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NDSU

Hoeven budget plan increases higher education funding

N.D. Gov. John Hoeven proposed a nearly \$29 million increase in core funding for the North Dakota University System during his budget message Dec. 8. Hoeven presented a \$5.5 billion budget plan for the 2005-07 biennium during his address to the members of the 59th Legislative Assembly in Bismarck.

Hoeven said his proposed increase in higher education support follows the recommendation of the Higher Education Roundtable. "Working to build the best educational system means committing more resources to higher education as well," he said. "We propose to fund our university system at a level equal to 21 percent of recurring revenues, which will help to keep tuition and the cost of a college education affordable for all."

Hoeven noted that higher education was called on during the past biennium to be partners in the state's economic development. "As a result, today they are planning new and innovative career paths for students, and partnering with private industry and government at all levels to help us build a brighter future right here in North Dakota," he said.

The plan would also strengthen the Centers of Excellence initiative with \$5 million and up to \$50 million more in loans from the Bank of North Dakota. According to the governor, the states funding authority would be matched with resources from the private and public sectors to create up to \$150 million for development of centers on campuses across the state.

NDSU administrators reacted favorably to the plan. "The governor recognized higher education's critical involvement in the state's economic picture, and the proposed funding increases are both important and welcome as NDSU continues its forward movement," said Keith Bjerke, vice president for university relations. "We look forward to working with the governor and legislators during the session. NDSU has a strong message of progress and success to share with them."

Under the proposal, state workers would receive a 4 percent pay increase in July, and be assured of another 3 percent increase in July 2006. The budget would authorize another 1 percent rise in July 2006, if savings elsewhere in agency budgets finances it. In addition, workers will continue to receive fully paid health insurance.

"The governor's budget proposal is better than others that we have seen in recent years," said Staff Senate president Susan Bornsen. "We feel that this is something that we can work with."

University Senate presiding officer Chuck Harter described the governor's proposed pay raises as a positive sign. "His proposal will not bring salaries up to the level of our peers, but it is a start. It is a signal that the governor understands the salary compression issues that we have at NDSU," he said.

Holiday hours announced

Holiday hours for NDSU staff will run from Monday, Dec. 20-Thursday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 27-Thursday, Dec. 30. Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch break. The university will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31. Regular hours will resume Monday, Jan. 3.

'It's Happening at State' holiday schedule reminder

This is the final issue of "It's Happening at State" for 2004. There will be no issues Dec. 22 or Dec. 29. The regular schedule resumes Jan. 5. The deadline for that issue is noon Wednesday, Dec. 29. Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Jan. 17, the deadline for the Jan. 19 issue is Wednesday, Jan. 12.

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Mobile laboratory to fight bioterrorism, livestock diseases

It conjures up images of a white-coated SWAT team of scientists.

NDSU researchers have unveiled a mobile laboratory to combat bioterrorism and naturally occurring diseases in livestock. The customized fifth-wheel vehicle is designed to get a team of experts to anywhere in North Dakota where an outbreak threatens cattle or sheep, and to get them to the scene as fast as possible.

The effort is part of the federally funded "Biosurveillance Initiative," a collaboration between NDSU, Dickinson State University and Research Extension Centers at Dickinson and Hettinger. The laboratory also will be used through a partnership with the North Dakota Department of Health and the state veterinarian.

"In some ways it's like a fire truck. When a fire occurs, you're really glad it is there to use, and that's true with this lab," said Doug Freeman, professor and department head of veterinary and microbiological sciences and principal investigator for the project. "The faster you can identify what you are dealing with and put a containment strategy in place, the less loss you are going to experience. That is the bottom line."

The vehicle's special design includes a laboratory with stainless steel counters, space for lab equipment and an electrical system to support computers, centrifuges, microscopes, a refrigerator and a freezer—everything animal researchers need to protect the food supply. There are future plans for Global Positioning System and satellite communication equipment that would get data and pictures of samples to the NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory almost immediately.

The lab has space to transport a four-wheel drive, all-terrain vehicle to herd up the animals in question. There is even a winch and portable, hydraulic squeeze chute to handle the livestock.

"This is something that can be pulled out immediately when there's cause for alarm," explained Tim Sellnow, professor of communication and the crisis communication specialist for the project. "This laboratory can go wherever there has been some sort of an outbreak, whether it is intentional or accidental.

