

Staff Recognition Awards announced

The Staff Senate Employee Recognition Committee has announced the recipients of this year's Staff Recognition Awards. Individual award recipients receive a \$250 cash award, two tickets to an NDSU event of their choice and an award certificate.

Individual award recipients are Jean Hagen, administrative secretary in aerospace studies; Justin Hegstad, research specialist in plant sciences; Mark Herz, building services coordinator in Facilities Management; Bill Kozojed, equipment operator in Document Publishing; Deborah Maertens, international faculty adviser in international programs;

Wendy McQuay, administrative assistant in the Center for Science and Mathematics Education; Cathy Powers, administrative assistant in Facilities Management; Judith Qualley, custodian in Facilities Management; Julie Sherwood, microbiologist in veterinary and microbiological sciences; and Arlen Skunberg, carpenter in Facilities Management.

The Team Award was given to Facilities Management/athletic department custodians Pamela Bonhus, Kurt Emanuel, Ron Kowalczyk, Colleen (C.C.) Leitheiser, Stuart Magnusson, Roger Meyer and Jim Myers. They will share a cash award, and each will receive two tickets to NDSU event of their choice and an award certificate.

Other nominees were Aaron Bergstrom, Wendy Breitbart, Peggy Cossette, Lizbeth Frannea, Vance Gerchak, Char Goodyear, Cathy Hanson, Patricia Hartsoch, Terry "Jack" Jackson, Emily Johnson, Paula Larsen, Kim Larson, Kristen Limb, Barb Lindberg, Melanie Milam, Kelly Paynter, Dale Pickar, Katrinka Rogne, Julie Smalarz, Darla Verbitsky and Stephanie Wegner.

Recipients will be honored at the Staff Recognition Luncheon scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 14, in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Artist to receive honorary doctorate

Noted North Dakota artist James Rosenquist is scheduled to receive an honorary doctorate during NDSU commencement ceremonies at 4 p.m. Friday, May 13, in the Fargodome.

Considered one of the greatest living artists of the Pop Art movement of North America, Rosenquist was born in Grand Forks, N.D. He spent his early years in the state before moving to communities in Minnesota and Ohio. In 1948, he began studying art at the Minneapolis School of Art, and later studied painting at the University of Minnesota. In 1955, he received a scholarship to the Art Students League, New York.

His first solo exhibition was in 1962 at the Green Gallery, New York. His many renowned pieces include "Zone," "F-111," "Forest Ranger," "Horse Blinders," "Horizon Home Sweet Home," "Star Thief" and "Flowers, Fish and Females for the Four Seasons."

His honors include appointment to the National Council on the Arts by then President Jimmy Carter; the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement; the Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts from the National Arts Club; the Chevalier l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by Jack Lang, French Minister of Culture; and the Skowhegan Medal of Painting from the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Maine. He also was inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame in 2001.

"Rosenquist's original vision and constant search in seeing and presenting the world in new ways has been relentless for the past 40 years," wrote Thomas Riley, dean of arts, humanities and social sciences; John Miller, director of the Division of Fine Arts; and Kimble Bromley, associate professor and chair of visual arts, in a letter of nomination. "Rosenquist has become one of the major living icons of the Pop Art movement in North America. Along with Jasper Johns, Andy Warhol and about 20 others, he has become one of the truly internationally known and respected artists of 20th century America."

His work is included in the collections of such leading institutions as the Guggenheim Museum, Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Chicago Art Institute, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam, Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Art Gallery of Ontario, Yale University Art Gallery, Tate Gallery in London and the Hara Museum of Contemporary Art in Tokyo.

"The world of art has certain individuals that achieve the status of being considered the best of their genre. One such individual is James Rosenquist," wrote Janine C. Webb, executive director of the North Dakota Council on the Arts. "This North Dakota native spent his first 11 years in Grand Forks and went on to become one of the most well-recognized pop visual artists of the United States and the world."

Rosenquist's work has been featured in such news media as the New York Times newspaper, Art News magazine, Artforum magazine, Vanity Fair magazine and "CBS Sunday Morning."

Graduate student receives NSF fellowship

Laura Nelson, a graduate student in biological sciences, has received a National Science Foundation fellowship to participate in the East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes (EAPSI) program.

