IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

August 17, 2005 NDSU

NDSU recognized for support of Guard, Reserve

NDSU, Bethany Homes and Cass Country Electric Cooperative were recognized July 20 for their strong support of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve. The three institutions are the first in North Dakota to sign a "Five-Star" letter of support.

During a signing ceremony, NDSU President Joseph A. Chapman; Ray Weisgarber, executive director of Bethany Homes; and Scott Handy, president of Cass County Electric Cooperative, signed "Five-Star" statements, the highest level of support through a campaign by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

North Dakota Adjutant General Michael Haugen said, "This is a great day and a great thing from all three of you. Thank you for what you do for our military members. Thank you for what you do for the nation."

"In their creative, enthusiastic and steadfast support for the Guard and Reserve, NDSU, Bethany Homes and Cass County Electric have set the standard for all employers in the state of North Dakota," said Vern Fetch, ESGR executive director. "These employers have taken a lead that we hope other employers in North Dakota will follow."

President Chapman said, "I am very proud of NDSU's association with the Guard and Reserve. NDSU students, employees and alumni have served nobly in this country and overseas, and I am pleased to sign the statement of support. The world has changed, and it is critical for all of us to support those who serve in the defense of the United States."

To receive "Five-Star" status, the university reviewed its human resources policies to insure that they comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, trained managers and supervisors to effectively manage Guard and Reserve member employees, adopted "Over and Above" policies and demonstrated support for ESGR.

New employee information technology service request reminder

Departments with new employees who need information technology services are reminded that the employees must have an "EmplID" (employee identifier) in the PeopleSoft system prior to requesting services.

New employees should request the identifier through human resources, and departments also should submit the necessary paperwork to human resources prior to the employees' start date.

Once the EmplID is in the system, the employee may request IT services at http://enroll.nodak.edu.

'It's Happening' resumes weekly schedule

"It's Happening at State" resumes weekly publication with this issue. Regular publication dates are each Wednesday, and the deadline for every issue is noon Thursday prior to publication, unless otherwise indicated. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the deadline for the Sept. 7 issue is noon Wednesday, Aug. 31. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be an issue Nov. 23. Issues will be published Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. There will be no issues Dec. 21 or Dec. 28.

Changes in delivery name and/or address, and additions and deletions of faculty and staff to the "It's Happening" distribution list should be sent to char.goodyear@ndsu.edu.

DEPSCoR pre-proposals deadline announced

The Department of Defense (DEPSCoR) pre-proposals for fiscal year 2005 are due in the EPSCOR office by noon Tuesday, Aug. 30. A full description of the request for proposal is available at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/epscor/frps/index.htm. Questions should be directed to David R. Givers, at 1-7516 or david.givers@ndsu.edu.

Varsity Mart hours announced

The Varsity Mart has announced extended hours through Wednesday, Aug. 31. Financial aid charging is available through that date. Special hours planned are noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20; noon-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21; 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22-Thursday, Aug.25; 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26; and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

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Faculty receive grants through Water Resources Research Institute program

Three NDSU faculty members have received two grants totaling \$213,120 to study water issues in North Dakota and Minnesota awarded by the National Institute for Water Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey through the North Dakota Water Resources Research Institute (NDWRRI) 104(G) program.

Bob Hearne, assistant professor of agribusiness and applied economics, received a three-year grant of \$150,392 for a project titled "Assessing the Effectiveness of Local Water Institutions in Water Management." Steven Shultz, associate professor of natural resource economics, and Jay Leitch, professor in the College of Business Administration, were awarded a two-year grant of \$62,728 for a study about "The Impact of Rural Water Supply Systems on Property Values."

Under the 104(G) program, awards are available only to water research institutes or centers established pursuant to the provisions of section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act. NDWRI is one of the 54 institutes throughout the nation, one per each state and territory organized under the National Institute for Water Resources.

The state institutes run an annual base grant program 104(B) and a national competitive program 104(G), with funding coming from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Section 104(G) of the Water Resources Research Act requires that the competitive grant program focus on water problems and issues of a regional or interstate nature and relate to priorities identified jointly by the Secretary of the Interior and the water resources research institutes. Objectives of the 104 (G) program also include promoting collaboration between the Geological Society and university scientists in research on significant national and regional water resources issues; promoting the dissemination and application of the research results; and assisting in scientific training in water resource fields.

For further information, contact G. Padmanabhan, NDWRRI director, at 1-7043 or *G.Padmanabhan@ndsu.edu* or Wei Lin, interim director, at 1-6288 or *Wei.Lin@ndsu.edu*.

