

NDSU seeks public comment on re-accreditation

NDSU is inviting public comment as the university seeks re-accreditation. The university will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, scheduled for Feb. 13-15. The HLC is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis.

For the past three years, NDSU has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit NDSU to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate, and will make a recommendation to the commission on the university's continuing status.

Public comments should address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance should request a separate "Policy on Complaints" document from the commission office.

Written and signed comments must be received by Jan. 12, 2006. The HLC cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Submissions should include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

Comments should be sent to Public Comment on North Dakota State University, Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504.

Comments also may be submitted by e-mail to info@hlcommission.org by identifying "North Dakota State University public comment" in the subject line. Additional information about the Higher Learning Commission is available at www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org.

NDSU's initial accreditation by the commission was in 1915. Current accreditation includes permission to offer B.A., B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees and programs throughout North Dakota. NDSU currently has approval to offer courses electronically to students in various locations.

The accreditation process evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The HLC, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 950 institutions of higher learning in a 19-state region.

NDSU Libraries interim hours announced

All NDSU Libraries and the Institute for Regional Studies have announced interim hours for Saturday, Dec. 17-Tuesday, Jan. 9. Scheduled hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday – Friday. All facilities will be closed Saturday and Sunday. The libraries also will close Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan 2.

For a current listing of hours consult the Libraries Web page at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu or call the information tape at 1-9456.

Holiday hours announced

Holiday hours for NDSU staff will run from Monday, Dec. 19-Friday, Dec. 30. Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch break. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3.

'It's Happening at State' holiday schedule reminder

This is the final issue of "It's Happening at State" for 2005. There will be no issues Dec. 21 or Dec. 28. The regular schedule resumes Jan. 4. The deadline for that issue is noon Wednesday, Dec. 28. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Jan. 16, the deadline for the Jan. 18 issue is Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Additional updates will be available as they occur on "It's Happening Today" at www.ndsu.edu/news.

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NDSU business VP search extended

The search for a new vice president for business and finance at NDSU will be extended. In the meantime, President Joseph A. Chapman announced that Broc Lietz will continue as interim vice president and that he has been promoted to associate vice president for business and finance.

Lietz, who has served as NDSU's human resources director since May 2002, will continue to provide leadership to the human resources department and assume additional duties.

"I want to thank the members of the search committee for their efforts in this search," said Chapman. "They did an outstanding job and their work attracted a pool of applicants with each individual possessing unique strengths. In the end, however, we did not find a candidate whose overall strengths matched the broad and unique needs of this vice presidency."

The search will resume after the holiday season. George Wallman, NDSU vice president for student affairs, who had served as search committee chair, earlier announced his retirement at the end of December so a new search committee under a new chair will be appointed.

Theater department to participate in 'Herd About the Prairie'

The NDSU theater department has been selected to participate in "Herd About the Prairie: A Visual Art Stampede." The regional public art project was established as a fundraiser to bring together art, business and community in Cass and Clay counties.

The theater department will decorate a life-size bison that will be on display on campus in spring 2006. The NDSU bison, along with 49 others, will be auctioned and presented to businesses in the Red River Valley. Proceeds will be invested in local arts organizations and projects.

The project is sponsored by the Lake Agassiz Arts Council.

SERW committee sponsors tree for underprivileged family

The Fargo chapter of the State Employees Recognition Week (SERW) committee, a sub-committee of the Council of State Employees (COSE), sponsored a Christmas tree for a local underprivileged family as part of a fundraising project by Fraser Ltd., Fargo.

Through donations by state employees, the committee purchased the tree, decorations and gift cards for a family of five. Of the \$390 raised, \$375 came from NDSU employees. The decorated tree was delivered to the family Dec. 3, after having been on display at Innovis Health, Fargo, for two weeks.

Policy Updates

The following policies have recently been added or revised. To see the complete policy, go to www.ndsu.nodak.edu/policy/.

