

Chapman invites commencement participation

President Joseph A. Chapman is inviting faculty and staff to participate in winter commencement activities scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, in the Fargodome.

"It is a very positive symbol of individual student success, family and community pride, and faculty and staff support," Chapman wrote in a Nov. 8 letter to faculty and staff. "I have always felt that individuals who do not attend commencement miss one of the most exciting days on our campus and forfeit a full perspective on the wonders of the collegiate experience."

Tom Barnhart, professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, will serve as faculty marshal in charge of arranging the processional.

Scheels makes \$1 million gift for business building

Scheels All Sports Inc., Fargo, has presented a \$1 million gift toward the construction of a new \$13 million building for NDSU's College of Business Administration. The contribution was announced by President Joseph A. Chapman and Ron Johnson, dean of business administration.

The gift comes to the university as an element of "Momentum: the \$75 Million Campaign for NDSU" that is being conducted by the NDSU Development Foundation.

"This generous gift from a respected Fargo-based business is tremendously exciting," Chapman said. "The Scheel family is a long-time supporter and friend of the College of Business Administration, and this outstanding gift is much appreciated. The contribution will have a lasting and meaningful impact on future NDSU business students and the region's business community."

"Scheels is making the gift to NDSU, not in hope of what might be, but because of the track record that President Chapman and NDSU have in developing NDSU into an institution of excellence, an institution of choice," said Steve Scheel, Scheels All Sports Inc. chief executive officer. "We are absolutely confident that President Chapman and the leadership at NDSU will use our gift and the gifts of others to establish a first-class College of Business at NDSU, which will serve to expand on the research, the technology, the engineering, the agriculture and the other programs that make NDSU the first choice for students in and out of our region."

The 90,000-square foot structure will include 15 classrooms that will seat 30-80 students. One 60-seat classroom will feature a digital stock market ticker, television screens for business news and video conferencing equipment. Another classroom is designed to meet the needs of students in the MBA and executive education programs. The Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics also will be located in the building.

"This building project is critical for the continuing evolution of the College of Business Administration as it participates in the 'transformation' process led by President Chapman," said Johnson. "While it is important because it will provide a marvelous new campus facility, its real value is in what it will provide to our students. The building will bring together their business faculty in one place, provide them with classrooms in one place, provide them with attractive quiet study areas that are conducive to learning, make available study areas for group discussions, and so much more.

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Staff Senate blood drive scheduled

The NDSU Staff Senate has scheduled a blood drive for 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 and Friday, Dec. 2, in the United Blood Services Mobile Unit located on the west side of the Memorial Union.

The first 50 donors will receive a gift of a hat, bracelet or t-shirt, and refreshments will be served to all donors. Identification is required and appointments are encouraged. To make an appointment, go to www.bloodhero.com and use sponsor code NDSUStaffsenate, or call Tammy at 1-7558. Donors should allow one hour for the donation process.

'It's Happening' holiday schedule reminder

"It's Happening" will be published on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. Regular deadlines apply. There will be no issues Dec. 21 or Dec. 28. The regular schedule resumes Jan. 4. The deadline for that issue is noon Thursday, Dec. 29. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Jan. 16, the deadline for the Jan. 18 issue is noon Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Next Issue

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"In addition to being pleased with the ongoing commitment of faculty to their education, business students will now be able to be proud of their new home," said Johnson. "I had the pleasure of serving as dean at a previous institution when we built a new building, and I know how uplifting a new facility can be to everyone associated with the college."

According to Johnson, one of the primary goals of the college is to provide a bridge between education and economic development. He said the Scheels gift goes a long way in providing a more collaborative environment for faculty, students and the business community to share knowledge, foster innovative solutions and increase entrepreneurial activity.

"It is also envisioned that the new business building will serve as an important link to the very supportive business community," Johnson said. "The college currently is the beneficiary of the good will and active participation of the business community and it is anticipated that the new facility will only serve to make that linkage stronger."

The new structure is expected to provide many new opportunities for students, said Scheel.

"Business is fascinating and complex. Business is extremely challenging and rewarding. Entrepreneurship is exciting," Scheel said. "There is no question in our minds that NDSU will develop a center of excellence in their College of Business, and that young people in our region will have to look no further than NDSU for the education and leadership skills that they need to pursue a career in business."

Development Foundation accepting grant applications

The NDSU Development Foundation Grants and Awards Committee is accepting applications from faculty and staff for grants from four funds for the 2005-06 academic year. The application deadline is Jan. 20.