Libraries offer Scopus science database

The Scopus database providing research in scientific information is now available from the NDSU Libraries.

Produced by Elsevier, Scopus provides access to more than 25 million citations, abstracts and full-text links to articles from more than 14,000 titles. Researchers are able to search by subject, author or cited reference.

NDSU's three-year subscription to Scopus is made possible through a cooperative agreement with the NDSU Libraries, the University of North Dakota and funds provided by the N.D. INBRE project, NDSU INBRE and the provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The database may be accessed from the "Scopus" link on the NDSU Libraries Web page. Off-campus access is available through the "My Library" login link. For more information, call the reference desk at 1-8886.

ITS reminders listed

The Help Desk has merged with the Service Center and is located in IACC 150A. The Help Desk handles password changes, software pick up, optical mark reader (OMR) scan requests, equipment checkout and specialty printing. The multimedia area has merged with the Technology Learning Center and is located in IACC 150C.

Wireless Internet access is now available at several locations on campus, including the Library, Memorial Union, Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Family Life Center, IACC and NDSU Downtown. Wireless access is planned for the Music Education building, all engineering buildings and Sudro Hall by Aug. 22, and Minard Hall, Minard Annex, Ladd Hall, Dunbar Hall and Loftsgard Hall by Sept. 16. For more information, visit http://its.ndsu.nodak.edu/wireless.

The Technology Learning Center (TLC) and the Sponge project offer support services to instructors who assign technology-related projects. Available services include help with project planning, classroom training for students and individual assistance for students on a walk-in basis. Instructors needing more information, should contact TLC coordinator Sheree Kornkven at *Sheree.Kornkven@ndsu.edu* or visit www.ndsu.edu/sponge and www.ndsu.edu/tlc.

Instructors also have access to instrumented classrooms and multimedia carts. For further information, subscriptions to the classroom technology electronic mailing list and a complete list of instrumented classrooms and multimedia carts, visit http://its.ndsu.nodak.edu.

New videoconferencing equipment also has been installed in several locations on campus. Training and video room information are available from Tammy Cummings at 1-1090 or tammy.cummings@ndsu.edu.

The new print management system "Go-Print" has been installed in all public computer labs, campus libraries and in one of the engineering computer labs. The Responsible Printing Initiative (RPI) seeks to save technology fee funds for investment in new or improved information technology services for students, reduce student printing costs, reduce waste, and to gain efficiencies in the printing process. Under the initiative, each Bison Bucks card holder will be able to print a fixed number of copies at no charge, and additional copies will be charged to their Bison Bucks account.

The initiative is a planned discussion topic at a student government open forum set for noon Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Memorial Union Alumni Lounge. Questions about the initiative should be directed to James Ross, director of IT applications services, at 1-9722 or *James.Ross@ndsu.edu*.

People

Schwert named dean

Craig Schnell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, has announced the selection of Donald Schwert, professor of geology and director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education, as dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. Schwert was appointed for a one-year term, effective Aug. 1.

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"After an internal search, Dr. Schwert's candidacy emerged as the logical choice. Don has a long history at NDSU, and he is well connected across the state," Schnell said. "In addition, he was our Distinguished Lecturer this last year, so he has achieved at a high level. I look forward to working with him."

Schwert, who joined the NDSU faculty as a visiting assistant professor in 1978, said he is excited about the position.

"I view this as a significant opportunity for professional development for myself, but I also view it as an opportunity to serve a college that has served me very well over the past 27 years," Schwert said. "This is going to be a fun year. I'm doing this because I'm really interested in the position. I'm really interested in learning more about the college and learning about what this type of position holds. I'm interested in working with people I've really enjoyed working with in the past, but at a little different level."

Active in the World Wide Web Instructional Committee, Schwert is the program coordinator of the North Dakota IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (ND-INBRE). He also is director of the master's degree program in science education.

Among his honors are the 2005 Faculty Lectureship Award, 2001 Peltier Award for Innovation in Teaching, 1998 College of Science and Mathematics Distinguished Service Award, 1998 River-Keepers Education Award, 1997 college Outstanding Teacher Award and the 1992 Odney Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Schwert earned his bachelor's degree at Allegheny College, his master's degree in zoology at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University and his doctorate in earth sciences from the University of Waterloo (Canada).

His vita lists 32 refereed publications, 33 book chapters and reviewed proceedings and 52 presented papers. He is a member of the Geological Society of America, National Science Teachers Association, National Association of Research in Science Teaching, American Quaternary Society, Coleopterists Society, North Dakota Academy of Sciences and the North Dakota Mathematics and Science Alliance.