"We can respond to an emergency situation, contain it, test it and get information to the right people almost immediately," Sellnow said, noting that the project may serve as a prototype for other states. "This helps puts us in North Dakota at the forefront of evolving technology in combating bioterrorism."

The facility will be used for more than emergency response. It also will be useful in conducting field research, teaching and in outreach efforts supporting state producers.

Kris Ringwall, Dickinson Research Extension Center director and animal scientist, was largely responsible for the vehicle's design. "The mobile lab fills one of the many challenges we face. We need to bring technology to the field," he said of the self-powered vehicle. "It brings water and the ability to keep things clean. We can run our electronics, computers and centrifuges. We now have them at our fingertips, instead of having to drive two or three hours and losing time. We have what we need to get the answers. It's really an arm of the diagnostic lab."

The more than \$60,000 for the vehicle is part of a \$1.25 million Federal Relations Grant, which received strong support from Sen. Byron Dorgan. "The senator has been a visionary in helping us insure our agricultural security," Freeman said. "He has supported this broad-based initiative that allows us do a better job protecting our agricultural industry and the food supply in North Dakota, and to participate in those processes on a national level."

According to Freeman, the laboratory provides for another exciting opportunity as well. The NDSU team envisions that it will be used in North Dakota's portion of the national animal identification program. Ear tags containing radio frequency identification chips would be clipped to each animal to track them. That effort will come in conjunction with NDSU's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering, the NDSU Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Alien Technology Corp., Morgan Hill, Calif.

"The project helps us to be prepared to respond to a disease outbreak, and we've had anthrax outbreaks here before," Freeman said. "It's fantastic to have a facility that can go to producers' ranches and help them deal with issues on the spot."

Search committee seeks vice president

President Joseph A. Chapman has appointed a committee to conduct the search for an administrator with the title of "Vice President for Agriculture and University Extension." The committee is co-chaired by George Wallman, vice president for student affairs, and Tom Archbold, chair of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education.

The position will lead agriculture and extension for NDSU. The selected person will succeed Patricia Jensen, vice president and dean of agriculture, food systems and natural resources, who will retire Dec. 31.

"Recognizing that this person will be in President Chapman's cabinet, this position is very important to NDSU and the state," said Archbold. "I respect the talent of the search committee members. As committee co-chair, I am seeking a person who can relate and represent NDSU Agriculture to the producers across North Dakota."

Wallman said, "We are excited about the process, and we expect a strong national pool from which to make our selection."

Other committee members include leadership consultant Sharon Anderson; producer Tim Bryan; Virginia Clark Johnson, dean of human development and education; Tim Faller, Hettinger Research Extension Center director; Carol Goodman, SBARE; Neil Gudmestad, professor of plant pathology; ElRoy Haadem, Burleigh County Extension agent; Marion Harris, associate professor of entomology; Jody Hauge, Ag Coalition chair; Linda Hauge, Williams County Extension agent; Greg Lardy, associate professor of animal and range sciences; livestock producer Stan Melroe; NDSU student Dan Mostad; William Nganje, assistant professor of agribusiness and applied economics; Al Schneiter, professor and head of plant sciences; Sally Sologuk, Northern Crops Institute public relations specialist; Dennis Wiesenborn, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering; and Karen Zotz, Extension assistant director.

Screening for the position is expected to begin Feb. 11, and applications will be accepted until the interview process begins.

Emergency management program in international conference

NDSU's emergency management program has received United Nations accreditation to participate in the World Conference on Disaster Reduction scheduled for January in Kobe, Japan. The conference is intended to increase the profile of disaster risk reduction in development planning and practice.

The conference is expected to promote a strategic and systematic approach to addressing vulnerabilities, and to reduce risk to natural hazards. It also is intended to guide and motivate governments and their policy makers to pay more attention to vital issues, identifying practical ways to incorporate risk reduction measures into action to reduce poverty.

Expected outcomes include increased awareness, recognition and political endorsement for implementing disaster risk reduction and mobilizing resources; more clear directions and priorities for action at all levels to ensure implementation of International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; adoption of goals and policy measures to guide and stimulate; launching specific initiatives and partnerships to support the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

Seat belt use up at NDSU

According to a Nov. 29 seat belt use study, 86 percent of NDSU faculty and staff observed were wearing their seat belts, an increase of seven percent over a study conducted one month earlier.