The Centennial Endowment Fund can provide maximum awards of \$5,000, with a total of \$16,530 available. It supports professorships, scholarships, biotechnology, faculty development, libraries and cultural arts.

The NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees Endowment can provide maximum awards of \$1,000, with a total of \$3,000 available. It supports general programs across campus.

The NDSU Development Foundation Libraries Endowment has \$3,040 available. It supports requests from any academic unit on campus for materials that will enhance the collections or operations of university libraries.

The NDSU Development Foundation Gordon A. Larson Agricultural Research Fund has \$9,240 available for awards. This fund has no maximum award amount and supports competitive grants for agricultural research efforts conducted at NDSU.

Faculty and staff can obtain copies of application forms for all four awards are available at www.ndsufoundation.com/grants.htm. The NDSU Development Foundation will notify applicants of funding decisions prior to April 1, 2006.

Faculty cluster software request deadlines announced

Faculty members who plan to request special software for public computer clusters for use at the start of spring semester are reminded that requests must be submitted by Dec. 10. Requests received after Dec. 10 and before Feb. 1 are expected to be installed and ready for use by Feb. 15.

Software requests for summer courses also must be received by Feb. 1.

Software installation requests forms may be submitted online at www.ndsu.nodak.edu/its/depts/clusters/software_installation_request.shtml. For more information, contact Jim Sellner, programmer analyst in Information Technology Services, at 1-6231 or Jim.Sellner@ndsu.edu.

Dietetics program accredited

NDSU's Didactic Program in Dietetics and Coordinated Program in Dietetics have received accreditation, according to Lynette Winters, senior lecturer and program coordinator.

The programs received full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of the American Dietetics Association (ADA). The initial accreditation of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and continued accreditation of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CPD) follow a yearlong self-study and site visit from peer reviewers with expertise in dietetics education and practice.

"The accreditation is a credit to the institution, the department and the faculty who worked hard throughout the process. It ensures that our students are receiving a high quality education," said Winters.

CADE is the ADA's accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for careers as registered dietitians. Recognized by the U.S. Education Department and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, CADE establishes and enforces eligibility requirements and accreditation standards that ensure the quality and continued improvement of nutrition and dietetics education programs.

An NDSU alumna, Winters came to campus in 1999. She has been the program coordinator of CPD since 1999 and has directed the DPD program since 2001. Prior to coming to NDSU, she worked as a clinical dietitian at several hospitals and as food services director at Eventide, Moorhead, Minn.

Staff Senate seeks nominations

Staff Senate will accept nominations and hold an election for a senator in the 4000 (Technical and Paraprofessional) band and a senator in the 7000 (Services) band at its December meeting. Interested persons may forward nominations to election committee chair Susan Bornsen at 1-6339 or susan.bornsen@ndsu.edu, or co-chair Heather Heger at 1-8293 or heather.heger@ndsu.edu.

"Please consider nominating someone," Heger said. "If you have run for positions in the past and didn't get elected, always be encouraged to run to again. We also encourage you to get involved in your Staff Senate."

Algerian inspectors train at NCI

Five inspectors from the Algerian government attended a Lentil Grading and Inspection Seminar at the Northern Crops Institute (NCI) Nov. 16-17. They also toured lentil production and processing operations in western North Dakota prior to their campus visit.

"Algeria may become a large market for the United States as we increase production of the large green lentils, which are popular in Algeria. During a trade mission last year, our exporters met with several buyers throughout Algeria. Relationships are to a point where we hope to have consistent trading with Algeria," said Eric Bartsch, administrator of the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council. "Through this class, we want to make the Algerian government officials aware of the U.S. grading standards so that when they do get in U.S. product, there will be no question of how to grade U.S. lentils."

Sponsors included the USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council, North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Association and the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service.

Vertical writing curriculum delayed

The implementation of a vertical writing curriculum initiative has been delayed until the fall of 2007. The University Senate approved the delay at its Nov. 14 meeting.

Originally expected to be in place for the fall of 2006, the conversion to PeopleSoft software was cited as the reason for the delay.

The initiative adds an upper-division writing-intensive course that is closely related to a student's discipline. It also allows for first-year students who have a composite ACT score of 21 or above to move directly to English 120, while receiving credit for English 110. According to English department estimates, about 75 percent of first-year students will not need to take English 110.

People

Ripplinger receives scholarship award

David Ripplinger, research assistant with the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, recently was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Transportation Research Forum Foundation.