In addition, Schnell said he will soon name a committee to conduct a national search for a permanent dean.

NDSU reports two student deaths

Michael K. Boehm, a junior majoring in civil engineering, died July 28 at his Fargo home. He was 24.

A graduate of Dickinson, N.D., High School, Boehm was active in NDSU Student Government and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He also was a Bison Ambassador.

Amanda Viola Kongslie, 21, died July 11 near Velva, N.D., from injuries sustained in an ATV accident while spraying fence lines. She was a senior studying animal and range sciences.

At NDSU, she was active in the Pre-Vet Club, Post-Secondary Agricultural Students, Collegiate FFA, Saddle and Sirloin, livestock judging and archery club.

Survivors include her parents, Lynn and Susan Kongslie, Towner, N.D.

Student body president attends seminar in Israel

Student body president Kevin Teigen was selected to participate in Project Interchange's 12th annual Student Body Presidents Seminar held July 30-Aug. 7 in Israel. He traveled with 13 other student body presidents from universities in Oklahoma, Montana, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Utah.

The seminar, designed for first-time visitors to Israel, provides student leaders with a first-hand introduction to Israeli politics and society. Participants attend in-depth briefings with Israeli and Palestinian academics, journalists and government officials. They also tour sites of historic and religious significance.

Teigen is an agricultural economics major from Rugby, N.D. His university activities include Student Government, Saddle and Sirloin, Ag Olympics, Agri-Business Club, PAS and Collegiate Farmers Union.

Founded in 1982, Project Interchange is a national organization dedicated to providing educational seminars in Israel for America's policy and opinion makers. During the past decade, more than 3,500 Americans, including 300 students and 450 members of Congress and congressional staff, state officials, judges and journalists, have participated in the seminars.

For more information, contact Laurie Wexler, Project Interchange executive director, at (202) 833-0025 or wexler@ajc.org.

Sitz honored

Neil Sitz, administrative officer in the Office of Registration and Records, has been honored with the North Dakota Veterans Certifying Official of the Year Award by the North Dakota State Approving Agency. Sitz received his award in a ceremony Friday, July 22, in Bismarck.

The award acknowledges a certifying official for extraordinary contributions that significantly impact veterans and veteran service providers. Sitz, an NDSU employee for nearly 35 years, was selected because of his networking, leadership and for the extra effort he has provided to veteran students.

According to registrar Kristi Wold-McCormick, Sitz's primary responsibilities include certifying Veterans Administration benefits for students, awarding degrees and supporting the office staff and the campus with security and policy guidance. In addition, he has been involved in the set-up, testing and training related to NDSU's conversion to Campus Connection (PeopleSoft).

"Neil's contributions to the Office of Registration and Records and the entire NDSU community are numerous and valuable," Wold-McCormick said. "He has remarkable historical perspective and solid understanding of student records, and so many people learn from him on daily basis. He is a strong student advocate and very worthy of this recognition by the state."

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Hinderliter to receive Biophysical Society award

Anne Hinderliter, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, was named the recipient of the Biophysical Society's Margaret Oakley Dayhoff Award.

Presented in memory of a former society president, the award recognizes a woman of "very high promise" who has not yet reached a position of recognition within the structure of the academic society.

Hinderliter will receive the \$2,000 cash award at the society's annual meeting scheduled for Feb. 18-22 in Salt Lake City.

The Biophysical Society was founded in 1957 to encourage development and dissemination of knowledge in biophysics. It has more than 7,000 members who work in academia, industry and government agencies worldwide.

Collins authors World War I narrative

Ross Collins, associate professor of communication, published a 250-page examination of World War I, including narrative of events from the August 1914 outbreak to the June 1919 Treaty of Versailles.

His contribution to this two-volume work in the Greenwood Library of American War Reporting included a 5,000-word introduction to the study of the war and excerpts from approximately two dozen U.S. newspapers.

Guo receives NIH grant

Bin Guo, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, has received a two-year, \$245,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH-R21) to conduct research into the molecular mechanism of cancer cell apoptosis.

The proposed research will center on "bax," one of the two key proteins that control the mitochondrial pathway of apoptosis. Bax exists in an inactive state, and is activated by anticancer drugs, killing cancer cells through apoptosis by an unknown mechanism. The project's focus will aim to determine the molecular mechanism by which apoptotic stimuli activate bax.

Guo also recently received a \$106,000 grant from the Department of Defense breast cancer research program to conduct research on a novel membrane-permeable, breast-targeting pro-apoptotic peptide for treatment of breast cancer.