Nelson plans to work in Okazaki, Japan, for approximately eight weeks during the summer months learning new techniques of and studying the role of hormones in cell division.

EAPSI provides science and engineering graduate students from the United States first-hand research experience in Australia, China, Japan, Korea or Taiwan; an introduction to the science and science policy infrastructure of the selected location; and an orientation to the location's culture and language.

The program was designed to introduce students to East Asian and Pacific science and engineering in the context of a research laboratory, and to initiate personal relationships that will enable the students to collaborate with overseas counterparts in the future.

Events

Senior art thesis exhibit scheduled

Six students graduating in visual arts will be featured in the Art Senior Thesis exhibition Thursday, March 31-Friday, April 8 in the Memorial Union Gallery.

The exhibit provides graduating seniors an opportunity to showcase skills and creativity developed while attending NDSU. The mixed media show is set to include photography, textiles, ceramics, sculpture and painting.

The exhibit will feature the work of Kathy Hagstrom, Fergus Falls, Minn.; Thea Hanson, Minot, N.D.; Amanda Henderson, Scranton, N.D.; Jeremy Jorgenson, Denver, Colo.; Kelli Martian, Grand Forks, N.D.; and Kellie Martindale, Boulder, Colo.

A reception is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m. Friday, April 1, in the Memorial Union Gallery. For more information, call 1-7900, or visit www.ndsu.nodak.edu/memorial_union/gallery/.

Civil Education Month events planned

A collection of programs focused on civic engagement, social justice, citizenship, diversity and community service has been scheduled for April during Civil Education Month. For more information on the events listed, visit www.ndsu.nodak.edu/memorial_union/civicingagement/civileducation.php#events, call 1-7787 or send e-mail to kara.stack@ndsu.edu.

The documentary film series, "Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State," will be shown in three parts during the month in the Memorial Union Century Theater. Parts one and two are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7; parts three and four are scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 18; and parts five and six are scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 25.

A "Human Race Machine" is scheduled for noon-9 p.m. Monday, April 4, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room, and Tuesday, April 5 in the Memorial Union Rose Room. The machine allows participants to see themselves with facial features of five different races in an effort to challenge perceptions about race.

The brown bag seminar "Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers," presented by internationally known speaker Kathy Martinez, is scheduled for noon Wednesday, April 6, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. Blind since birth, Martinez will share observations that unveil misconceptions and stereotypes often associated with persons with disabilities, and offer her perspectives as a woman of Hispanic and American Indian heritage to demystify the perceptions of minority cultures. The event is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU. For more information, call 1-5225.

Anti-racist writer and activist Tim Wise is scheduled to give two presentations of "Beyond 'Diversity': Challenging Racism in an Age of Backlash" Wednesday, April 13, with talks scheduled for noon in the Peace Garden Room, and 7:30 p.m. in Festival Concert Hall. Described as one of the most brilliant, articulate and courageous critics of white privilege, Wise is the author of "White Like Me: Reflections on Race From a Privileged Son," and "Affirmative Action: Racial Preference in Black and White." He has contributed to dozens of books, and also is featured in "White Men Challenging Racism: Thirty-Five Personal Stories."

"Lessons from the Holocaust" a presentation by Holocaust survivor Dr. Robert Fisch, is planned for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in the Century Theater. A pediatrician and professor at the University of Minnesota, Fisch was a Nazi concentration camp prisoner in Gurskirchen, Austria. After his liberation by American troops, he returned to his native Hungary and attended medical school. Fisch is the author of "Light from the Yellow Star: A Lesson of Love from the Holocaust" and "The Metamorphosis to Freedom."

"Boxes and Walls," an experiential "museum" built by students, is set to be open for tours 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, Prairie Rose Room. The 45-minute interactive tour takes participants through a maze of rooms, each of which focuses issues of economic disparity, homelessness, privilege, Red River Valley migrant workers and the Holocaust. Each room is sponsored by a different student organization. Guides lead the tours and facilitate discussion at its conclusion. Reservations are not required, but are suggested for groups of 15 or more.