Ripplinger is pursuing a doctoral degree in transportation and logistics. He uses computer modeling and statistics to evaluate mobility and transit issues for the institute's Small Urban and Rural Transit Center. A native of Devils Lake, N.D., Ripplinger earned a bachelor's degree from NDSU and a master's degree in economics from Iowa State University.

The Transportation Research Forum and its foundation provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among practitioners, researchers and government officials regarding all aspects of logistics and for both domestic and international issues. The foundation's scholarship program supports students studying transportation who intend to pursue careers in that field.

Sellnow, Littlefield crisis communication case studies published

"Lessons Learned About Protecting America's Food Supply," a book of case studies edited by Timothy L. Sellnow and Robert S. Littlefield, professors of communication, recently was published by the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies.

The book is a collection of case studies identifying best practices in crisis and risk communication with a focus on public relations, communication ethics, the urgency of dissemination and the need for efficiency. In addition to identifying the best practices, the collection enables various publics who may be in crises to review and consider the responses and lessons learned by those with first-hand experience in dealing with similar situations.

The featured case studies include "Social Responsibility: Lessons Learned from Schwan's Salmonella Crisis," Jeremy J. McIntyre, graduate student; "Chi-Chi's Crisis: Lessons Learned Through the Use of Organizational Apologia," Lisa Sjoberg, graduate student; "Jack in the Box: Lessons Learned by Accepting Responsibility," Littlefield; "Crisis Plans and Interagency Coordination: Lessons Learned from Tainted Strawberries in the School Lunch Program," Julie M. Novak, graduate student; "Monsanto's Genetically Engineered Wheat Crisis: Lessons Learned from Faulty Diffusion Strategies," Agnes N. Lyonga, graduate student; "Biological Terrorism and the Local Community: Communication Needs and Response," by Patric R. Spence, Western Kentucky University, and Kenneth A. Lachlan, Boston College.

The collection is part of the "Risk+Crisis Communication" project that began at NDSU in 2000 with funding from a cooperative agreement with the Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, the Centers for Disease Control and Protection and the Department of Homeland Security. For more information, or to request copies, contact Littlefield at R.Littlefield@ndsu.edu.

Hough named to NTI board

Jill Hough, research assistant with the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, recently was named to a three-year term on the advisory board of the National Transit Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

Hough is director of the UGPTI's Small Urban and Rural Transit Center. The center provides research, training and education for transit providers in nine states.

"Serving on the NTI advisory board is a nice fit with my responsibilities here," Hough said. "NTI's emphasis is on training, and we'll be able to tap into that and possibly partner with NTI to meet the needs of our clients. Also, I'm able to bring a university voice and a small urban perspective to the board."

The advisory committee meets about twice a year.

NTI provides training, education and clearinghouse services in support of public transportation and quality of life in the United States. The institute receives approximately \$4 million in annual funding from the Federal Transit Administration. The advisory board provides input to both the institute and the Federal Transit Administration to create annual work programs and identify priorities for the development of training to serve the needs of the transit industry.

Assistant dean named

David Saxowsky, associate professor of agribusiness and applied economics, has been named the new assistant dean of the College of Graduate Studies, according to dean David Wittrock. He will begin his new duties in January.

Saxowsky joined the NDSU faculty in 1981. He served as director of NDSU's Department of Agriculture Communication from 1998-2004.

According to Wittrock, the position was created as a result of the reorganization of the college this past summer. The college now includes Distance and Continuing Education and oversight of seven interdisciplinary graduate programs.

"Dr. Saxowsky's experience in agriculture communication and his experiences in distance education will provide great leadership as we continue to develop our distance education offerings at NDSU," Wittrock said.

Saxowsky earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree in agricultural economics from NDSU, and his juris doctor degree from Ohio State University. He received the 1999 North Dakota Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association Outstanding Service Award, the Chancellor's 1997 Award for Academic Leadership and 1997 Mortar Board Preferred Professor. He is a member of the North Dakota Bar Association, American Agricultural Law Association and the American Bar Association.

Business administration appointments announced

Gerry Macintosh, professor of marketing and chair of management, marketing and finance, has been appointed to the editorial review board of the Journal of Personal Selling and Sales Management. Jae Min Jung, assistant professor of management, marketing and finance, has been appointed to the abstract review board of the same publication. The journal is devoted exclusively to the publication of peer-reviewed articles in the field of selling and sales management.

Bonnie Klamm, assistant professor of accounting and information systems, was recognized by Microsoft Corp. for her dedication and assistance to the Microsoft Business Solutions Academic Alliance at the company's "Convergence2005," held recently in San Diego.