For more information about the NIH-R21 program, visit http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-041.html.

Okigbo participates in Harvard fundraising study program

Charles Okigbo, professor of communication, is participating in a Harvard University program on securing funds for international projects. Okigbo plans to teach the program to NDSU graduate students.

Tri-College names interim provost

The Tri-College University (TCU) board of directors has announced the appointment of Susanne L. Williams as interim provost.

Williams is assistant to the president for university communication at Minnesota State University Moorhead, where she also was tenured and promoted to associate professor of mass communication. Prior to joining MSUM in 1998, she was an assistant professor of communication at NDSU, and before that, the information officer for the Wayne State University College of Nursing, Detroit.

She completed a bachelor's degree in speech communication at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a master's degree and doctorate in communication at Wayne State University.

The search for the permanent TCU provost position begins in August. Applications will be available in September via the TCU Web site at *www.tri-college.org*. Inquiries regarding the search and position may be directed to Sonia Hohnadel, TCU communications coordinator, at 1-8170.

Incorporated in 1970, TCU promotes cooperative efforts by its three member institutions to enrich the academic and cultural environment for the benefit of students, faculty and the community. The TCU board is chaired by Pamela Jolicoeur, president of Concordia College. Board members include Joseph Chapman, president of NDSU; Roland Barden, president of MSUM; and community members Bruce Furness, Shirley Montgomery, Douglas Sillers, Mary Davies and Ryn Pitts.

Events

Alumni Association to host football tailgating parties

The NDSU Alumni Association has scheduled pre-game tailgating parties for four away footballs games during the 2005 season. Cost of each event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

The Bison take on Northwestern State University Saturday, Sept. 10, in Natchitoches, La. A pre-game party is planned for 4 p.m. with kick-off set for 6 p.m. Attendees should register by Friday, Sept. 2.

A pre-game party is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, as the Bison travel to Montana State University-Bozeman. Game time is set for 1:05 p.m. Attendees should register by Friday, Sept. 16.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the Bison take on Southern Utah University, Cedar City. The pre-game event is set for 4 p.m. with kick-off at 6 p.m. Attendees should register by Friday, Oct. 21.

The Bison travel to Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Saturday, Nov. 19. The pre-game event is planned for 1 p.m. with game time set for 3 p.m. Attendees should register by Friday, Nov. 11.

Complete information, including online registration, game ticket information, directions, maps and hotel information is available at *www.ndsualumni.com* or by calling 1-6800.

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FrontLine Leadership program planned

The Office of the President and the Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance are set to sponsor FrontLine Leadership, a management and supervisory leadership program scheduled for 13 weeks in September through December.

The following topics are scheduled for the 13 sessions:

 Core Interpersonal Skills:
 FrontLine Leadership: Your Role and the Basic Principles Giving Constructive Feedback
 Dealing with Emotional Behavior
 Recognizing Positive Results

• Individual/Team Performance: Establishing Performance Expectations Taking Corrective Action Coaching for Optimal Performance Clarifying Team Roles and Responsibilities Resolving Team Conflicts

 Organizational Impact: Confronting Issues with Your Manager and Peers Managing Change
 Expressing Yourself: Presenting Your Thoughts and Ideas NDSU/NDUS: Supervising in the Public Sector Environment

The course is open to all managers and supervisors within the university, but does not cover issues specific to faculty. Each session runs 3.5 hours.

For an application or information about funding to attend FrontLine Leadership, contact Annette Graves in human resources at 1-8961 or *annette.graves@ndsu.edu*.

TechGYRLS after-school program set

The Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, the NDSU student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and the YWCA Cass Clay will sponsor TechGYRLS, an after-school program for girls in grades 4-7. The 10-week program is set to begin Monday, Sept. 26.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about computers and make an animated calendar with the Microworlds program, and can learn how to build and program their own Lego robots with LEGORobotics.

For more information, contact Canan Bilen-Green, assistant professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering, at 1-7040 or Canan.Bilen.Green@ndsu.edu, or info@ywcacassclay.org.

Computational sciences session planned

The "Computational Sciences at NDSU Poster Session" is set for noon-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. The event is sponsored by the Computational Sciences Journal Club and the Center for High Performance Computing.

Persons interested in presenting a research poster should submit a 400-word maximum abstract to Emilio Xavier Esposito, staff scientist in chemistry, at *emilio.esposito@ndsu.edu* by Monday, Sept. 26. Additional information is available at http://mmbstudio.chem.ndsu.nodak.edu/csjc/poster2005.htm.