"This is a tremendous increase in seat belt use and speaks to the effectiveness of raising awareness about safety," said Jolean Pederson, public health and safety coordinator.

The campaign continues through early February.

'Care package' drive begins

The Staff Senate is sponsoring a "care package" drive to support United States troops. The items will be distributed to soldiers for Valentine's Day.

Suggested food contributions include cereal, granola bars, hot chocolate mix, microwave popcorn, gum, chocolate, beef jerky, canned cheese and crackers, candy and individual serving-sized canned or packaged food. No pork products, please.

Non-food items include batteries, duct tape, ziplock bags, disposable cameras, lip balm, toothbrushes, toothpaste, stationery, pens, puzzle books, paperback books, flashlights, cushion socks, sweatbands, sunglasses, fly strips and swatters, DVDs, CDs, sunscreen and new or used hand-held electronic games.

Donations are requested by Friday, Dec. 31. Drop-off boxes with red signs are located in the Main Library; Chemistry Library, Ladd 209; the Wellness Center; the Health Sciences Library, Sudro 135; the Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library, Ehly 114; and the Memorial Union administrative office, Room 255.

Cash donations to help defray shipping costs are being accepted at the Chemistry Library, Ladd 209.

For more information, contact Heather Heger at 1-8293 or heather.heger@ndsu.edu.

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 2004-05 academic year. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 14.

The Centennial Endowment Fund can provide maximum awards of \$5,000, with a total of \$15,560 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 \$2,238 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 \$9,715 available. The 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 at the foundation's Web site at www.ndsufoundation.com/grants.htm. The foundation will notify applicants of funding decisions prior to April 15.

People

Waronker awarded Fulbright grant

Jay A. Waronker, assistant professor of architecture, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to document synagogue architecture in the African countries of Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The grant is made possible through the African Regional Research Program and the J. William Fulbright foreign scholarship board.

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Arkansas senator J. William Fulbright, the Fulbright program was developed to increase understanding between United States citizens and other countries through knowledge and skills exchanges.

Sponsored by the State Department and the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, the program offers opportunities for recent graduates, postgraduate candidates and developing professionals and artists to study and conduct research abroad. The program operates in more than 140 countries around the world.

Fulbright Scholar award recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

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Agriculture faculty, staff honored

Thirty-seven NDSU agriculture faculty and staff were recognized for their service during an awards program Dec.6 at the NDSU Alumni Center. Colleagues nominate individuals, and award winners in each category receive a \$750 honorarium, with funds provided from sponsored endowments.

Patricia Jensen, vice president and dean for agriculture, food systems and natural resources, introduced the awardees and nominees.

Award recipients are:

Charles and Linda Moses Professional Staff Award for Excellence—Kristi Tostenson, research specialist in agricultural and biosystems engineering

Rick and Jody Burgum Technical Staff Award for Excellence—Stan Stancyk, research technician in plant sciences

Donald and Jo Anderson Clerical Staff Award for Excellence—Shelly Swandal, information processing specialist in agricultural economics

William J. and Angelyn A. Austin Advising Award for Excellence—Cal Messersmith, professor of plant sciences

Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in Teaching Award— Cheryl DeVuyst, assistant professor of agricultural economics

H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching Award—Chiwon Lee, professor of plant sciences

Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award—Greg Lardy, associate professor of animal and range sciences

Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award—Mario Biondini, professor of animal and range sciences

Myron and Muriel Johnsrud Excellence in Extension Award—Carl Bradley, assistant professor of plant pathology

AGSCO Excellence in Extension Award—Richard Zollinger, associate professor of plant sciences

Award nominees included Dave Berryhill, animal and range sciences; Biondini; Betty Bodine, animal and range sciences; Bradley; Marcelo Carena, plant sciences; Michael Christoffers, plant sciences; DeVuyst; James Gillespie, plant sciences; Terry Gregoire, Extension; Janice Haggart, veterinary and microbiological sciences; Vern Hofman, agricultural and biosystems engineering; Kris Holt, Extension nutrition; Roberta Hopkins, Ransom County Extension; James Kirsch, animal and range sciences; Sharon Lane, agriculture communication; Lardy; Lee; Becky Leitch, agribusiness and applied economics; Beverly Liebelt, animal and range sciences; Virginia Lund, Nelson County Extension; Barbara Mahoney, soil science; Mike McMullen, plant sciences; Messersmith; Ed O'Relley, agribusiness and applied economics; Linda Parmer, veterinary and microbiological sciences; Diane Pennington, entomology; Sharon Ring, Langdon Research Extension Center; Kevin Sedivec, animal and range sciences; Merle Skunberg, cereal and food sciences; Stancyk; Swandal; Bruce Sundeen, agriculture communication; Tostenson, agricultural and biosystems engineering; Ona Vig, agriculture budget office; Dennis Wiesenborn, agricultural and biosystems engineering; Gary Willoughby, North Central Research Extension Center; and Zollinger.