In addition to using the product in her classes, Klamm was recognized for establishing the NDSU-hosted Academic Alliance Blackboard Curriculum Repository, developing a database of Alliance members and encouraging Alliance team members and partners to participate in her classes.

The Tri-College Chapter of the Student Human Resource Association (SHRA) earned a superior merit award for 2004-05 from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). The award program recognizes professional chapters for their exceptional ability in operations, the professional development of chapter members and promotion of the profession and support of SHRM in partnership. Charles Stevens, associate professor of management, marketing and finance, is the chapter adviser.

Bauroth article published

"The Influence of Elections on Special District Revenue Policies: Special Democracies or Automaton of the State?" an article by Nicholas Bauroth, assistant professor of political science, was published in the fall 2005 issue of State and Local Government Review.

The article examined differences between special districts governed by elected officials and special districts overseen by political appointees. It asserts that the presence of elected officials on a district's governing board leads to a reduced reliance upon property taxes for revenues, and that governing board elections are an effective means by which local residents may influence district policies.

Pharmacy practice faculty articles published

"Pharmacological Management of Gestational Asthma," an article by Wendy Brown, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was published in the September issue of U.S. Pharmacist.

"Factors Related to Microalbuminuria in Non-Diabetic Elderly Males with Normal Renal Function," an article by Jeanne Frenzel, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was published in a recent issue of Hospital Pharmacy.

Events

Public policy symposium scheduled

The Tri-College University announced the second annual Gov. George Sinner Public Policy Symposium, scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Roland Dill Center for the Arts on the campus of Minnesota State University Moorhead.

The symposium, with the theme "Rethinking public policy responses to the misuse of alcohol and other drugs," is intended to engage public policy makers, leaders and students from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba.

Scheduled participants include Karin L. Walton, North Dakota Higher Education Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention; Terry Dwelle, North Dakota Department of Health; Dianne Mandernach, Minnesota Department of Health; Joel Kettner, Manitoba chief medical officer of health; Doneen Hollingsworth, South Dakota secretary of health; Pamela Jolicoeur, Concordia College; Roland Barden, MSUM; Susanne Williams, Tri-College; George Wallman, NDSU vice president for student affairs; MSUM student Michelle Walter; Concordia student Whitney Frahm; NDSU student Stephanie Martin; Christopher Magnus, Fargo Police; Minn. State Rep. Morris Lanning; Dick Schaefer, Touch Love Center, Fargo; and Sinner.

The moderator is scheduled to be Dick Gross, North Dakota Consensus Council.

The symposium was created in 2004 to honor Sinner's role in founding the Tri-College and to recognize his 35-year membership on its board of directors.

Flu shot clinic offered

Flu vaccinations will be available to NDSU faculty, staff and students, during a one-day clinic scheduled for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room.

Shots are \$18 each, and may be paid by cash or check. Students may bill the cost to their student account.

Questions should be directed to the Student Health Service at 1-7331. Information also will be available online at <http://wellness.ndsu.nodak.edu>.

5:01 Entrepreneur Society meeting set

A meeting of the 5:01 Entrepreneur Society is scheduled for 5:01-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the NDSU Research and Technology Park Research I offices. Eide Bailly LLP representatives are scheduled to discuss "Keys to Financing a New Business Start-Up."

Eide Bailly senior management consultant Tim Moore is the planned featured speaker. Moore's presentation is designed to provide new business owners with a basic toolkit preparing them to receive funding. The presentation will focus on the critical elements a business needs to bring together in order to get off the ground, including an overall strategy, debt financing and equity financing.

Moore is a Certified Public Accountant with more than 20 years of experience providing leadership for financing, financial packaging, utilization of economic development assistance programs, financial projections and business planning. As a member of Eide Bailly's management consulting team, he helps businesses develop strategic plans, identify and implement operational improvements, maximize profit potential and assist with forecasts and projections.

The meeting is sponsored by Eide Bailly which provides an array of services, including tax, audit and accounting services; employee benefits design and administration; human resources solutions; integrated financial planning; technology solutions; fraud prevention, detection and investigation; business transformation services; and consulting services.

For additional information or to R.S.V.P., contact Jan Sobolik at 1-6698, or register online at www.ndsuresearchpark.com/infoeventsservices.epl.

Late night breakfast scheduled

A late night breakfast for students studying for finals has been scheduled for 9-11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Residence Dining Center.

Residence hall staff and other faculty and staff will be in attendance to socialize with students and wish them luck on finals. All interested faculty and staff are invited to attend or to cook and serve the breakfast.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Residence Life, Dining Services and the Residence Hall Association.