The brown bag seminar "Gender Gap in Politics" is planned for noon Wednesday, April 27, in the Century Theater. Manjusha Gupte, assistant professor of political science, will discuss reasons why women are less likely than men to seek political office, and also will explore the gender gap and common gender stereotypes. The event is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU.

Lively Arts presents 'Precious Stones'

The Lively Arts Series and the Memorial Union will sponsor the Silk Road Theatre Project's production of "Precious Stones" set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, in Festival Concert Hall.

"Precious Stones" examines the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the "safe" yet turbulent terrain of American Diaspora. Set in Chicago in 1989, the story unfolds against a backdrop of disturbing images, as the first Palestinian uprising rages in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Two women, one Jewish, the other Palestinian, join forces to organize an Arab-Jewish dialogue group, only to find themselves falling in love. As they each cross "enemy lines," they stumble upon the disputed territories of sexuality and class. Written by Jamil Khoury, the play was named winner of Gay Chicago magazine's After Dark Award for outstanding new work in 2003.

The Silk Road Theatre Project was created to showcase playwrights of Asian, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean backgrounds whose works address themes relevant to the people of the Silk Road and their Diaspora communities. Maintaining that theatre should entertain as well as educate and promote critical thinking, the group upholds its commitment to theater that "elevates human consciousness, expands representation and challenges prevailing stereotypes."

Tickets are free for NDSU students, faculty and staff, and \$5 for non-NDSU students and the general public. Tickets may be purchased in the Student Activities office, 360C Memorial Union, or by calling 1-8458 or 1-7350.

Students to hold mock trial for Saddam Hussein

Students taking an NDSU international law course are about to put Saddam Hussein on trial. Beginning March 31, the students will conduct a six-week mock tribunal on alleged crimes by the former Iraqi leader.

"It's a case that is topical and clearly is in the news. So, it is something that students are really getting into," said Thomas Ambrosio, assistant professor of political science, who is teaching the course. "This case allows the students to do something they are interested in, it's timely and it seems 'real world' to them. It makes it fun, as well."

In the simulation, the 20 students are assigned duties as judges or on investigative teams for the prosecution and Saddam's defense. They will deal with charges of crimes against humanity for alleged atrocities against the Kurdish and Shia people, crimes of aggression for the invasions of Kuwait and Iran and war crimes for allegedly using chemical weapons during the Iran-Iraq War.

Ambrosio's course meets at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 18 of the Criminal Justice and Political Science building. For more information, contact Ambrosio at 1-7097.

Discover NDSU set for April 8-9

The Office of Admission has scheduled its spring Discover NDSU programs. Junior Day is set for Friday, April 8, and Senior Day is set for Saturday, April 9. The program is scheduled to begin both days at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Union Dakota Ballroom, with activities planned through approximately 1 p.m. A session for transfer students also is scheduled for Saturday, April 9.

Prospective students will have the opportunity to tour campus facilities and meet faculty members and current students. Information about financial aid, student involvement and other opportunities available to students on campus will be presented.

Tours of engineering and architecture facilities, NDSU Wellness Center facilities and residence halls also will be available.

Family members are invited to attend. Registration one week prior to the event is requested, and is available through the Office of Admission at 1-8643. For more information, contact Dana Davis at 1-8800 or Justin Grams at 1-8698.

TRIO Day celebration scheduled

The Office of TRIO Programs has scheduled "TRIO Day 2005" for Tuesday, April 19. The office oversees NDSU's Veterans Upward Bound, Upward Bound and the McNair Scholars program.

The celebration includes presentations by NDSU's McNair Scholars at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Dakota Ballroom. The celebration banquet follows at 6:30 p.m., with Sharon L. Etemad, president and executive dean of Lake Region State College, scheduled to be the keynote speaker.

Etemad, who has led the college since 1987, earned a doctorate in education from the University of North Dakota in 1991. She is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges and the National Rural Policy Council of the American Association of Community Colleges. Etemad is president of the Friends of Fort Totten Historic Foundation, program chair for the Devils Lake, N.D. chapter of the American Association of University Women and serves on the Devils Lake Mayor's Business Community. She received the 2004 North Dakota Commission on the Status of Women Leadership Award.