Section 150—Commercial and Fundraising Activities

Adds language that "recognized student organizations" must register fundraising activities, and that these activities must be consistent with university policies. Changes the permission criteria for those organizations not affiliated with NDSU to advertise, sell, conduct a business or raise funds on the campus or university residences. The policy adds the Wellness Center and "all other areas" to the notification process. The policy prohibits leaflets to be placed on vehicles parked on the NDSU campus.

Section 154—Distribution of Literature

A new Section Six has been added to the policy concerning distribution of literature in the classroom. The subsequent sections were renumbered accordingly. A new Section Eight was added to the policy regarding the organization of, participation in and registration of any protest, rally or demonstration.

Section 190—Employee Responsibility and Activities: Intellectual Property

The current NDSU Policies 340—Copyrights; 341—Patents; and 342—Ownership of Work Products of Teaching Assistants will be deleted. The primary purpose of this policy is to encourage and promote research and scholarship based on the traditional principles of the academic profession.

Policy 231—Appeal Procedure for Disciplinary and Reduction in Force Actions

Changes the language on the selection of member appointments to specific boards by the Staff Senate. Clarifies that the president will assign the members for staff personnel board for a specific grievance. Previously the policy stated that two members would be assigned, but did not specify who assigned them.

Section 336—Examinations and Grading

Adds the "Dead Week Policy," adopted by the University Senate Feb. 14. Language was changed to conform to the university converting to the semester system, and with the policy of instructors loading their own grades. Language was changed to conform to new terminology, i.e., "NAID" is now "university-generated identification," and the Registrar's Office is now the Office of Registration and Records. The timeframe for recording grades of "Incomplete" were updated and simplified.

Policy 703—Bison Card Terms and Conditions (formerly "ID Card Terms and Conditions")

Changes and adds language to the policy, emphasizing the fact that the Bison Card is to be treated like cash, credit card or a key. This policy expounds on the length of card validity; billing for first and subsequent replacement cards, balances on the card and the amount a cardholder is liable for if the card is stolen.

Policy 714—Policy Coordination Committee

Adds language that the president has the authority to adopt interim policies and procedures concerning matters for which legislative authority delegated by the State Board of Higher Education to campus legislative bodies.

People

Bergman receives 'Williston Ambassador' award

Jerald Bergman, center director of the Williston Research Extension Center, has received the Williston, N.D., Ambassador Award. Bergman received the award from Williston mayor Ward Koester at the annual Williston economic development appreciation luncheon held Dec. 2.

Koester recognized Bergman as instrumental in fostering cooperation between communities throughout the Montana-Dakota region. Bergman also is superintendent of the Montana State University Eastern Agricultural Research Center, Sidney.

"Having a talent of Jerry's caliber in the region has been a real asset in attracting processors from the ag industry to study, visit and locate their operations in the Mon-Dak region," said Koester. "This award is made in grateful appreciation for your vision and leadership in building the Mon-Dak Region through strategic community and business partnerships, agricultural research, irrigation development, the introduction of new crops and value-added agricultural businesses."

Bergman joined the Sidney station in 1974 and assumed leadership of the two stations in 1994. During his tenure, both stations have experienced significant improvements and expanded into overhead irrigation research.

HD&E appointments, presentations, publications listed

Carrie Stark, Extension specialist in the Extension Center for 4-H Youth Development, has been appointed to a two-year term as programs committee chair-elect for the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) board of directors. Her term is set to begin at the association's 2006 conference.

Thomas Stone Carlson, assistant professor of child development and family science, and Christine McGeorge, instructor in child development and family science, presented the paper "A Feminist Analysis of the Predominant Training Text in Couple and Family Therapy" at the annual National Council of Family Relations conference held recently in Phoenix, Ariz.

"Temperament Factors as Longitudinal Predictors of Young Adult Personality" by James E. Deal, chair and professor of child development and family science, recently was published in Merrill-Palmer Quarterly.