For more information, or to participate, contact Melissa Evensen at 1-4390 or Melissa.Evensen@ndsu.edu.

'Megaconference' videoconferencing event set

Videoconferencing sites worldwide are set to participate in the seventh annual "Megaconference" scheduled for 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. The NDSU location is IACC 422.

The conference was designed to advance the use of videoconferencing in education and research, and promote state-of-the-art videoconferencing technology. Scheduled presentations include speakers from the United States, Egypt, Sweden, India, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Scotland, Canada, China, Hong Kong and Brazil.

Approximately 400 are registered for the conference. The program schedule and additional information are available at www.megaconference.org/. The campus community is invited to visit the conference at any time during the day. For more information, contact Sandy Sprafka, videoconferencing administrator in Information Technology Services, at Sandy.Sprafka@ndsu.edu or 1-8688.

Small group communication presentations scheduled

Students in the small group communication class have scheduled presentations on their problem-based learning projects for the semester. Presentations are scheduled for 2 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 2 and Dec. 5, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room. The class is taught by Jeff Child, graduate assistant.

"Helping the FirstLink Organization" is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 30. The class worked on a trial-based fundraising event for children's winter accessories with FirstLink, an organization linking people and resources in Cass and Clay Counties and the surrounding area. The presentation will include photos and video clips that highlight the fundraising process, as well as identify difficulties and successes.

"Helping the Birthright Organization" is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2. The group's project was to redecorate the organization's offices and transform them into an inviting environment. Two NDSU interior design students assisted with the project. The presentation will include before and after pictures, and a look at the group process.

"Helping the YWCA" is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5. The presentation will highlight concepts and theories from the class and demonstrate how they were used in the project to assist the YWCA create a fundraiser toward which college students would be willing to contribute. The group developed a "toga party" to collect donations for the YWCA.

Binge drinking brown bag seminar set

"Binge Drinking and Power Hours: A Mom's Heartfelt Story," is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Memorial Union Peace Garden Room.

Anne Buchanan will tell the story of how her son, Jason Reinhardt, died after binge drinking in March 2004.

The event is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU.

Shorts and Reminders

Union Food Court specials for Nov. 30-Dec. 7

Soup of the day

Wednesday: cheeseburger and vegetarian vegetable
 Thursday: chicken tortilla and beef noodle
 Friday: minestrone and tomato
 Monday: knoepfla and zesty Italian
 Tuesday: wild rice and chicken noodle
 Wednesday: chicken tortilla and broccoli cheese

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: ham
 Thursday: roast beef
 Friday: your choice
 Monday: turkey
 Tuesday: chicken Caesar wrap
 Wednesday: turkey bacon

A La Carte

Wednesday: carved honey glazed ham
 Thursday: chicken rosemary
 Friday: pasta bar
 Monday: beef stroganoff
 Tuesday: taco salad
 Wednesday: carved turkey breast

Pizza Express

Wednesday: meat lovers
 Thursday: Southwestern chicken
 Friday: Red River
 Monday: once around the kitchen
 Tuesday: chicken bacon club
 Wednesday: creamy garlic chicken

Hot wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: Italian
 Thursday: garlic chicken
 Friday: veggie
 Monday: taco
 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 all 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:

Administrative Assistant/#00018820
 Northern Crops Institute
 \$25,000+/year
 Dec. 2

Salad Preparation/#00021237
 Nine months; 40 hours week
 M-F; 3 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 Dining Services
 \$7.65+/hour
 Dec. 1

Employment Records Technician/#00022946
 Office of Human Resources/Payroll
 \$23,000+/year
 Dec. 6

Account Tech/#00020195
 Business Office
 \$21,500+/year
 Dec. 6

Communications Specialist
 Office of Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer (RCATT)
 \$33,000+/year
 Dec. 1

Chemist
 Plant Sciences
 \$25,000+/year
 Dec. 5 (extended)

Research Specialist/#00019519
 Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
 Salary is competitive
 Open until filled

Laboratory Technician
 Coatings and Polymeric Materials
 \$30,000+/year
 Open until filled

Budget Assistant
 Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer (RCATT)
 \$25,000+/year
 Nov. 29; Dec. 6 (external)

Custodian/#00019661
 Residence Life
 \$17,340+/year
 Dec. 7

Instrument Technician
 M-F; 20 hours/week; flexible hours between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Psychology
 \$10,400+/year
 Open until filled

Network Engineer
 Information Technology Services
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Open until filled