"TRIO Day is our way of celebrating the educational successes of the students that TRIO serves," said Allyn Kostecki, TRIO director. "It gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of TRIO students and demonstrate to the community that TRIO works. TRIO is a successful, effective program to improve college access for students that might not otherwise attend college. Created as part of the War on Poverty, it has been around for nearly 40 years."

TRIO programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the NDSU Division of Student Affairs. Veterans Upward Bound has been on campus since 1972, and the McNair Scholars program has been at NDSU since 1989. Upward Bound has been active on campus from 1967-95 and 1999 to the present.

For more information, contact Kostecki at 1-8028.

Shorts and Reminders

Food production management meal

A "Lunchtime Blues" food production meal is planned for 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, and Thursday, April 7, in the lower level of West Dining Center. The menu includes chicken tortilla soup, grilled vegetable sandwich, bulgur brown rice pilaf, fruits of the forest dessert and beverage. Cost is \$6.50 or free to those on a meal plan. Call 1-7023 for reservations.

Union Food Court specials for March 30-April 6

Soup of the day

Wednesday: minestrone and baked potato
Thursday: vegetable beef and chicken tortilla
Friday: chicken dumpling and navy bean
Monday: chili and knoeplfla
Tuesday: chicken noodle and beer cheese
Wednesday: wild rice and vegetarian vegetable

The Corner Deli

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

A La Carte

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

Pizza Express

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

The Union Grab and Go hot entrée

Wednesday: ham
Thursday: beef stroganoff
Friday: chicken 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
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/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 for a list of 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:

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 Health Care Pharmacy
\$21,800+/year
Open until filled

Study Abroad Adviser/#00019642

Office of International Programs
\$25,000+/year
March 31

Communications Coordinator/#00021692

Information Technology Services
\$35,000+/year
April 1

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. Approved bills are effective Aug. 1, with the exception of any tax or appropriation measures, which are effective July 1. Emergency measures become effective when filed with the Secretary of State. The Legislature's Web site is located at www.state.nd.us/lr. Friday, April 29, is session day 40 (session limited to 80 legislative days). Report as of March 22.

Senate Bills

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. Passed House 87-0. Governor signed March 7.**

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. Passed House 84-3.**

SB 2064: If applicants for state scholarships have the 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. The SBHE may establish additional criteria for applicants with the same English and mathematics scores. **Passed Senate 47-0. Passed House 87-0. Governor signed March 14.**

SB 2069: Except for active investigatory work products 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. Passed House 92-0. Governor signed March 16.**

SB 2076: Resident student for tuition purposes includes a member of 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. Passed House as amended 70-18. Senate concurred 46-0.**

SB 2077: Increases individual grant limit under North Dakota student financial assistance program from \$600 to \$1,000 per recipient per academic year. **Passed Senate as amended 43-0. Passed House 94-0. Governor signed March 16.**

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. Passed House as amended 86-12. Senate refused to concur. Conference committee appointed.**

SB 2079: Adds "emergency medical services personnel" to tuition and fee waivers. Also removes the exception for a waiver for fees to retire outstanding bonds. **Passed Senate as amended 44-0. Passed House as amended 92-0. Senate concurred 44-0. Signed by the governor March 21.**

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. Passed House as amended 86-3.**

SB 2147: The agriculture commissioner may collaborate with State Board of Animal Health, the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, NDSU beef systems and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to develop the certified beef program. **Passed Senate as amended 44-0. Passed House as amended 84-0.**

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. Passed House 71-18.**

SB 2195: The reimbursement for lodging allowance increases from \$45 to \$50. Total meal allowances increase from \$20 to \$25. **Passed Senate as amended 45-0. Passed House as amended 83-4.**

SB 2245: Changes name of the Department of Labor to Department of Labor and Human Rights. **Passed Senate 36-10. Failed Senate 44-44. Motion to reconsider failed.**

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. **Passed Senate as amended 33-14. Passed House 88-0. Signed by the governor March 16.**

SB 2323: Appropriates \$1 million to SBHE for awarding a cancer detection or treatment grant. **Passed Senate as amended 36-9. Failed House 15-75.**

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. Passed House 82-6. Governor signed March 16.**