"Learning Styles: Do They Differ by Discipline?" an article by Kara Wolfe and Derald Bates, assistant professors of apparel, design, facility and hospitality management; and Linda Manikowske, associate professor of apparel, design, facility and hospitality management, recently was published in the Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Bates' article "Enhancing Educational Success Through Learning Styles Assessment," and "Online Home Furnishings and Furniture Shopping Practices of Rural Consumers" by Manikowske and Holly Bastow-Shoop, professor and head of apparel, design, facility and hospitality management, also were published in the same journal.

Saxophone Quartet wins North Dakota competition

The NDSU Saxophone Quartet took top honors at the recent Music Teacher National Association (MTNA) North Dakota Collegiate Chamber competition. This is the fourth win for the group.

Quartet members are seniors Brian Wittkop, Fargo; Emily Bair, Mandan, N.D.; Jessy Klimpel, Minot, N.D.; and sophomore Matthew Salzer, Bismarck.

The quartet advances to the West Central Division Collegiate Chamber competition scheduled for Jan. 15 in Omaha, Neb. The quartet also is scheduled to perform their MTNA recital Wednesday, Jan. 11, in Beckwith Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

Matthew Patnode, assistant professor of music, is the group's coach and adviser.

Mack selected for fine arts education 'Who's Who'

Kyle Mack, associate professor of music, was selected for inclusion in the AcademicKeys' "Who's Who in Fine Arts Higher Education." The publication is regarded as the most comprehensive and authoritative online source of information available on leading and influential experts and scientists in higher education fine arts education.

Mack has been a member of the NDSU music faculty since 1993, serving as director of jazz studies and teaching low brass and music education. He directs the jazz programs, trombone ensemble and Varsity Band, and assists with the Gold Star Marching Band and Concert Band.

Before coming to NDSU, Mack directed elementary through high school band programs and taught at the college level. He has been an active clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor in throughout the region.

Zimmerman named to academic team

NDSU linebacker Kole Zimmerman was named to the ESPN the Magazine University Division Academic All-America Football second team as selected by College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Zimmerman, a senior from Windom, Minn., holds a 3.78 grade point average majoring in history education with an anthropology minor.

The Academic All-America Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. To be eligible, a student athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

VMS researchers, graduate students present at conference

Researchers and graduate students from the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences gave presentations at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases (CRWAD) held Dec. 4-6, in St. Louis.

Presentations were given in the areas of "Epidemiology and Animal Health Economics" and "Food and Environmental Safety," and included:

"Salmonella Occurrence in North Dakota Grass Fed Beef Cattle: Prevalence, Characterization and Comparison with Reports from the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and North Dakota Department of Health," Matthew Theis, graduate student; Margaret L. Khaita, assistant professor; Dawn K. Doetkott, research specialist; Neil W. Dyer, associate professor; and Penelope Gibbs, assistant professor.

"Syndromic Surveillance in North Dakota: A Gastrointestinal Illness Case Study," Isaac Triebold, graduate student; Khaita, Julie L. Goplin, William Nganje, associate professor of agribusiness and applied economics; Gibbs; and Dyer.

"Reports of Non-Typhoid *Salmonella* Outbreaks in Humans in the United States, 1990-2003: The Role of Turkey Meat as the Vehicle," Esther Tumuhairwe, graduate student; Khaita; Rhonda Magel, chair and professor of statistics; and M. Bhandary, associate professor of statistics.

"Presence and Antimicrobial Resistance Profiles of *Campylobacter* Species, *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* Species in Meat Products from U.S. Midwestern Retail Outlets," Redempta B. Kegode; Khaita; and Doetkott.

"Molecular Characterization and Antibiotic Resistance Profiling of *Salmonella* Isolated from Retail Turkey Meat Products," M. K. Fakhr, post-doctoral research fellow; J. S. Sherwood, microbiologist; J. Thorsness, graduate student; and C. M. Logue, assistant professor.