Wellness Center 5k run, walk set

"Run Through SU," the fourth annual 5k and one-mile fun run/walk hosted by the NDSU Wellness Center and wellness education leaders, is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Wellness Center. Also planned are a diaper derby and kid's quarter-mile race.

Awards will be given to the top finishers in each race category. All diaper derby and kid's quarter-mile participants will receive a prize. Early entry fees are \$12 per person for the 5k run and \$6 for the mile walk if received by Aug. 26. Fees are \$15 and \$8 on race day. Entry fees for the diaper derby and kid's quarter-mile race are \$5 each.

For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu/wellness, or contact Brent Parmer, associate director of fitness programs, at 1-8317.

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Shorts and Reminders

Positions Available

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

Receptionist College of Graduate Studies \$19,500+/year Aug. 19

Administrative Clerk/#00022678 Registration and Records \$21,500+/year Aug.19

Custodian/#00018620 Facilities Management M-F; 3:30 p.m.-midnight \$17,422+/year Aug. 17

Custodian/#00019942 Residence Life \$17,340+/year August 22 (extended)

P.M. Custodian/#00021701 10-month position; 40 hours/week M-F; 2-10:30 p.m.; summer hours may vary; weekends as necessary Dining Services-Memorial Union \$8+hour Open until filled

Lead Caterer/#00023314 12-month position; 40 hours/week M-F; 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; some evenings Dining Services-Union Dining Center \$8+/hour Open until filled

Baker/#00023548

Open until filled

12-month position; 40 hours/week
Tuesday-Saturday; hours vary; primarily 4 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dining Services
\$11.10+/hour

Chemist/#00020693 Plant Sciences \$25,000+/year Aug. 19 (extended)

Lab Coordinator (11- or 12-month position) Psychology \$23,000+/year Aug. 24

Research Specialist-Livestock Carrington R/E Center Carrington, N.D. Commensurate with education and experience Open until filled Insect Physiologist/#00020607 Entomology Commensurate with education and experience Open until filled

Fire Planning and Prevention Specialist/#00021051 N.D. Forest Service Bismarck \$28,500+/year Aug. 20

HRMS Business Analyst/#00023777 North Dakota University System (NDUS)-CIS/HECN/HRMS Salary commensurate with experience Open until filled

Fire Management Specialist/#00019422 North Dakota Forest Service-Bismarck \$28,134/year Open until filled

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

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Calendar

August

- Soccer vs. Jamestown College, 4 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 22 Classes begin
- 24 Physics—Abraham Ungar, professor of mathematics, "The Hyperbolic Vector Algebra of Einstein Velocity Addition Law," 4 p.m., South Engineering 208
- 25 NDSU Career Center Part-time Jobs Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- Wellness Center—"Run Through SU" 5k run and one mile fun run/walk, 8:30 a.m., Wellness Center

September

- Soccer vs. University of Mary, 4 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- 1 Football vs. Arkansas-Monticello, 7 p.m., Fargodome
- 4 Soccer vs. University of Northern Iowa, noon, Ellig Sports Complex
- 5 Labor Day holiday; university closed
- 9 Volleyball—Doublewood Inn Classic, noon and 8 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- Volleyball—Doublewood Inn Classic, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- 17 Football vs. Weber State University, 6 p.m., Fargodome
- 18 Soccer vs. University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, noon, Ellig Sports Complex

October

- Football vs. Nicholls State University, 6 p.m., Fargodome
- 7 Volleyball vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- Volleyball vs. University of Northern Colorado, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldshouse
- Volleyball vs. Minnesota State University Moorhead, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- Soccer vs. University of Northern Colorado, 3 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- Volleyball vs. University of Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- Volleyball vs. Brandon University, 7 p.m., Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse

- Soccer vs. University of Montana, noon, Ellig Sports Complex
- Soccer vs. Utah Valley State College, 3 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex
- Volleyball vs. South Dakota State University, 7 p.m., Bentson Bumker Fieldhouse
- 22 Football vs. University of California, Davis (Homecoming), 1 p.m., Fargodome
- 23 Soccer vs. South Dakota State University, noon, Ellig Sports Complex

November

- 5 Football vs. University of Northern Colorado (Harvest Bowl), 1 p.m., Fardogome
- 11 Veteran's Day holiday; university closed
- Football vs. South Dakota State University, 6 p.m., Fargodome
- 24 Thanksgiving Day; university closed

December

- 9 Last day of classes
- 16 Commencement, 5 p.m., Fargodome

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