Danbom receives editor's award

David Danbom, professor of history, received the 2004 Editor's Choice Award for most outstanding contribution to North Dakota history for his article, "'He Was a Man Worthy of Respect': Gender, Matrimony and Moral Entitlement in Fargo, N.D., During the Great Depression."

The article explored the non-economic factors that determined citizens entitled to work and relief in Fargo during the 1930s. According to judge's comments, the article "uses of a wide variety of primary sources to place the moral and social choices involving the allocation of scarce jobs in a much larger context."

The article is a product of Danbom's larger work on Fargo's experience during the Great Depression.

Hauck elected N.D. 4-H Foundation officer

Duane Hauck, Extension director, was elected second vice chair of the North Dakota 4-H Foundation at the organization's recent annual meeting.

Paul Schlosser, Fargo, was re-elected as foundation chair. Bob Hanson, Bismarck, and Wendell Herman, Fargo, were re-elected as directors.

Other officers elected were Jon Norstog, Fargo, first vice chair; Julie Burgum, Casselton, third vice chair; Ramona Shirley, West Fargo, fourth vice chair; and 4-H Center director, Karen Zotz, secretary.

Newly elected board members are Verona Lechler, Bismarck; Annette Rockman, Donnybrook; Aaron Smestad, Niagara; and Kevin Owen, West Fargo.

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports more than 30 youth 4-H programs and events.

Former coach dies

Former Bison assistant football coach Donavon Larson died Dec. 4 of an apparent heart attack. He was 57.

Larson served as a Bison defensive line coach for 14 years. The Bison compiled a 128-36-1 record during Larson's stay, including five North Central Conference titles, nine playoff berths and two national championships. He left NDSU after the 2000 season to become head coach at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., his alma mater. He resigned following this football season, with plans to retire in Florida.

A native of Osseo, Minn., Larson is survived by his wife, Cindy, and three children.

Student receives business scholarship

Senior Elizabeth A Haugen has been awarded a \$1,000 Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society scholarship for the 2004-05 academic year. The resident of Butte, N.D., received the scholarship for her superior performance in the study of business.

Scholarship recipients are student members of Beta Gamma Sigma and represent the top students within business programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Events

FrontLine Leadership program scheduled

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, Thursday, Jan. 27-Thursday, April 28. More than 195 NDSU employees have completed the course.

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 Jill Spacek in human resources at 1-8525.

5:01 Entrepreneur Society meeting set

A meeting of the 5:01 Entrepreneur Society is scheduled for 5:01-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the NDSU Research and Technology Park Research 1. John Jasper, chief executive officer of SEI is the scheduled speaker.

Jasper served as a consultant and general manager for SEI from 1983-1990. From 1990-99, he was chief technology officer for Navigation Technologies, and previously was vice president of strategy and corporate development for DigitalGlobe. He holds 15 patents related to solutions he developed for the image data-related technologies. Jasper returned to SEI as chief executive officer in 2001.

The 5:01 Entrepreneur Society is a networking event for local entrepreneurs, students, business owners and investors. The event is sponsored by SEI. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., SEI employs approximately 600 people and has offices in Fargo; Grand Forks, N.D.; Merrillville, Ind.; and Debrecen, Hungary. The company provides help desk services, sales support programs and retail support services such as systems integration consulting and hosted information technology solutions.

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

Shorts and Reminders

Army ROTC commissioning ceremony set

Seniors Daniel Hromas, Matthew Lommel and Trever Thompson, and graduate student Michael Thompson will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army in a commissioning ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, in the Alumni Center. All faculty and staff are invited to the ceremony. For more information, call Maj. Glenn Sanders at 1-9577.