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. Passed House 86-8. Governor signed March 16.**

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

SCR 4013: Expresses support for the Red River Valley Research Corridor. **Senate adopted. House adopted.**

House Bills

HB 1038: Creates advisory commission on No Child Left Behind. No higher education representative included on commission. **Passed House as amended 77-14. Failed Senate 0-47.**

HB 1069: Military service. A member re-employed under USERRA is entitled to receive credit for qualified military service. **Passed House as amended 89-0. Passed Senate as amended 46-0.**

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. Passed Senate 46-0. Governor signed March 16.**

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. Passed Senate as amended 45-0. House refused to concur. Conference committee appointed.**

HB 1076: Changes to licensing of teachers and provides \$1,500 increase after four years if teacher is participating in mentor program. **Passed House as amended 67-17. Passed Senate as amended 47-0.**

HB 1084: "Scope of employment" definition refined in the Tort Claims Act. **Passed House 92-0. Passed Senate 45-0. Governor signed March 7.**

HB 1091: If bids are identical, preference must be given to bids submitted by North Dakota vendors. **Passed House 92-0. Passed Senate 44-1.**

HB 1092: Repeals N.D.C.C. § 54-44.4-08 that required a certain percentage of paper purchased by a state agency to be recycled material. **Passed House as amended 83-0. Passed Senate as amended 43-3. House refused to concur. Conference committee appointed.**

HB 1129: Meal allowance for travel outside continental U.S. 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. Passed Senate 45-1. Governor signed March 8.**

HB 1170: Office of Management and Budget shall do cooperative purchases for agencies and institutions if in the best interests of the state. **Passed House as amended 89-0. Passed Senate 46-0. Governor signed March 15.**

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.**

Passed Senate 27-19. Sent to the governor. House requested the bill be returned from the governor to reconsider.

HB 1232: A school board may provide a stipend to a student teacher. **Passed House 78-9. Passed Senate 38-7.**

HB 1260: Legislative council to study public improvement contracts. **Passed House as amended 87-2. Passed Senate 44-0. Governor signed March 15.**

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. Passed Senate 45-0. Governor signed March 7.**

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. Passed Senate 46-0.**

HB 1271: Broadens the tuition waiver for dependents of veterans. **Passed House as amended 88-0. Passed Senate 47-0.**

HB 1275: Executive, legislative, and judicial branch agencies, report information technology projects costing more than \$250,000 to information technology advisory committee. **Passed House as amended 88-0. Passed Senate as amended 40-4. House refused to concur. Conference committee appointed.**

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. Passed Senate 46-0. Governor signed March 15.**

HB 1360: Provides eligibility for student loans to part-time students. **Passed House as amended 92-0. Passed Senate 46-0.**

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. Passed Senate 26-19.**

HB 1387: Removes internship requirement from technology occupations student loan program. **Passed House as amended 88-1. Failed Senate 4-41.**

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. Failed Senate 3-41.**

HCR 3005: Legislative council to study the utilization of land owned by state agencies and institutions and report to 2007 legislative assembly. **House adopted. Senate adopted as amended.**

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. Senate 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. **House adopted.**

Calendar

March

Through 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
- 30 Physics and geosciences—Klaus Kroy, University of Leipzig, Germany, “On Growth and Form of Barchan Dunes,” 4 p.m., South Engineering 208
- 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 Animal and range sciences—Barbara Handy-Marchello, University of North Dakota, “‘Carrying Half’—The Historical Role of Women in North Dakota Farming,” 3 p.m. Hultz 104

- 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.
- 4 Emergency management program lecture series—“GIS Applications for Emergency Management and Homeland Security,” 8 a.m.-noon, Memorial Union Dakota Ballroom
- 4 Civil Education Month—“Human Race Machine,” noon-9 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 5 Civil Education Month—“Human Race Machine,” 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Memorial Union Rose Room
- 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 and 7:30 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 6 Baseball vs. the University of Wisconsin-Superior, 4 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field
- 6 Physics—Dennis Tallman, professor of chemistry, “Conjugated Polymers-Advanced Coatings for Corrosion Control,” 4 p.m., South Engineering 208

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