Logue also chaired a number of sessions in the food and environmental safety section of the conference.

Emergency management graduate student elected IAEM regional president

Michael Kemp, graduate student in NDSU's emergency management program recently was elected Region 12 president of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). Kemp will sit on the IAEM board of directors.

IAEM is an international non-profit educational organization of approximately 2,500 members, dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. Region 12 is the association's student affiliate, and includes approximately 500 members linking emergency management programs worldwide and supplying a valuable networking resource for students and alumni.

Events

Engebretson Lecture Series to present biochemistry lecture

"Biochemical and Computational Approaches in Predicting the Benefits and Perils of Sulfation in Drug Metabolism," presented by Michael Duffel, University of Iowa, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, in Sudro Hall room 26. The presentation is the second installment in the College of Pharmacy's Engebretson Lecture Series.

Duffel is a professor of medicinal chemistry at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. His research interests include the biochemistry of enzymes involved in mammalian conversion of drugs to reactive metabolites that mediate toxic and therapeutic effects.

His research includes studies on the specificity, mechanisms and regulation of sulfotransferases involved in drug metabolism and chemical carcinogenesis.

The series is named in honor of benefactors Duane and Glenn Engebretson who had a passion to see research collaboration developed and strengthened at the NDSU College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic. The series features six speakers from the United States and abroad. The first presentation, held Nov. 2, featured James Weisshaar, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The lecture series is open to the public. For more information, contact Jagdish Singh, chair of pharmaceutical sciences, at 1-7943 or Jagdish.Singh@ndsu.edu.

Shorts and Reminders**Memorial Union hours announced**

The Memorial Union will be open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 19-23, and Dec. 27-30. The building will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31.

The union will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 3-6. The building will be closed Jan. 1-2, and Jan. 7-8.

Union Food Court specials for Dec. 14-21**Soup of the day**

Wednesday: minestrone and cream of broccoli
 Thursday: Wisconsin cheese and beef noodle
 Friday: clam chowder and vegetarian vegetable
 Monday: closed
 Tuesday: closed
 Wednesday: closed

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: ham
 Thursday: roast beef
 Friday: your choice
 Monday: closed
 Tuesday: closed
 Wednesday: closed

A La Carte

Wednesday: carved pork loin
 Thursday: meatballs and gravy
 Friday: lasagna trio
 Monday: closed
 Tuesday: closed
 Wednesday: closed

Pizza Express

Wednesday: Thundar
 Thursday: Southwestern chicken
 Friday: meat lovers
 Monday: once around the kitchen
 Tuesday: Hawaiian
 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 Secretary/#00019968
 Dean's Office; Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
 \$20,000+/year
 Dec. 30

Salad Preparation/#00021237
 Dining Services
 Nine months; 40 hours/week
 M-F; 3 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 \$7.65+/hour
 Dec. 22 (re-opened)

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

Residence Hall Director
 Full-time, 12-month position
 Residence Life
 \$27,000/year, plus partially furnished apartment, meal plan, competitive benefits package
 March 6
 Anticipated start date is June 5, 2006

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

Agriculture Research Technician/#00022941
 Carrington R/E Center
 \$20,000+/year
 Dec. 20

Research Engineer/#00021664
 CNSE
 Salary commensurate with experience
 Dec. 30

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

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

Calendar

December

- Through Dec. 16 Baccalaureate exhibition, Reineke Gallery
- 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: Distributions, 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 Pharmacy—Engbreton Lecture Series, Michael Duffel, University of Iowa, "Biochemical and Computational Approaches in Predicting the Benefits and Perils of Sulfation in Drug Metabolism," 10 a.m., Sudro 26
- 20 Women's basketball vs. University of Alabama, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 22 Entomology—Kelley Tilmon, South Dakota State University, "Biological Control By Native and Introduced Natural Enemies in Multiple Habitats," 1 p.m. Northern Crop Science laboratory conference room

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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