Positions Available

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

Administrative Secretary/#5204 M-F; 8 a.m.-noon (flexible); 20 hours/week Child Development and Family Science \$9,640+/year Dec. 22

Cook/#1085

12 months; 40 hours/week M-F; 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; occasional weekends Dining Services-Union Dining Center \$9.25+/hour Open until filled

Account Technician/#0521 12 months; 30 hours/week **NDSU** Libraries \$15,400+/year Dec. 17

Admission Officer Admission \$20,000/year Open until filled

Dec. 21

Ag Research Technician/#892/1369 Animal and Range Sciences \$25,000+/year Jan. 10

Staff Spectroscopist Chemistry and Molecular Biology \$50,000+/year Dec. 15 (extended)

Public Relations Coordinator Vice President for University Relations/Vice President for Student Affairs \$23,000+/year (contingent upon funding)

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

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Union Food Court specials for Dec. 15-17

Soup of the day

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

The Corner Deli

Wednesday: ham

Thursday: chicken Caesar wrap

Friday: roast beef

A La Carte

Wednesday: taco salad

Thursday: hand-carved roast beef

Friday: pasta bar

Pizza Express

Wednesday: Thundar

Thursday: Southwestern chicken

Friday: Red River

The Union Grab and Go hot entrée

Wednesday: beef pepper steak Thursday: grilled chicken alfredo Friday: Swedish meatballs

Hot Wrap (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: garlic chicken Thursday: beef fajita Friday: ham and cheese

Entrée salad (available in Grab and Go)

Wednesday: Southwest chicken salad

Thursday: mandarin chicken

Friday: beef fajita

Items are subject to change without notice. Call the Dining Services Lunch Line at 1-9501 to check out all of our 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.

Calendar

December

- Through Dec. 15 NDSU juried student art exhibit, Memorial Union Gallery.
- Women's basketball vs. the University of Minnesota Duluth, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Men's basketball vs. the University of Minnesota Duluth, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Musical theater showcase featuring song selections from "Beauty and the Beast," "The Lion King" and "Aida," 8 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 16 USDA-ARS—Michael Foley, research leader, plant science research unit, "Seed Dormancy in Weedy Rice," 10 a.m., Northern Crop Science Laboratory large conference room
- World I View—student Adeniyi Alo presents "Perspective of Nigeria: Nigeria, Giant in the Sun," noon, Memorial Union Peace Garden Room
- 16 Physics—Jeromy Rezac, ITT Industries, "Properties and Applications of Whispering-Gallery Mode Resonances in Fused Silica Microspheres," 4 p.m., South Engineering 208
- 17 ConnectND open forum, 9 a.m., Memorial Union Century Theater
- 17 Commencement, 4 p.m., Fargodome
- 24 Christmas holiday-university closed
- New Year's holiday-university closed

January

- 8 Men's basketball vs. Concordia College, 2 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Women's basketball vs. Valley City State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday—university closed
- Women's basketball vs. Dakota Wesleyan, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 18 Men's basketball vs. Dakota Wesleyan, 8 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Wrestling vs. Northern Colorado, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 24 Men's basketball vs. Southwest Minnesota State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Men's basketball vs. the University of Minnesota-Crookston, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Wrestling vs. Minnesota State University Moorhead, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Women's basketball vs. Montana State-Billings,7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena

February

- 1 Men's basketball vs. Northern State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Women's basketball vs. Si Tanka University-Huron, 2 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Men's basketball vs. Si Tanka University-Huron, 4 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Wrestling vs. the University of Northern Iowa, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 11 Men's basketball vs. Mayville State University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 12 Men's basketball vs. Upper Iowa University, 7 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Women's basketball vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 19 Women's basketball vs. Upper Iowa University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 21 President's Day holiday—university closed
- Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre's "Marcus is Walking: Scences from the Road," 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre
- 27-27 Little Country Theatre presents "Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Walsh Studio Theatre
- Wrestling vs. South Dakota State University, 7:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Women's basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 6 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- Men's basketball vs. South Dakota State University, 8 p.m. Bison Sports Arena

March

- 3-5 Little Country Theatre presents "Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road," 7:30 p.m., Walsh Studio Theatre
- Women's basketball vs. Grand Canyon University, 1:30 p.m., Bison Sports Arena
- 14-18 Spring break

April

- Free staff preview of Little Country Theatre's "The Beggar's Opera," 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 14-16 Little Country Theatre presents "The Beggar's Opera," 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium
- 21-23 Little Country Theatre presents "The Beggar's Opera," 7:30 p.m., Askanase Auditorium

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