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

Calendar

November

- Through Dec. 16 Baccalaureate exhibition, Reineke Gallery
- 30 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar, “HIV/AIDS: Protect Yourself,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 30 Physics—Emmanuel Mbamala, post-doctoral research fellow in physics, “A Poisson-Boltzmann Model for Mixed Cationic Lipid Bilayers,” 4 p.m., South Engineering 221

December

- 1 Flu shot clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room
- 1 Geosciences—Michele Tuttle, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, “Weathering of Black Shale in Dry and Humid Climates: Environmental Consequences Past and Present,” 10 a.m., Stevens 134
- 1 Geosciences—Michele Tuttle, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, “Gas Cloud Kills Thousands at Lake Nyos, Africa: Identifying the Culprit and Saving Lives in the Future,” 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 1-2 Staff Senate blood drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., United Blood Services Mobile Unit, Memorial Union west entrance
- 2-4 Madrigal Dinners, 6 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$35 and are available by calling 1-9442.
- 2 Plant pathology—D.C. Coston, vice president for agriculture and university extension, and Ken Grafton, dean of agriculture, food systems, and natural resources and North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station director, “Future Directions for Agriculture in North Dakota,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 2 Animal and range sciences—Dong R. Bae, graduate student, “How Do the New Protein Rules Affect What We Feed;” Lawrence Mabasa, graduate student, “Effect of Supplemental L-Lysine-HCL and Corn Source on Rumen Fermentation and Amino Acid Flow to the Small Intestine,” 3 p.m., Hultz 104
- 4 Winter choral and brass concert, 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 4 Womens' basketball vs. Middle Tennessee State University, 2 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 5 USDA-ARS —Richard Amasino, University of Wisconsin, “Vernalization: An Environmentally-Induced Epigenetic Switch in Arabidopsis,” 3 p.m., Biosciences Research Laboratory large conference room

- 5 Jazz ensembles concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 6 Research and Technology Park—5:01 Entrepreneur Society meeting, Tim Moore, Eide Bailly LLC, “Keys to Financing a New Businesses Start-Up,” 5:01 p.m., Research I offices
- 6 Wind ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 7 YMCA of NDSU—brown bag seminar, “Binge Drinking and Power Hours: A Mom’s Heartfelt Story,” noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 8 Percussion ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 9 Last day of classes
- 9 Ceramics and printmaking sale, noon-6 p.m., Downtown Gallery
- 9 Plant pathology—Seong-Hee Lee, graduate student, “Host Resistance to Septoria Speckled Leaf Blotch and Population Genetic Structure of *Septoria passerinii*,” 1 p.m., Loftsgard 114
- 10 Musical Theatre Troupe production of “Strictly Sondheim,” 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium. Free.
- 11 Baroque Festival presents Handel’s “Messiah,” 2 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Call 1-9442 for tickets.
- 12 Late night breakfast, 9-11 p.m., Residence Dining Center
- 13 Women’s basketball vs. Minnesota State University Moorhead, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 13 Men’s basketball vs. University of Denver, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 15 Western Dakota Crops Day, Hettinger, N.D., Armory. Call (701) 567-4323 for details.
- 16 USDA-ARS —Tracey A. Bodo Slotta, researcher geneticist in plant sciences, “Canada Thistle in North America: Distribution, Evolution and Diversity,” 10 a.m., Biosciences Research Laboratory large conference room
- 16 Commencement, 5 p.m., Fargodome
- 16 Women’s basketball vs. University of Minnesota Duluth, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 16 Wrestling vs. North Carolina State, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 17 Men’s basketball vs. Idaho State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 18 Men’s basketball vs. Manhattan, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20 Women’s basketball vs. University of Alabama, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

January

- 5 Men's basketball vs. Utah Valley State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 14 Men's basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 17 Women's basketball vs. Valley City State University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 17 Men's basketball vs. University of Missouri-Kansas City, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20 Wrestling vs. Portland State University, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 21 Women's basketball vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 24 Men's basketball vs. University of Idaho, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 27 Wrestling vs. Air Force, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 28 Wrestling vs. University of Wyoming, 2 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 28 Women's basketball vs. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

February

- 4 Men's basketball vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 7 Women's basketball vs. University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 8 Men's basketball vs. Jamestown College, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 10 Men's basketball vs. Mayville State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 18 Women's basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 20 Wrestling vs. American University, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 22 Men's basketball vs. University of Mary, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

March

- 4 Women's basketball vs. Central State University (Ohio), 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

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